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KANVILLI JUNIOR & SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TAMALE, GHANA

Kanvilli Junior & Senior Secondary School is one of the many Catholic schools in Tamale, Northern Ghana. Over the years, the school had been poorly managed and was badly rundown. It was handed over to the Christian Brothers by the bishop in a very bad state some six years ago.

Since the Brothers took over the school, the conditions have greatly improved. Classrooms have been renovated, roofs repaired, and seating accommodation provided. Water supply, toilets and other hygiene facilities have also been installed. The academic standard is going from strength to strength as well under the new management, with overall scores improved by 80%.

This is an amazing achievement as many of the teachers at Kanvilli are still not on the government payroll and are essentially working as volunteers. Kanvilli Junior & Senior Secondary School celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011.



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Message from the Province Leader



Dear friends,

As the summer fades and we ease into the fall, I hope you and your family were able to find time for relaxation and rest to renew your spirit. And as our school communities begin their new academic year, let us pray for God's blessings on the students, the faculties, and the families as they continue to grow as faith communities within their learning environment. I also ask you to remember the brothers in your prayers as we begin preparations for our Congregation Chapter that will be held March 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Congregation Chapters are held every six years as delegates from around the world gather to reflect on how the Spirit

of God is drawing us and to develop a focused response for the next six years. The theme for the March 2014 Congregation Chapter is Drawn by Mystery, Destined for Life.

As people of faith we are all called to respond to God's spirit in our midst. Our Christian faith is not just a set of tenets but a way of life. As disciples of Jesus, we are called not just to believe in him but to follow him. Over the years I have heard the expression, "What would Jesus do?" and considered it a quaint expression. Yet, in the early church, St. Paul instructed the communities to "put on the mind of Christ."

So how do we follow Jesus? The Gospels give us a picture of how Jesus lived and Jesus himself used the beatitudes to describe how he believed the Father was calling us to live. And finally, to make things even simpler, Jesus asked us to love one another. The scriptures even give us the expression, "See how they love one another" as a description of the early church.

May our loving God bless you and give you the strength to be a faithful disciple. And may your life be characterized by love, mercy, and compassion so that the world may see you and witness how the faithful love one another.

Your brother in Jesus and Edmund,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H. O'Neill".

Hugh O'Neill, CFC
Province Leader
Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America

UNIVERSITY SECONDARY SCHOOL NJALA, SIERRA LEON JUSTICE AND PEACE PUPILS CLUB

The Justice and Peace Pupils Club members noticed a child labor case and picked it up with the family members of the child in question. It was not an easy situation to penetrate because of the status quo in the Njala-Mokonde community (very traditional people). The unfortunate side of the story is that there are many of such situations in the community, but little is done to curb the situation and so many children continue to suffer abuse under their own family members or close relations.



The question often put by parents and close relatives is: Who will then fetch the water from the stream or firewood from the bush for cooking? The heart of the matter here from a personal perspective is that the people find no wrong doing wrong because they are not aware that what they are doing is wrong. So the heavy task here is to let the people know about it.

Probably, things might change with time once they realize it's wrong.

One simple question that I will like to put to my readers. Were you carrying such loads on your heads when you were this age? Well somebody somewhere might be tempted to say I even carried heavier loads. The million dollar question however, is do we sit back and allow the situation to continue or do we do something radical about it and save the lives of the many suffering children around the world? Mohamed (above) is just one of them remember.

Please do not hesitate to contact Cyril on - idaudius@yahoo.com , if you have the passion to promote the ideal of fair treatment, or better still, Justice and Peace.

University Secondary School in Njala caters to 850 students in this university town in the eastern region of Sierra Leone. The school has two buildings dividing the junior from the senior students, both of which were badly damaged during the many years of civil war. The junior school building has recently undergone some refurbishment while the entire school has also benefited from recent funding for a small library with shelving and books, and science lab, for which the students are all very grateful. There are currently four Brothers working at the school, three as teachers and one serving as the vice principal.



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MINISTERING FOR CHRISTIAN JUSTICE

ASUNCIÓN, PARAGUAY

By Brother Michael O' Lynch

The First Case

Recently Br. Chuck Fitzsimmons (far right) received a phone call to say that an adolescent was in hospital. He went to see him and met the boy's mother who came out of intensive care unit in tears as the doctor had informed her that her son had lost a kidney. Charles consoled the mother as best he could and promised to be back to see her son once he was out of intensive care.

Nothing strange there! Right? But...

The youth's name is Guillermo, although society calls him a criminal, an ex-convict. He has a penal record like other members of his family and there are other factors which do not favour him. He was interned because he had received four bullets in what seems to be a "settling of accounts" because one of his adversaries decided to take the law into his own hands.

Many in society think it a pity he did not die; it would be one problem less! In this they see only the problem, the act, the sin. On the other hand, Christians are called upon to see in him a person, a son fighting for his life in hospital.



Br. Chuck Fitzsimmons with a group of youths.

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The Second Case

Br. Michael O' Lynch, went 60 Km. – for the third time – to a juvenile court to accompany a youth, Víctor, in a court appearance. The first time Victor escaped a prison sentence in a jail for adults thanks to a Brothers' project to receive young people with no economic resources into their house in an attempt to give them formation. The second audience was more complicated as Victor now had a penal record. When the sentencing was in process, Br. Michael asked the lady judge to delay the audience for a week to give time to find alternatives. Br. Michael spent the day going from lawyers to attorneys and to others involved with law.

Eventually all the concerned parties came together and accepted Víctor's proposal to do military ser-vice and at the end of same to have his penal record wiped out. In this way, Víctor was given a second chance.

Conclusion

Will the two youths repent and live their lives without further conflicts with the law? It is doubtful! The harm done in times past will not allow them to make a speedy recuperation. But of one thing these young men will be sure: that when they fail again there will be a group of Christian Brothers there ready to spend time to accompany them.



Br. Michael O' Lynch, waiting to attend a hearing, at Palace of Justice, Asunción. Paraguay

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SCHOOL LEADERS LEARN ABOUT “COMMON CORE” AND BUILDING CONSORTIUM

By Sister Grace D’Amico, SSND, Associate Director, Office of Educational Services

Fifty-five participants, a record number, attended the Edmund Rice Christian Brother Schools School Leaders Meeting, which was characterized by increased internationality and a greater spirit of collaboration. For the first time, representatives from Colegio Stella Maris, in Montevideo, Uruguay, joined school leaders from other Christian Brother schools in Argentina, Canada, and the United States at the conference held at Brother Rice High School, Chicago, Illinois, March 18-22, 2013.

In plenary sessions, school presidents and directors general, principals, board chairs and directors, and the entire North American Province Leadership Team prayed, listened to presentations, reflected, and discussed issues related to education, governance, province reorganization, building the Edmund Rice school consortium, and faculty faith development. They also heard a report on branding and marketing, were introduced to the new Edmund Rice School Network website, and were invited to give feedback. They also joined round table discussions and divisional meetings for presidents, principals, and board members to share ideas and best practices.



Br. John Casey, CFC, Director of Governance, leads the discussion on “Building the Consortium” of Edmund Rice Christian Brother Schools.

Dr. Mary Jane Krebs, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies at St. John’s University, New York City, gave a dynamic presentation on “The Common Core: An Opportunity and a Challenge for Catholic Education.” Noting that the “Common Core” has already been accepted by 46 states in the U.S., she emphasized it simply embodies “good teaching” and that it promotes the academic excellence that is a hallmark of Catholic school identity. She provided an overview of standards and instructional shifts in various subject areas.



Connie Bergadá, board member from Colegio Cardenal Newman (Argentina); Mercedes Carrau, president, and Patricia Ponce de Leon, Director General, of Colegio Stella Maris (Uruguay) were among the South American participants.

Dr. Krebs observed that the “Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education” each contain strong verbs and nouns, which correspond to “skills” and “content,” two important aspects of the Common Core. Consequently, the Essential Elements hold great potential for developing curricular and co-curricular objectives. “Your graduates will be well prepared!” she added.

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In her presentation “Edmund Rice Christian Brother School Governance,” Sister Deborah Cerullo, SSND, J.D., J. C.L., noted that Catholic schools exist in two worlds, that of church and state. As a canonist, she described Catholic ministry as expression of the Body of Christ. As an attorney, she described civil structures as the “clothes” on the body which enable a ministry to be carried out in a civil society. Consequently, we look for a “good fit” when setting up governance structures and writing bylaws. Sister Deborah, who has been working with the Province Leadership Team, developed her theme of shared governance and charism in the Church by citing Vatican II documents on the Church, the lay apostolate, and Christian education. She showed how responsibility for carrying the charism of religious congregations like the Christian Brothers has been passing into the hands of lay partners in ministry.



Mr. Jim Muting, principal of St. Laurence H.S.
(Burbank, IL) posed a question.

Sister Deborah described several ways of transferring governance of Catholic schools, but focused on the establishment of a new Public Juridic Person. This would involve a rather lengthy process which would initially require approval by the bishops of dioceses in which the schools are located and eventually approval by the Holy See in Rome. In addition, a civil non-profit corporation (the “clothes”) would have to be set up to correspond to the canonical Public Juridic Person. She offered two possible structures and suggested services and characteristics going forward. In her concluding remarks, Sister Deborah emphasized that communicating God’s love is at the heart of our educational endeavors.

Leading a discussion on “Building the ERCB School Consortium,” Br. John W. Casey, CFC, Director of Governance elicited from the group desired characteristics of the consortium. These included a “sense of mission, service, close relationships, collaboration, compromise, hope and joy.” Alluding to “brotherhood” and “discipleship,” Br. Casey further asked the group to consider new ways to collaborate and build partnerships in the network in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Following with the practical issue of funding the consortium, Sister Ona Bessette, CND, Director of the Office of Educational Services, gave a report on behalf of the Finance Committee. She explained funding by consortium schools for FY14 and the committee’s desire to build a sustainability fund. She presented a proposal to increase the per student fee by five dollars over a five year period to \$35.00 in FY18. Don Chapin, Palma School board chair, emphasized the importance of the OES and complimented Sister Ona and Sister Grace D’Amico for providing programs and services to the schools and the consortium.

The group approved the proposal for the increase and offered suggestions for financing and for oversight of the OES. They expanded the Finance Committee to include John Birney, and established a Program Committee to work with OES. Maureen Kiers, Tim McElhinney, Br. Mike Segvich, and Br. Ray Vercrusse volunteered for the Program Committee.

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Maria Laura Methol and Diego Rodriguez showed videos illustrating how the spirit of Edmund Rice is alive in ministry among poor people in Montevideo, Uruguay. This led to a discussion on faculty faith formation, and how important it is for teachers to have experiences that will help them.

Besides numerous break-out sessions, there were many opportunities for networking and socializing, including a free evening to visit Chicago or meet with alumni. Networking, sharing ideas and best practices, and being with people from other Edmund Rice schools were frequently cited in the evaluations as “most helpful.” One participant summed it up, “It seems we have made great strides to come closer together as a faith and learning community.”

The group was very grateful to Dr. Kevin Burns, president, and Jim Antos, principal of Br. Rice High School, and their assistants, for their very gracious hospitality. A highlight of the week was a beautiful school liturgy during which all of the Brothers present were honored for their service and each meeting participant was presented with a Blessed Edmund Rice medal. The meeting closed on Thursday afternoon with a prayer service, “Partners in Edmund Rice’s Mission.” Each attendee was presented with a beaded wristband made by women in Kenya and was invited to participate in the “Beyond 250 Appeal.”

The meeting was organized and sponsored by the ERCBNA Office of Educational Services. Next year’s meeting will be hosted by Palma School, Salinas, California, April 7-11, 2014.



Mr. Tom Reidy, principal of Tampa Catholic High School (Tampa, FL), reported for the Branding / Marketing Committee.

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LATIN AMERICA REGION CHAPTER



FOUNDER'S CAUSE

By Brother Tim Smyth

Over the last few years there have been a number of people who have asked our prayers through the Founder's intercession. I thought it might be a good time to provide an update.

Rachel Swallow is the sixth grade niece of one of the teachers at Saint Laurence. On March 20, 2012, Rachel began to exhibit flu-like symptoms, a few days later she was unresponsive. After extensive tests, Rachel was diagnosed with Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM), which led to brain lesions and a coma-like state. She currently requires assistance for both breathing and nutrition but, as of her twelfth birthday, and after seven months in the hospital, she is at home slowly showing signs of recovery.



Ryan Fogarty is a 39-year-old electrical engineer and father of three who lives in Saint Petersburg. Six years ago we received a request for prayers when Ryan was diagnosed with colon cancer. Although the surgery to remove it was relatively simple and the pathology report provided an optimistic prognosis, his young age suggested a possible complication - a genetic disposition. Ryan's mother Julie feels that the family's prayers through Blessed Edmund were the miracle they hoped for. Ryan recently had his six-year checkup and continues to receive positive reports. Three years ago, former Brother Gene Sheridan requested a relic and prayer cards for Dudley Hudgins, a friend living in

Kansas City, Missouri, who had been diagnosed with cancer. After surgery and chemotherapy, his wife informed us that he was very upbeat because he was feeling the power of all the prayers that were coming his way. He is currently waiting for the results of his most recent CAT scan.

Brother Patrick Donatus McCormack first made us aware of the condition of Marissa Peebles, a junior at Butte Central, in late 2007. She had been diagnosed with a rare soft-tissue sarcoma in the area of her hip. Her parents marveled at the strength she exhibited as she faced her surgery in Seattle to remove the cancer and replace her hip. Seven months later, pathology reports were very optimistic and Marissa was on her way back to Butte. Her up-beat attitude and enthusiastic approach to therapy were fed by her desire to get back to normal. The following school year Marissa returned as a senior with a schedule that allowed her to work on junior and senior classes at the same time. Following an additional surgery to remove scar tissue at the sight of the original surgery, two and a half years earlier, the doctor proclaimed Marissa cured of her cancer. Almost a year later, during a regular check-up, Marissa was found to have breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy. Six months after that she was declared cancer free once again. Unfortunately that only lasted five months when doctors discovered cancerous growth at the original site. Following the removal of much of her pelvic tissue, additional cancer was discovered in Marissa's lungs. Currently Marissa is undergoing chemotherapy and continues to be optimistic that Blessed Edmund will help deliver God's merciful healing touch on her behalf.

We ask that you continue to remember these four in your prayers, particularly through the intercession of Blessed Edmund. I urge you to realize that our prayers aren't always answered in the way we expect, but that many people receive comfort from our prayers, even in spite of continuing illness.

Also, if you know of anyone that we should add to our prayers, please contact me (Brother Tim Smyth, CFC) at brtimcfc@yahoo.com and I'll provide a relic and prayer cards.

MARY RICE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS KIBERA, NAIROBI, KENYA

Mary Rice Centre has had quite a few “homes” in recent years. For the last year, it has been renting a few classrooms in Charles Lwanga Primary on the outskirts of Kibera.



Through a recent donation, co-funded by Misean Cara (Ireland) and ER Foundation (Australia), three shipping containers were able to be purchased and converted into classrooms, an occupational therapy room and offices. This will free up the former classrooms for Microfinance activities and parents' gathering spaces.

All the students of MRC are pictured below with the staff outside their new classrooms after the new security grill had been installed.

The improvement at the Mary Rice Centre.
You can see Kibera in the background.



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INSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS

By Brother Roshan D'Cunha



During April 2013, a group from the global Edmund Rice Network gathered in Geneva for a two-week ERI (Edmund Rice International) training programme on rights-based approach to advocacy at local, national, and international levels. Here is a second participant's account of the experience. An earlier account appeared under the heading "On Fire with Discipleship" and can be found under the Network button – see Social Justice Action.

The call for each of us gathered in Geneva was to harvest wisdom. Knowledge, in this modern age, is easy to access; what the world requires is wisdom.

After all the trouble and the uncertainty involved in obtaining a Schengen visa, attending the ERI Training in Human Rights and International Advocacy in Geneva was like a dream come true for me. Getting those badges to enter into the United Nations was an unbelievable experience. As children, we had heard about the UNO in our history books; the UN was like a distant planet and seemed very irrelevant. But walking those corridors of the UN was an incredible experience for all of us and so was the knowledge imparted to us.

Often, at ground level, we feel that there is lack of support in the work we do; our helplessness in the face of powerful governments and local officials who are so often corrupt can be very discouraging and is a big hurdle when we try to help bring about a desired change in society. Going to Geneva and participating in the UN procedures was a great assurance that the Duty Bearers can be pressurised by the Rights Holders at international level to bring about a desired change in society.

Attending the UPR (Universal Periodic Review) of Canada was an extraordinary experience. To see all the nations of the world, whether USA or Iran, Britain or Afghanistan, all of them given equal opportunity to express their opinion on human rights situations in the country under review. This procedure makes a statement, loud and clear, that the issue of human rights is a serious one; that all people, wherever they are, have the same rights; and that when these are violated, it is everyone's concern.

ERI arranged for a number of experts to share their knowledge on subjects like Special Procedures, Treaty Body System, Convention on Rights of Child, and also on ways in which NGOs could actively engage themselves to bring forward the voices of people suffering injustices. The group found these sessions very helpful – getting expert opinions on some of the issues they face in their work.

At a personal level, I am not only touched by what I saw at the UN but also inspired by the lives of the Brothers in Geneva – Brian Bond, Moy Hitchen, and Peter Harney – whose hospitality and generosity are truly commendable. Together with running the training programme they also did the shopping, cooked elaborate meals for the whole group, cleaned the house, and even cleared the garbage. Each one of us felt totally at home, and some are even planning to return for a longer stay.

When we left Geneva, we came away with an assurance that the world is full of people with good will, people working towards making this world a better place. We are certainly inspired, and hopefully wiser, after having had this wonderful opportunity. I returned home with gratitude and a feeling of hope.



MURAL FOR THE VISIT OF BROTHER PHILIP PINTO

By Elbio Canosa

I got the idea of making a clear cross with open arms. There are no traces which enclose it. The intention was that it would re-present the living Christ, emphasizing the transcendence of the Resurrection rather than His sufferings. The bright colours I used mean rejoicing and hope.

It is not a solitary cross. The small human figures sketched upwards arise in each colour and confirm Christ's invitation to live His values through the words that are written there. The yellow on the upper part makes present the Holy Spirit and the three birds represent the Blessed Trinity.

In a word, I tried to express the common union of Christ with humanity from which no one is excluded. May the mural bring us to think and feel that living a life full of love and on the road to truth is a life worth while! His open arms are directed to all those who may need us.

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THE BREATH OF GOD

Brother Jim DePiro

We came from 11 countries, forty pilgrims visiting the place where it all started, Ireland – home of our founders Edmund Rice and Nano Nagle. I was one of three Christian Brothers, along with three Presentation Brothers, 25 Presentation Sisters, and 10 associates of our three Congregations. What drew us to Ireland in mid-June was an event called Ruah (Hebrew for Spirit or breath of God), a collaborative spiritual renewal program of our three groups.

Together, we re-discovered our shared spiritual beginnings inspired by the work of Nano Nagle – a rich woman from Cork who lived in the mid-1700s and founded schools for poor girls, as well as starting the Presentation Sisters (sometimes known as ‘the PBVMs’). Nano’s life and work in turn helped to inspire Edmund Rice – a rich man from Callan who founded schools for poor boys and started the Congregation of Christian Brothers (‘the CFCs’), as well as the Brothers of the Presentation (‘the FPMs’). To this day, the three religious communities continue the work of their founders around the globe and have been coming together to collaborate in ministry.



The Ruah 2013 participants celebrating Liturgy at a Ballygriffin Mass Rock.

The flow of the programme

Our Ruah experience began with the group meeting in Dublin, Ireland, at the Marino Institute of Education, which was formerly the training facility for the Christian Brothers. Rev. Dr Ruth Patterson, a Presbyterian minister from Belfast, spoke to us about reconciliation in light of the Catholic/Protestant situation in Northern Ireland. Then Mercy Sister Mary Kate spoke on cosmology and how to approach a fresh understanding of God, Jesus, and redemption.

On 19 June, all 41 participants moved on to their respective retreat experiences. I chose to go to Glendalough, the location of the ancestral monastic community of St Kevin in the 11th Century. The focus of this four-day retreat was to explore and reflect on the pillars of Celtic spirituality – the basis of the spiritual heritage of Nano Nagle and Edmund Rice. The 11 of us at Glendalough experienced and reflected upon creation, redemption, solitude, and community in the beautiful Irish countryside of the Wicklow Mountains. We were led by Fr Michael Rodgers in a wonderful and powerful experience enabling us to reflect on our spiritual heritage in light of Nano’s and Edmund’s own spiritual roots.

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All participants then reconvened in Waterford at the Edmund Rice International Heritage Center. This two-day experience focused on Brother Edmund Rice's ministry at Mount Sion – his first school and monastery – and also on the present-day ministry of the Brothers' Community. A trip to Callan to visit Edmund's birthplace was also on the itinerary. After a visit to Ballygriffin to see the Nano Nagle Heritage Center located at her birthplace outside the city of Cork, the group spent the last two days in the city of Cork, visiting the Presentation Sisters and the Presentation Brothers.

A remarkable reflection experience

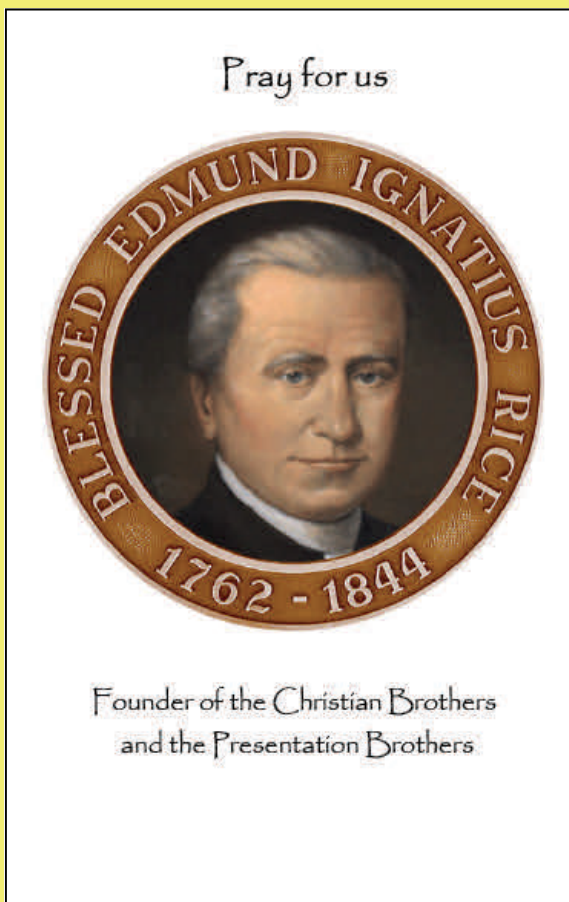
Our 14-day journey to and through the spiritual roots of Nano and Edmund was marked by prayer, reflection, discernment, and celebration. This truly remarkable experience allowed me to reflect on my role in the Church as I continue to minister to people at the margins.

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MY SATURDAYS WITH ASYLUM SEEKERS

By Brother Sean McManus

The Edmund Rice Centre is in an industrial suburb of Hobart, Tasmania. It is a fancy name for a former house with a very large dining/board table and a few offices. All the Christian Brothers in Tasmania live in the unit next door, all two of us.



One Saturday in late autumn, we hosted about 15 Asylum Seeker men with another half dozen friends, all squeezed around the big table for afternoon tea. We had an urn on the boil and afternoon tea just appeared- as usual. The group had just been made welcome at the nearby Moonah Bowl by a group of local bowlers who showed them how to hit the pins. This was just a typical Saturday afternoon for the Bridging Visa Social Club. (BVSC)

There are at the time of writing, 20-30 Afghani men living in Hobart who bear the label "Asylum Seeker on a Bridging Visa". These are some of the men about whom many letters have been written to the newspapers (often starting sentences with the words "These people"). These are the men whom politicians fulminate about and call "illegal". These are the strangers that inspire headlines and full page advertisements about "Border Protection" and "Boat arrivals" and "Stopping the boats."

One of my privileges in the last 12 months has been to get to know many of them. They are fathers and sons, brothers and husbands. They are gentle good-humoured quiet men who have lived through fear-inducing persecution, often having lost father, brothers, cousins, in-laws to the viciousness and irrationality of sectarian hatred. Their families have sent them away to preserve their lives, and in hope of making a fresh start in a safe country.

They have names like Najafi, Mohammed, Hussain, Jawad, Ishfaq and Abbas. They are Muslims of the Shia tradition- that is enough to get them persecuted by groups of a different Sunni tradition such as the Taliban. They have been dairy farmers, auditors, monumental stonecutters, tomato growers, cooks, labourers, even a professional singer. Some had 6 years of primary school, some finished secondary school, a rare one has been to University, some never got to school. (And that is the men -what about their sisters?) They speak Hazaraghi, Dari, Farsi, Pashto, even Arabic. Some speak them all. And now they are trying to learn English.

Most of the men are of the Hazara ethnic group from Afghanistan, though some of their families fled the Russians or the Taliban when these men were young. Some lived in Iran. Many grew up in the Pakistani town of Quetta- once known as "New London" but now home to a large Hazara community -in-exile. They were safe till the Taliban and similar groups started to seek them out with targeted killings and random bombings, that continue to today. So they have fled further and have reached Australia. Most have spent several months behind razor wire in Australia's Immigration Detention Centres, some at Pontville.

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In one sense these men in Hobart are lucky. Most of the Bridging Visa men have not had to spend years in Detention as did the men who first came to Pontville in late 2011. Experts say that after three months in indefinite detention, mental illness sets in.

But the Government's "no advantage" clause means that since August 2012, the Afghani and other Asylum Seekers in the community in Hobart are not allowed to work, and not allowed to study. Given that about 96% of boat arrivals are found to be genuine refugees, it makes poor sense to prevent them from learning the language, and getting on the road to being a productive resident. The ridiculous nature of the no-study clause was soon realized and Asylum Seekers in the community are now allowed 3 weeks of English language classes!! Thankfully the Catholic Centacare group offers a weekly English Café where teachers and volunteers help in English conversation skills.

A recent Guardian UK article about Asylum Seekers on Bridging Visas in Melbourne's West , embarrassingly described them as living in "sanity sapping limbo". The Afghani and other men do not want to do nothing. They do not want to live on the handout of 89% of Newstart allowance. They want to work or study and make some useful contribution to their new country.



So what does Hobart's Bridging Visa Social Club do? For over a year now members have gathered every Saturday afternoon at a Backpackers Hostel in the city. It is one of the places that the Immigration Department, through the Red Cross, puts up the Asylum Seekers for the first six weeks. The owners, an immigrant Syrian couple with children at Catholic schools, graciously allow the BVSC to use this as its headquarters. The Afghani men wander in from wherever they have found rooms to rent. We then head out on some social excursion, which we have organized through our chain of emails during the week. Not all of us get there every week.

Our excursions are sometimes on foot, sometimes by car. We have walked the Hobart Rivulet to Hobart's old Women's Detention Centre, better known as the Female Factory, with its very apposite sign More Sinned Against than Sinning. We have walked the Pipeline track and the track to Sphinx Rock on the Mountain. We have been to the Pinnacle in summer and in winter. Our favourite spot is a shelter grandly called The Chalet just below the summit of Mt Wellington, where we light the waiting fire, play chess, sing songs and have too much afternoon tea. One day at the Chalet in snow, we were the last people left on the mountain.

We have flown kites on the Regatta ground, walked the Bellerive Bluff, visited the Tasmanian Museum and the Hobart Flower Show, visited the world-famous MONA, popped into the Greek Festival, and on one memorable day, played cricket at the Domain Crossroads ovals. Some of the men who had lived in Pakistan, could bowl and hit a mean ball. The presence of a gregarious 3 year old delighted the hearts of the men. We even were instructed in the finer points of Petanque at Sandy Bay. We walked beaches at Sandy Bay, Kingston and on Bruny Island.

Friendships are made, lots of cake and pistachios and dates are eaten, lots of tea and coffee drunk. Quiet conversations resulted in small, casual or part-time jobs (for those lucky enough to be here before August 2012.) Legal advice is sometimes arranged, vacant rooms or houses for rent are discussed, household appliances are negotiated, English or violin lessons are agreed upon. The men kept turning up on Saturdays (except for when they were fruit-picking) so the BVSC must have been filling a need. Some men made and saved money and moved off to Melbourne. And we missed them.



The opening ceremony for the Edmund Rice Centre in Moonah, in May 2012. Br. Sean McManus is on the right.

But in these days of no work-no study, the contact with others in the Hobart community has become even more crucial. The group of men is now more stable and staying longer in Hobart. Some have become part of the volunteer scene themselves. Some have spoken to groups of students and young adults on retreats or on social justice programs. Some are now in turn, visiting the Unaccompanied Minors in Detention at Pontville, knowing how much a visitor from "outside" means.

The group is also active in engaging in public discourse about Asylum Seekers, speaking positively about them and supporting other initiatives of welcome and friendship.

We went to the State Cinema in May to see the documentary film *Mary meets Mohammad*, made by local film producer Heather Kirkpatrick. Heather had a hunch that at heart, Tasmanians are welcoming to people on the margins. The film set out to chronicle the Tasmanian Asylum Seeker Support group but ended up telling the wonderful story of how meeting with an Afghani man in Pontville, became one of the most significant events in the life of an elderly Tasmanian woman.

One of my best moments was driving a mini-bus full of Afghani Hazara men back from a park where they had attended the 40th birthday of one of our group. The bus was filled with laughter as they told stories and jokes in a language unknown to me. But they were relaxed, free, at ease, joyful.

Recently an Afghani man in Hobart said, "Each week, I just look forward to Saturday and what we will be doing. I spend all week at home doing nothing, looking forward to Saturday." A BVSC member commented: We do what we can, where we can, when we can.

It is one of the best things that I do each week.

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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS IN SOUTH SUDAN

By Brother Gerard Ellul

Since 1992, when two Australian Christian Brothers first came to Yambio (Paul Macrossan and Eamon O'Brien), we have had a presence of brothers in various ministries: primary school teaching, secondary school teaching and management, teacher training, prison ministry, mobile education ministry, and HIV ministry. Sometimes we have been down to one or two brothers, and at times serious consideration was given to closing the community. However, through interventions and more brothers making themselves available, the brothers have continued their presence and work. Recently I have had the good fortune of being able to spend my time in the company of the brothers in this community and to meet up with their many co-workers and friends. Here is a glimpse of what is being done.



There are three brothers presently in the Yambio community (see photo on left): Julius Oluoch (left), Martin Binyenya (middle), and Denis Reardon. Julius is the community leader and has been working full time in teacher education with a group called Solidarity with South Sudan. He just arrived back from a month's work in Agok, far north of Yambio, helping to deliver teacher education to people who are coming from the disputed border region with Sudan. Martin has also been working with Solidarity in Yambio, and has also acted as financial controller for a project called STAR and as community bursar for the brothers. Denis Reardon is involved full time in STAR.

The Star Support Group is a project for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. This project has been going since 2005, when it began with just a few people under the guidance of Brother Bill Colford. Since then it has grown and has had different brothers as Director: Daniel Lyimo, Cornel Mwiru, and Bill again in 2011-2. Denis kindly accepted the role as Acting Director. At the end of 2012 there were 1,088 members of STAR who receive various services such as psycho-social support, home visits, small food supplements for those who are sick, transport support to go to hospital or to arrange funerals, workshops on education about HIV/AIDS and nutrition/healthy living, and also access to some medicines through the Diocesan Health Department.

Every first Saturday of the month, a group of orphans gather at the STAR compound where they play games, have activities, and receive a meal. The photo on the right was taken at the most recent gathering.

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A few years ago, Bill Colford was able to access some funds which allowed STAR support group to buy some land, with the idea of the people cultivating it and working towards some self-sustainability. In the last few months, some funding from the Australian High Commission has allowed a small building to be put on the land, as a store and a meeting place (see photo below). A well has also been dug, so regular water can be accessed for vegetable growing, even in the dry months.

Since January 2011, the major funding for STAR has come from the Edmund Rice Foundation, Australia, and those groups such as the Zimele Foundation and other private donors who send their donations through the ER Foundation. We are very grateful for this ongoing support.



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SUMMER CAMP AT ADIGONDANAHALLI BANGALORE, INDIA

A summer camp was conducted for the students of Adigondanahalli, Bangalore, India. The camp started at 9.30 a.m. with the registration of the students and the singing of the National Anthem.

An Art Competition for all the students and some competitive games followed. Lunch was served to all at 1p.m. After lunch there was a quiz for the senior students and the students from kindergarten to Class 6 listened to stories read to them in English and in Kannada.

The day ended with the prize distribution, a snack and soft drink for all.



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BROTHER PHILIP PINTO VISITS STELLA MARIS COLLEGE

On Monday 3 June, Brother Philip Pinto, Congregational Leader of the Christian Brothers, visited Stella Maris College in Montevideo, Uruguay. It was his first visit to the school and he was met by the school choir who welcomed him to Uruguay.

As well as touring the building and meeting with school authorities and students, he visited the groups that make up the network – Los Tréboles, Madres de la Cruz, and Biblioteca Nuestros Hijos. Brother Pinto gave a talk in the school gym to more than 1,000 people including students, staff, and parents.

“I am here with you in a spirit of gratitude to each one of you,” he said. “My Brothers have told me many stories about this school. I thank you sincerely for how you are and all that you do for young people here. Seeing so many young faces reminds me of why we continue in the footsteps of Edmund Rice. It is all for the young people. Here I have had the privilege to speak with some of the young people and I know that God speaks through them. If you ever doubt if that is true, look into their eyes, look at their hope, and remember the reason this school exists”.



Brother Pinto also reflected on the reason Edmund Rice schools exist... “What is at the heart of Edmund Rice education? I remember when I myself went to school and the Brothers taught me by their good example. They taught me the value of effort and hard work, and they challenged me to think about other people. Today that is not enough in an Edmund Rice school. We need all that and more. Street children tell us that that is not enough. We have to reach out and educate those who have no voice. You do have a voice, and it is an extraordinary privilege. But if you only talk about yourselves and this school then you have failed. You are here to speak for those who have no voice.”



His speech ended with a challenge to the teachers to become witnesses for the vision of Jesus. “There is a subtle difference between a Christian school and an Edmund Rice school,” he said. “You carry a vision, and it is not just about repeating what the Brothers used to do. That was a good thing in its time, but now God has chosen you and is giving you the gifts needed to do God’s work. I want our teachers to realize that they are not just people who transfer knowledge, but people who convey a vision. And the vision is the vision of Jesus: love people – that is what makes the difference. I have come here to thank you and to remind you

that you are beautiful people and that our congregation is deeply grateful to you for all that you do and for who you are. And I want to tell you that you are loved. Thank you, and please continue being loving people.”

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Dear Brother,

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Brother John Cyril O'Neill (1928 - 2013)



Brother John Cyril O'Neill C.F.C. passed away on April 24, 2013. Brother O'Neill was born on October 24, 1928 in New York, NY the son of John A. O'Neill and Edna Connors O'Neill. He attended Holy Name of Jesus Grammar School, All Hallows High School and received a BA in Philosophy at Iona College, a LRS in Theology at Lateran University and his MA in Religious Education from Catholic University. Brother O'Neill entered the congregation on February 2, 1949 and took his final vows on June 27, 1957. His ministry took him to many positions including Rice High School, Iona College, Power Memorial Academy, Essex Catholic High School, Jesus Magister Community in Rome, Italy, Edmund Rice Hall Community, Director of Vocations Eastern American Province, Bishop Hendricken High School, St. John Neumann High School in Naples, FL, Los Hermanos Community Bonita Springs, FL and Tampa Catholic High School Community in Tampa, FL.

Brother Francis Matthew Popish (1928-2013)



Brother Matthew Popish passed away on July 19, 2013 following a brief illness. He was born in Butte, Montana to Adolph and Mary Popish. He entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers in 1943 and began his long teaching career in 1947 in Vancouver, B.C. For the next 28 years he served as a teacher and administrator in schools in Washington, Illinois, California, and Michigan. In 1975 he was assigned to Damien Memorial School in Honolulu where he taught history and Latin in addition to coaching the golf team until his retirement in 1997. During his retirement, Br. Matthew remained active by substituting for absent teachers, proctoring standardized testing sessions, doing the shopping for his community and perfecting his already excellent culinary skills.

Brother Patrick Leonard O'Hare (1923-2013)



Brother O'Hare was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland the son of John and Bridget Kelly O'Hare. He received his BA and MA from Immaculate Heart of Mary College in Los Angeles, CA and his Master's in Education from De Paul University in Chicago, IL. Brother O'Hare entered the congregation on July 21, 1939 and took his final vows on December 25, 1948. His ministry took him to many positions including Cantwell High School in Montebello, CA, St. Louis College in Victoria, BC, Leo High School in Chicago, IL as principal, Br. Rice High School in Birmingham, MI, Damien Memorial High School Honolulu, HI, Tertianship Renewal program in Rome, Italy and O'Dea High School in Seattle, WA.



Blessed Edmund Rice Society

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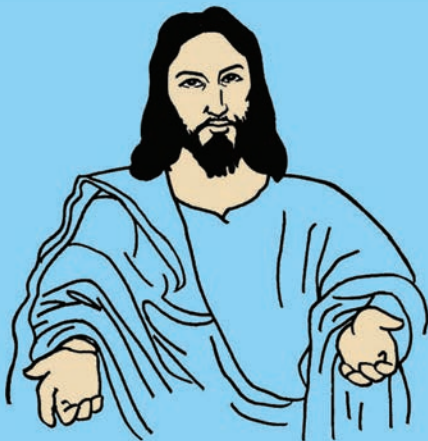
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Healing, Family & Friends, Healing of two granddaughters
Freedom of Religion and Conscience in the U.S.A.
Peace in the family and the world, Healing, Family and Friends
Return to the Sacraments, Continued Freedom of Religion in America
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Brother L. A. Angel
Peace in the family and the world, Family & Friends
Christopher Anzai
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Arciero
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Robert & Janet Barich
Healing - Barry
Return to the Sacraments, Family & Friends
Floyd J. Baumgardner
Kevin Bean
Lucille Bekavac
Nick Bernacchi
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Brother J. G. Bielen
John D. Birney
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Blaeser
For the Souls in Purgatory, For all Missionaries and Religious
Grace of a Happy, Holy & Peaceful Death, End to all Abortions
Health of Family, Relatives, Friends & Myself
Health of the Boehler family, friends and neighbors
Return to the Faith by my nephew Christopher and of a family member
Sophie M. Boers
Deanna, Verona, Reid & Marshall Bosanko
Danny, Gretchen, Jim & Tommy Bowes
Peace
Brother Bradley
Brother P. G. Breen
Cure for Alzheimers, Adeline Brennock
Peace in the family and the world, Healing, Family & Friends
Return to the Sacraments, Amelia Brennock,
Employment, Healing for my nephew and his family

Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Employment
Healing
Brother Brosnan
All Christian Brothers
Deceased Christian Brothers
Brother Rice HS (IL) Brothers
1946-50 Cantwell Brothers
Cantwell HS Brothers
Damien Memorial Brothers
Deceased Brothers & Edmundians
1947-51 Leo HS Brothers
Deceased Leo Brothers
1952-56 O'Dea Brothers
St. Laurence Christian Brothers
Brother Burke
James Eugene Burke
Rita T. & Thomas J. Burns
Leslie & Shelly Burrola
Deborah & Ralph B. Busch, Jr.
Family and Friends
Denis J. & Jerome F. Cahill, Jr.
Denis J. & Jerome F. Cahill, Sr.
Family & Friends
Peace in the family and the world - Capozzi
Peace in the family and the world, Family & Friends,
Healing
Brother E.O. Carty
Family Problems
For the Casey and Morris families
Brother Rudy Cassidy
Cassidy & Cavanaugh deceased
Brother Castle



Healing - Brother and his wife
 The Special Intentions of Derek Chaps
 Sophie Chapman
 Wayne Ching
 Evelyn Chinick
 In Remembrance of John Edward Clair
 In Remembrance of Dennis J. Clancy
 Family and Friends, Healing
 Healing
 Brother J. Coleman
 Brother Malachy Coleman
 Brother J. C. Collins
 For the souls of Aunts, Grandmothers, Grandfathers,
 Uncles
 For the souls of cousins, other relatives and friends
 For the souls of my mother Maria, Father Vincent
 In remembrance of my mother Maria and father Vincent
 Peace in the family and the world, Employment, Healing
 Return to the Sacraments, Family & Friends
 Brother E. Vianney Corrigan
 John C. Corrigan
 Jim Creighton
 In Remembrance of Br. John Crowley
 Family & Friends
 John Cruitt
 Brother Crumlish
 Brother Cullerton
 In Honor of my father John & Br. T. Jensen
 Peace in the family and the world, Employment, Healing
 Return to the Sacraments
 Geri Darcy
 Robert David



John Decker
 Bob DeForeest & daughter
 Healing
 Peace in the family & the world, Return to the Sacraments -
 Delaney
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank DeLima, Sr.
 Pearl & Frank DeLima
 For Cassie DeLorenzo
 Prayers for John Lucca Geneviesi
 Employment, Healing, Return to the Sacraments

In Remembrance of Br. Murphy
 Peace in the Family and the world, Healing, Employment
 Return to the Sacraments, Family & Friends
 Dodge family
 Brother Jack Donnelly
 Joseph Bryant Donnelly
 Thomas D. Donnelly
 Mary Downes
 Health and Happiness, Priests & Religious, Poor Souls
 Peace in the family and the world, Healing, Family and
 Friends
 Thanksgiving
 For Family and Friends
 Vi & Ed Dusbeiber
 Brother Dwyer
 Randy, Chuck, Trish, Bud & Dave Dye
 Family and Friends
 Healing, Family and Friends
 Raymond Egan
 Return to the Sacraments, Healing
 Red Elton
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eman
 In Remembrance of Bro. Fox, Francis St., Dublin
 Jack Epling
 For my recovery from neuropathy - Espinosa
 In Remembrance of Carol Espinosa (deceased)
 Employment - Fahy
 Brother Fanoë
 Brothers James & John and sister Ann
 Margaret Fasan
 Donna M. Feldner
 Brother L. A. Fellows
 Brother Francis Finch
 Patrick J. Fister, Sr.(deceased), Patrick J. Fister, Jr.(living)
 Sale of a good friend's house - Fister
 Brothers Charles Quinn, Charles P. Duffy, Edward Walsh
 Brothers Daniel MacIllmurray, Robert Durning,
 Alexander Thomas
 For the Repose of the souls of Brothers John Driscoll
 John T. Fitzgerald, MD
 Tim Flannigan
 Donald F. Flynn
 Healing
 Peace in the family and the world, Healing. Health for
 my wife
 John Jay Fox, Jr.
 In Remembrance of Br. John Egan
 James Funke
 My good health - hope my daughter gets a job
 John Galvin
 John & Jim Gannon
 Harry & MaryJane Gerrity
 Sean, Tricia, Jill
 Brother James Glos
 For Nora Gorman, Employment, Family & Friends
 In Remembrance of Br. Doug Zlatis

Mildred Grace
 Healing
 Jack & Maryanne Hackett
 Jack Hackett & family
 Peace in the family and the world
 Judy Haggerty
 Charles K. Hamaker
 Chuck Hamaker
 Conversion - Hamilton
 Mr. & Mrs E Hamlett
 For my health and the health of my children
 Good health for me and my children
 Health for me and my children
 Michael J. Haugh
 Ron Hause
 J. & M.J. Hayden
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hayes
 Bros. Wm. A & J.E. Hennessy
 Valentina R. Hernandez
 Brother Jerome Heustis
 Family & Friends
 John Hickey
 Mike Hickey
 Lee Hinch
 Ron Hinds
 Patricia Hockersmith
 Br. Robert J. Roepke (health issues), Personal Intentions
 In remembrance of Br. James E. Roepke and
 Edward Roepke
 Prayers for Br. Robert J. Roepke, Br. Finnegan, Br. Leavy
 The health of Br. Robert J. Roepke
 For my deceased parents - Helen and Ed Holloway
 Peace in the family & the world, Healing, Family &
 Friends
 Jude Holmquist
 Brother Jim Houlihan
 John Houlihan
 Marian Hynek
 Return to the Sacraments, Employment, Family & Friends
 The Special Intentions of Connie Ivie
 Amy Jacob
 In Remembrance of a friend Charles Pellegrino
 Brother Jude Jenson
 Brother C.E. Joyce
 Nancy Kalata
 Robert & Antoinette Kamper
 Brother Jim Keane
 Maria Keefe
 Brother Kennedy
 Thomas J. & John F. Kenny
 Tanios Khoury
 Barney & May, Pat & Dolores Kiernan
 Brothers Delaney, Hennessey, Considine
 Family and Friends
 Elizabeth Kimble

Brother King
 Brother Knights
 Paul Knosalla
 Michael & Catherine Kocher
 Brother P.J. Konkler
 Ken Koss
 Tim Kozlowski
 Return to the Sacraments
 Gus Leader
 John P. Leahy, Jr.
 John P., Frances & Kay Leahy
 Leahy family
 In remembrance of my father JV Leddy



Employment
 Peace in the family and the world, Return to the
 Sacraments
 Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George, All Cardinals
 Prayers for Mr. Chris Antonetti
 Prayers for Mrs. Laure Begale, Mrs. Isabel Rapacz,
 Deceased Leo HS faculty & alumni
 In Remembrance of Kathleen Leonard (Mother deceased)
 Shannon Treacy (6 year old child with cancer)
 Kenneth Y.C. Leong
 John "Jay" Lester
 Br. Tom Leto, Jr.
 Edward Lievois, MD
 Linton and Gullo Family Intentions
 End of Abortion
 Healing
 Ciro, Engracia & Pauline Lopez
 Ed & Beatrice Loquet
 Ed & Florence Lucas
 Jill Luetkemeyer
 Patrick J. Lynch
 John A. Lyons
 Ken Maben
 Brother C.G. MacMahon
 Michael Madrigal

Peace in the Family and the world
 Healing - Tom Concannon
 Family and Friends
 For all our missionaries and for all their sacrifices
 For blessings in mind, body & spirit for all my family
 For our nation that it remain faithful to our Lord
 For peace and harmony for all my family
 For the protection of our service men & women & their families
 For the rights of all including the poorest of the poor & the unborn
 For the strength to know and follow our Lord's will
 Brother J.D. Manning
 Mary Marin
 Scott Slatky - recovery from bleeding in the brain
 Brother Patrick Martin
 For the health of Katherine Martin
 Frank Martin
 Elizabeth Martinez
 Employment, Increase in my finances
 Donald A. Maxwell, Sr.
 Brother McCormack
 Brother McCormick
 For James McDonald
 For the Brothers who taught me in All Hallows (1971-1975)
 For the Brothers who taught me in Iona College (1975-1980)
 Pope Francis
 Employment
 Martin & Marty McIntyre, Jr.
 Thomas (Tim) McKeone, Jr.
 Mary L. & William T. McLaughlin
 Brother McManus
 Faith
 Peace in the family and the world
 Anne Hynes Meade
 In Remembrance of Br. John Driscoll
 John Driscoll, CFC/Doreen Mercier
 Brother Jerry Messick
 Edward P. Meyers
 In Remembrance of Br. Stephen J. Johnsen, CFC
 Better health for F. G. Miskell
 Return of my two sons Bob & Joe to the Church
 Tom Mitchell
 Harry E. Monahan
 Brother Jude Mooney
 Peace in the family and the world, Family & Friends,
 Healing
 Brother J. B. Moore
 Peace in the family and the world, Healing, Family & Friends
 Return to the Sacraments
 In Remembrance of Fr. John O'Brien
 God's blessings for the Brothers active and retired

Peace in the family and the world, Family and Friends
 Mouisset family
 Paul W. Mueller
 Brother E.P. Mulvaney
 Family & Friends
 For the Special Intentions of Joann Murphy
 Good Health to the Family
 The Family of Edward J. Murphy
 Brother Donald Dominic Murray
 Family & Friends
 Peace in the family and the world
 Brother Nelan
 Mickey Nemec
 Creden & Stefanie Nowak
 Bernard & Thomas O'Connell
 For the safe delivery of a healthy baby to a middle aged woman
 Peace in the Family and the world, Healing, my mother (deceased)
 Brother Charles O'Donnell
 Brother William G. O'Donnell
 Jim O'Donnell
 Family and Friends
 Return to the Sacraments, Family & Friends
 Brother John Steve O'Keefe
 Zig & Irene Orchowski
 Employment, Return to the Sacraments
 All Suffering Souls
 Helen M. Otis
 Eileen & Matthew Pearlman
 Peace in the family and the world
 Brother David Perkins
 Marian Perkins
 Brother John A. Pettitt
 Brother Philips
 Healing, Family and Friends, my granddaughter
 Nora Lynch
 Raymond & Regina Pier
 Robert Pikula
 Pope Francis
 Brother F. Matthew Popish



John T. Power
Peace in the family and the world
Peace in the Family and the world, Healing
William Rafferty & family
Ramirez family & friends
Rudy Ramirez
For the Reilly Family
Prayers for the Reilly family
Bob Renney
John & Mary Reno
For the Special Intentions of Kathleen Riat
Pray for my Health
Return to the Sacraments (children), Family & Friends
Liza Rodriguez
Br. Robert J. Roepke - health issues
Employment, Healing
Prayers for Frank Romeo, Sarafina Tronfo, Leah Cernuto
Brother Thomas Patrick Rowland
John A. Rusnak
Brother Ryan
Brother Saitherwaite
Family & Friends, Hungary & Homeless
Nancy Satterfield
Jerry Schumacher
Family and Friends
Brother Segvich
Brother E.N. Shea
Healing - Slater
Brother Sloan
Edmund Soto family
Family & Friends

For the Special Intentions of Susan Tacchino
Shamus Tierney (14 year old with cancer)
Family & Friends
Brother Jay Toole
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Tracy
Brother Tom Treacy
Brother William Treacy
Cody Triggs
Return to the Sacraments
Tim Unsworth
Robert Valdez
Manuel, Stella, & Russell Valencia
Alma Villeas
Bernard John & Anne Marie Vlaming
Marcella Joan & Kevin Patrick Vlaming
Gene Voiland
Brother Vorlick
Annmarie, Wilhelm & George Waddell Jr.
Kathy & George Waddell
For Mr.& Mrs. Martin J. Waldenberger, Sr. and
all for whom we pray
Brother Ward
Bill Waszak
Barb Winnistorfer
Joanne Winstead
Brother Wolf
Anita Won
Brother W. Rudy Younghans
Younghans/Kiernan family
Keith Zick
Owen Zidar

IN MEMORY OF:

Sara Abowd
Gail Adams
Baby Alelsandar
Margaret Androa
Philip V. Angelastro
Brendan Arey
Anna Auprell
Mary T Babuin
Marko Bajan
Nellie Banchemo
Sal Baressi, Sr.
Lucille Bekavac
John Bergin
Arthur Bernhardt
Chester H. Biedron
Norman Bilek
Erin Bladder
Nikolajs Blukis
Pamela Bobhoff
Stephanie Bosak
Claire Brachu
Susan Brady Bradbeer
Anthony Branca
Mary Frances Brush
Michael Buchanan
Christina Buckley
Anne Sadley Burns
Richard Burrell
Kevin Butt
Violet Byrne
Connie Caballang
Connie Cake
Francisco Caldera
Julia Califano
Patrick Callahan
Guiseppe Caputo
Florence Carls
Michael T. Carr (Edmundian)
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Ron Chabot
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Wilfred Chu
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Jack Duggan
James Dwyer
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Robert Gillespie
Mary Giordano
Mrs. Dorothy Giordano
Keena Kim Giovanetto
Edward C. Girardot

Mary Gontcharuk (Mother of Edmundian Bob Gontcharuk)

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Ave Green

William J. Green

Jerry Greenan

Thomas Greenan

Nancy Greene

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Jim Hagerty

David Haigh

Jack Haigh

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Paul Janke

Meighan Johanson

June Mary Johnson

Hugh Jones, Jr.

Mr. William P. Kardaras

Dennis Keane

Maria Keefe

Ann Kelly

Gerry Kelly

Patricia Kelly

Albert Kessel

Daniel Kitts

Roy T. Klimas

Matthew Kocher (15 year old drowning victim)

Robert Koeth

Frank Kovach

George Krsak

Daniel LaBella

Manuela LaBuda

Frank LaFazia

Geri Langford

Bridget Leavy

J V Leddy

Joseph Vincent Leddy

Michael Vincent Leddy

Jules Leroux



Beatrice Leyendecker

Millie Link (Mother of Edmundian James Link)

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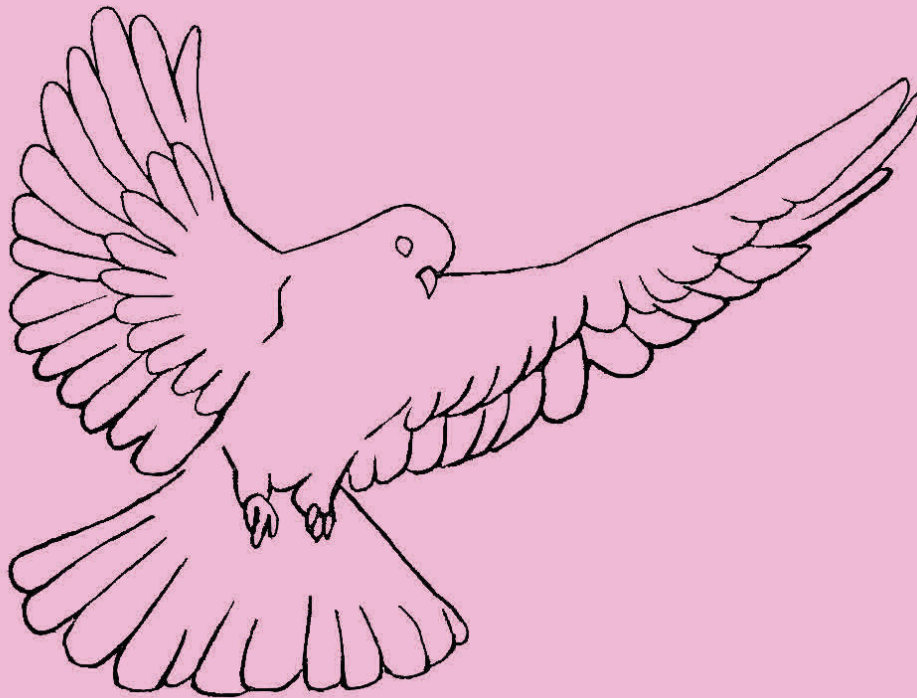
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