



## Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America

### A Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers

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Dear Brothers, Colleagues and School Leaders,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the new academic year.

For the past week, I have been at Iona Prep in New Rochelle, NY slowly recuperating from a recent surgical procedure in a Vermont hospital to remove two large bowel blockages from my colon area. At present, I am recovering from the ordeal and the trauma it has caused my body. Additionally, I have had a series of medical appointments as follow up to my digestive issues.

As you may know, for the past twelve years I have been dealing with a chronic kidney disease that is taking its toll on my body. Currently, my kidneys operate at twenty percent capacity. With the onset of this new digestive issue that hospitalized me for six days, a bout of colitis and anemia that hospitalized me for four days in early July, learning that I am now diabetic and that I have degenerative joint arthritis, I have come to the honest assessment that my body can no longer stand up to the rigorous amount of travel and the stress it causes necessary to do justice in the role of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America and the Latin America Mission Area, Province Leader.

Thus, I have tendered my resignation from said position to our Congregation Leader (Bro. Peter Clinch) in Rome, to take effect on September 16, 2022.

It has been the privilege of my lifetime to serve in Province leadership the past nineteen years, including six as Deputy Province Leader and eight as Province Leader. The support and affirmation that I have received from my fellow Brothers, lay colleagues, family and friends have been phenomenal. Please know how deeply grateful I am for this, and please accept my heartfelt appreciation for your tremendous commitment to our Province.

In my letters to you over the years, I have often quoted Blessed Edmund Rice who once said, "Be intent on prayer, and all will turn to the good." Thus, through the intercession of our Founder, Blessed Edmund Rice and Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, I pray God's blessings on each of you and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on our Province and Congregation in the days ahead. May an abundance of God's peace fill our lives with faith, hope and love!

Be assured that I will work with my successor to allow for a smooth and timely transition.

God bless,

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