



13th September 2022

Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North American Province and
Latin American Mission Area

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Brothers and Edmund Rice Network

In recent weeks Kevin Griffith, Province Leader, has informed the CLT of his deteriorating health and recent hospitalization. During his hospitalization and convalescence, Kevin has discerned the need to give himself the time and space to address his chronic health issues and to reduce the pressure placed on him by his ministry of leadership and especially by his need for constant travel. This has led Kevin to the serious action of resigning as Province Leader of North America and Mission Area of Latin America. His resignation has been accepted by the CLT in light of his need to significantly reduce the responsibilities and stress associated with his ministry of leadership.

The CLT wishes to acknowledge Kevin's extraordinary contribution to the life of our North American province, which now includes our brothers situated in Latin America. Kevin is a committed and faith-filled brother who has generously responded to the needs of our Congregation and Church.

I particularly mention, Kevin's nineteen years as a member of the Province Leadership Team, which included eight years as Province Leader. Kevin has been tireless in his efforts to meet the varied challenges experienced by the Province. He leaves his Province Leadership role with the Province functioning well with a robust system of management and a group of dedicated staff. Kevin is a committed, competent and hard-working leader. Kevin now needs time to address his health issues and to restore his energy and sense of well-being during the next number of months.

The CLT, after dialogue with the present PLT and acknowledging Statutes, 81.6 and 81.7, has appointed Peter Zawot as Province Leader of North American Province and Latin American Mission Area. On behalf of the whole Congregation, the CLT acknowledges Peter's generous response to the needs of the Province at this time. His term as Province Leader commences on 16th September 2022. The CLT is confident Peter will bring his own set of skills and experience of leadership to the position.

The CLT, in collaboration with Peter and team, will discern a brother for the position of deputy province leader and the possibility of appointing a fifth brother to the PLT within the next few months.

The Province is entering a period of transition and change. We place our trust in the spirit of God knowing that providence is our inheritance.

With blessings and support.

I remain
Your brother with Edmund

Peter Clinch cfc
Congregation Leader