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Dear Brothers,

CLT in Rome

The CLT recently spent two days with Matthieu Daum here in Rome to continue work begun with the Congregation Leadership Group in June.

Matthieu has been engaged as the facilitator of the Congregation Chapter to be held in Lima, Peru in March 2020. He will meet with the CLT from time to time and will facilitate the CLG meeting again in June 2019.



Matthieu has guided us in the process of Generative Conversations. This process was the focus of a letter which we recently sent to every Brother. It is an attempt to engage all Brothers in co-creating our future. Part of this involves a change of thinking and acting. While Chapters are important, it is even more important that *all* members of the Congregation are involved in shaping our lives and *feel* that they involved. Thus, the process is ongoing and is not simply another technique to 'prepare for the Chapter'.

CLT in Nairobi

In late October the CLT travelled to Nairobi for meetings with the Transition Support Team and the Africa Province Leadership Team. We were located at the centre where the fourth Orientation Programme was underway, guided by the TST. It was a delight to engage with the 21 Brothers in the programme.

Due to unforeseen last-minute circumstances only two of the PLT were present for the meetings.

Changes at Mt Sion, Waterford.

'Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre Ltd' was set up by the Presentation Brothers and Christian Brothers with a view, amongst other things, to coordinate the renovations at Mount Sion in Waterford and to oversee a new way of carrying on the mission of the Centre. In recent times, it has become clear to the Board that the current operation cannot be sustained, as it is not possible to continue to have a community of Brothers from around the world taking on the onerous roles involved. Thus a decision was taken to wind up the Company. An effect of this is that the operation of Mount Sion will revert to the European Province of the Christian Brothers. The desire is that a community of Brothers, hopefully international, will still live at Waterford, but operate without the current pressures.



Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre, Mount Sion, Waterford, showing the 'new' chapel.

We acknowledge the Brothers who have lived in the community over the last twelve years, with their great hospitality, their commitment to the people of Waterford, and their very significant outreach to asylum seekers and new arrivals to Ireland. It is especially appropriate to mention the current community of **Philip Ryan** (acting CEO), **Peadar Gleeson**, **Addie Pinto** and **John Hearne**, as well as **Br Kevin Mascarenhas**, a Presentation Brother who, until very recently, was there during all that period. We extend to them our gratitude.

We register once again the ongoing generous support of the European Province which now again takes on responsibility for the centre.

Hugh, Peter, John, Julian and Richard