



## EUROPEAN PROVINCE UPDATES

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**GET WELL WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR all our Brothers who are currently ill, some of whom are in hospital at this time.**

### ***Smaoineamh – ‘A Thought’***

We meet God in and through the world, if we are ever to meet God. God is not out there or back there or yet to be, but hidden in the most ordinary things of our ordinary lives. If we cannot find the transcendent *in* the world, in its beauty and its suffering, then for us bodily, earthy creatures it is probably not to be found at all.

[Sally McFague]

### ***Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice***

St Agatha's parish, North William Street, Dublin 1 will celebrate the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice on Sunday 4 May at 10.30 am Mass. The parish choir will be singing at Mass. All invited and welcome

### ***Anniversary Celebrations in Zambia***

The Brothers will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their arrival in Zambia on May 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Edmund's Mazabuka. The American Brothers arrived there in 1964 and the first Brothers from Ireland came in 1967. Brother Bernard Hayes was among the first Irish Brothers to begin this mission. We congratulate all of the Brothers who participated in the work of the Mater Dei Region and we send prayerful good wishes to all of the Brothers who belong to that congregational district today.

### ***Blarney Street CBS Fundraiser***



Fourth Class Students from Blarney Street CBS presented the proceeds of their fundraising, a cheque for €1,300 to Zamba charity for Sables School Kabwe, Zambia

### ***May 5<sup>th</sup> Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice***

Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Kevin's Church, Harrington Street, by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at 11.30 pm. This event is organised and sponsored by the schools at Synge Street and all are invited and welcome to attend the Mass. The occasion will mark another event in the celebration of 150 years since the foundation of the school. Recently there was a very good gathering of Past Pupils of the school and who continue to support the work and the development of the schools in many ways.

### ***New Province Leadership Team***

The new Province Leadership Team will be inaugurated on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Emmaus Retreat Centre in Swords. Many Brothers and the Edmund Rice Network will gather to mark this event and to acknowledge and thank the members of the outgoing team. The afternoon event will also include a brief introduction of the Nairobi Chapter. At this time of transition in leadership throughout the Congregation, let us remember to pray for all of the teams and for the ministry of leadership.

### ***CORI Conference***

Sister Sandra Schneiders and Sister Pat Farrell will address a gathering of Religious at the Grand Hotel, Malahide on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Sandra recently published her third volume on Consecrated Life, *Buying the Field*.

### ***Leadership Teams***

The incoming and outgoing Province Leadership Teams have held two briefing meetings since Christmas. A further briefing meeting will take place for the new team with L&P Financial Trustees. The new team will commence its work on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Both teams also attended a training day for safeguarding children.

## **EDMUND RICE WEEK 2014**



*Edmund Rice Chapel, Edmund Rice Centre,  
Barrack Street, Waterford*

From Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – see attached Schedule of Events

*All are welcome*

### **BOOK PUBLICATION**

Dan B. Healy (Belfast) has just published a book on Amazon entitled *Formation as Transformation: Reflections on a Personal Development Programme for Religious and Priests*.

The author spent five years as a member of the core team delivering the LORETO HOUSE programme in Dublin, and the book is a fruit of that experience. Many of the practices, customs and themes of LORETO HOUSE are described therein and these are reflected on from philosophical, psychological and theological standpoints. This book should be of special interest to brothers who have done the programme. More broadly, it should be of interest to anyone wishing to reflect on the spirituality of personal transformation. It can be purchased from Amazon, or it can be downloaded on to a kindle.

### **Official Opening of D8CES**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of April, Minister Ruairi Quinn, Officially opened Dublin 8 Community Education Centre (D8CEC) in its new home in Synge Street. A great crowd turned up for the occasion. It was especially gratifying to see so many of the adult learners present for the occasion. As Minister Quinn mentioned, many of the learners had remained faithful to the Centre as it moved from place to place throughout Dublin 8 over the last 12 years. Hopefully now its new location in Synge Street will be its permanent home for the foreseeable future.

Br. Brian Molloy, whose initiative it was to provide Adult Education for the parents of students in Francis Street school, was present for the Official Opening. It was right and proper that his contribution was acknowledged by the Chair of the Board, Mr. Michael Hallissy and by the Minister. Their acknowledgement was greeted by warm and sustained applause.

Although the occasion was a very happy one, the absence of Marie Mulvihill, the Director of the Centre for the past 12 years, brought a note of sadness to the occasion. Marie, who had taken Brian's brain child and had seen it through to maturity, had died in the weeks preceding the Opening. May she rest in peace. However her spirit was very much with us on the day and many references were made to her energy, vision and leadership. The mention of her name brought a tear to many of the adult learners who had experienced her warm encouragement.

Another feature of D8CEC Centre is the success it has in attracting men back to education. Most other Centres would envy the fact that nearly 50 of people taking advantage of the services of D8CEC are men. Long may it continue to do so. Our congratulations to all involved in the Official Opening and every good wish for the future.

*Martin O'Flaherty*

