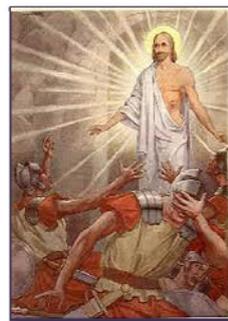


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## From our Leaders:

Brothers and members of the Blessed Edmund Rice network:

Greetings to all in this time of Lent. The Lord is inviting us to conversion, to be his hands and his feet, to be his compassionate word for the people of today. While recognizing our weaknesses, we are also conscious of the power of God manifesting itself in us. May all have a profound, challenging and renovating Paschal season.

Juan, Pablo y Kevin

## La Esperanza Community– Chimbote, Perú

Cordial greetings to all our readers from Chimbote, the largest fishing city in Peru. We began this month with our community retreat under the direction of Br. Sean DiFiglia. Williams Cunyas had to travel to Lima for a small hernia operation and was there for almost two and a half weeks between previous analysis, the operation, recuperation and the day the doctor finally gave him the all clear. We thank the Brothers in the Las Flores community for accompanying him in every way.

On his arrival back in Chimbote, Williams took up again his duties in the school. On 1st of April the External Pastoral Program of the school was begun. This year, Prof. Roosevelt Chero and Williams will be in charge of that work in collaboration, of course, with the other teachers of the schools.



Two students of the school assist some children with their studies as part of the External Pastoral Program of Fifth Year secondary students.

On the 13 of this month a group of students assisted at a talk on *Formation in Christian*

Values in the municipality of Chimbote. The talk left a message: *Christian values are nothing else than human values. The rights of the Christian are human rights and we must learn to be Christians and we must learn to be human.*

This year Br. Vincent Peragine continues teaching English in San Pedro University which means he is working full time: in the school in the mornings and the university at night. He continues to moderate the Associates of Edmund Rice, sharing prayer, experiences and a small meal with them in the house.



Three ex fishermen who study Electro-technical Installations in the Mundo Mejor Technical Centre are very pleased at having assembled a model.

Br. Richard Glatz continues to keep up with all that is happening in the Technical Centre and continues to give all his time to that institution. The enrollment at the CETPRO has increased this year and is now more than 200 students. The interest of the young people in a career in Welding is such that in the morning section we have had to open a second group which was immediately filled.

The program for ex fishermen learning new labor skills which is undertaken in collaboration with the Ministry of Production now has 87 participants. Car mechanics is the most sought after specialty by these sea veterans and they entertain us with stories of their former exploits.



## Community Once36 – Cochabamba, Bol.

This year we celebrated the Feast of St. Patrick at home with some friends with Irish surnames. The celebration was a success and was very pleasant thanks to the culinary abilities of Br. Xavier Sullivan.

On Sunday, 27 of March, there was a diocesan meeting in the Cochabamba Fairgrounds convoked by the Archbishop. The meeting was part of the Permanent Mission in Bolivia. Between five and seven thousand persons were expected but some 10 000 persons attended. The purpose of the meeting was in the nature of “getting to know you”. There were folklore dances and dances of the different communities and fraternities which delighted the public. The occasion was called The Fraternity Feast. Our community was represented at the meeting.

During the same week-end Br. Alberto Cumberas as vice president of the Young Consecrated Life in Cochabamba went to a meeting in Santa Cruz held in preparation for the meeting of young consecrated persons which will take place in July in Trinidad in Beni.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April we had a very nice celebration for Br. John Casey’s birthday with his various friends in attendance. This time John himself successfully prepared all the food.

On 9<sup>th</sup> April Br. Dermot was operated on for two hernias in the San Pedro Clinic. He is currently recuperating.

Congratulations to Xavier for having advanced to second level in his Quechua course and to Br. Renato Llerenas for having been promoted to a higher lane in his swimming course.

The Peruvian student Brothers continue studying in their different university courses and they are completing their migration documentation.

Our community is taking part in a vocational promotion course in the school of the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Colcapirhua. Edward McArdle, Renato and Saúl Velasquez go one evening a week to speak at the course. Up to now they are satisfied with the work being done.

## Cardenal Newman School- Buenos Aires

On 17th March in commemoration of St. Patrick Mass was celebrated in the main hall for all the secondary school. Our past pupil, Fr. Jaime Morea, who transmitted a message of hope, solidarity and self-giving for this year was the celebrant.

On Saturday, 19th of March, an inter house rugby championship was held on the school sports fields for all the secondary. It was a great opportunity for meeting people and we enjoyed a

morning of clear sunshine. It was lovely to see how pupils, ex pupils, professors and directors worked to run a kiosk and grill for the purpose of collecting funds for the social action works of the school. There was a very nice atmosphere of unity and the day which focused on the wants of the needy was marked by sports and cooperation and joy.



Preliminary ceremony during rugby intramurals.

Parents’ meetings were held corresponding to each course and the objectives of the year were treated, and in the light of the picture *The King’s Speech* we reflected on themes such as stammer (like the son of the king in the film). This same theme we had already treated with the teaching staff in February and now the reflection and sharing was with the parents in relation to the education of their sons.

On the 23 of March, the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Malvinas War (Argentina vs. England) was commemorated. We reflected on the theme and we had a moment of prayer in the school playground.

In the week of the 28<sup>th</sup> of March we had Br. Paul Keohane in the College. Meetings of all the groups of social action were organized to promote and stimulate the various activities. His presence filled us with energy and enthusiasm and helped to fortify our spirit of solidarity. At the same time the different social activities in which pupils, professors and mothers take part got under way.

The students of the last year of secondary had the opportunity to participate in the workshop organized by the Pastoral Team during which they were given the chance to share their lives and their most profound fears and concerns. The professors of the students were also invited to

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form part of the workshop and deepen the relationship which unites them. It was a very enriching experience both for the students and for the professors.



**The Principal, Alberto, with the students who travelled to New Jersey for an exchange program: Nicolás Bergada, Jaime Perrioux, Manuel Ceppi, Gregorio Uriburu, Agustín Ball y Luis Basabilvaso.**

### Brothers' Community -- Cardenal Newman - Buenos Aires

The school year is well under way. The Brothers also have their obligations although not all in the school. Thomas O'Connell keeps a good presence in the various areas of the school; he gives much help to Alberto, the General Director and is a member of the Parents' Commission. Thomas and Patrick Payne are members of the *Instituto de Hermanos Cristianos*, the instrument through which the school is governed and which meets monthly. At the request of Alberto, on the 18th of April, Patrick will begin giving a course of formation for catechists.

Br. Stan Hayes gives some coaching in English to some students of the secondary who need special attention with the language.

Br. Hubert Wall continues his work in Caritas in St. Rita parish, and in San Benito he gives Bible talks to some parishioners and weekly classes in English.

Recently arrived Jack Casey is discerning possibilities for future involvement and has had contact with a Paraguayan priest in the José León Suarez neighbourhood where he will shortly inaugurate a group dedicated to *Lectio Divina*.

Br. Jim Doherty continues his customary rhythm of work attending to the needs of the poor in the José C. Paz area. He frequently gets food at reduced prices from the Food Bank which was founded in Argentina in the convulsed year of 2001 when the scandalous problem of hunger and deficient nutrition of hundreds of thousands of Argentines had become extremely acute because of the severe economic and financial crisis. Many indigent persons and others with very small incomes faced serious problems with respect to their future and that of their children

owing to the lack of elementary nutrition and development.

We need a law in support of the sanction of food donation in order to sustain the efforts of the dedicated NGOs. Such a law exists in several countries and is known as the *Good Samaritan law* and it would give exponential help in augmenting contributions and would also help to facilitate the work of the civil society organizations in collaboration with the commercially productive sector of the country.

Pablo Keohane passed this way recently and met with some persons connected with pastoral activity and with the Edmund Rice network both in Cardinal Newman College and in Stella Maris College (Montevideo). We also had a visit from Fr. Dermot Carthy of the Columban Fathers from Lima who came for a rest.

### Providencia Community– Moyobamba, Perú

Greetings from the Providence Community. We have the joy of having with us a young man, José Recoba, who entered our aspirancy program on 17 of March at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the reception ceremony the members of the community were present as well as José's mother and grandmother. He is now receiving academic, spiritual and personal formation. José and Br. Ever take part in a tutoring system for primary school children in the St. Isabel home of Br. José.



**The aspirant, José, helps children of the Santa Isabel Home in Moyobamba with their school work.**

Br. Ever travelled to Lima at the end of March to sit university exams. Brs. Tony Twomey and John Prior continue helping the Pasamayo community and do pastoral work in the local jail. In the Pasamayo community they are now painting the chapel; there is also a group of children preparing for Baptism. Their parents are very active in participating in the community and are very pleased with their children.



### **Birthdays:**

Joel Regalado	16 April (Aspirant)
Patricio Payne	22 April
Alberto Cumbreiras	6 May
Miguel Córdova	8 May

### **Feasts:**

**17-23 April: Holy Week**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April: Mother Earth International Day**

**26<sup>th</sup> April: The Blessed Edmund Rice novena begins**

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

**15<sup>th</sup> May: International Family Day**