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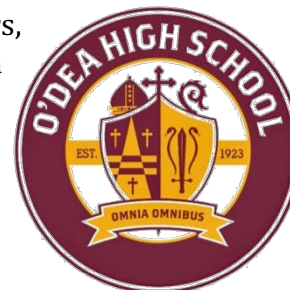
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SCHOOL LEADERS MEETING

MARCH 19 - 23, 2018

O'DEA HIGH SCHOOL, SEATTLE, WA

During the week of March 19, 2018, presidents, principals, board chairs, province leadership team members and presenters gathered at O'Dea High School in Seattle, WA for the annual School Leaders Meeting of the ERCBNA consortium of schools. The meeting was organized by the Office of Educational Services. Accommodations were at the Silver Cloud Broadway Hotel where each guest received a "swag" box of items that featured local businesses and foods.



The meeting began on Monday evening with a welcome reception where Principal Jim Walker greeted everyone and ensured the group was well-taken care of. After prayer on Tuesday morning Mary Foley of Christian Brothers Services gave the keynote address on *Enrollment Management and Marketing*. Student tours of the school followed lunch and in the afternoon Brother Kevin Griffith, Province Leader, gave a province update, and Maureen Kiers, Associate Director of the Office of Educational Services (OES), gave an update on OES activities and the needed support of its programs and services. Following that the presidents and board chairs attended a Governance update by Brother Thomas Murphy, Director of Governance for OES. A presentation on Christian Brother Support and the annual appeal by Mr. Don Chapin, Chairman of the Board of Palma School, and Colleen Noonan, Director of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Foundation, followed.

Principals attended a meeting of a presentation by Mr. Cam Sylvester on *Latitude Global Learning* and participated in a discussion on challenging teachers to keep fresh. This was led by Mr. Tom Beatty (Catholic Memorial), Mr. Johnny Bevacqua (Vancouver College), Mr. Jim Muting (St. Laurence) and Mr. David Sullivan (Palma). That evening dinner was held at Salty's on Alki where the view of the city of Seattle was spectacular. Mr. Jim Antos, retiring principal of Br. Rice, Chicago, was honored for his contributions to the school and his dedication to the charism of the Christian Brothers.

On Wednesday morning Brother Tim Smyth, Mission Frère Edmund Rice Young Adult Ministry, led a reflection on the Essential Elements, pairing each one with a section of the Catholic Catechism. Mr. Brian Garrone of Edmund Rice Education Australia then gave a presentation on Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders and showed all that is being done around the world to promote the Edmund Rice schools and the charism of the Christian Brothers. Later in the morning the group attended Mass with the O'Dea community at St. James Cathedral. After lunch there was the opportunity to attend two of the six roundtable discussions being offered. Reports from all groups followed. Dinner that evening was hosted by the school at the Archdiocesan Orr Center.

After prayer on Thursday each of the school leaders had the chance to respond to the question "What Are We Doing Right?" The leaders shared their successes, and everyone agreed that the sharing was a great exercise in keeping others informed about what was happening in the different schools. The meeting ended that morning, with the afternoon left to see Seattle or to meet with donors or alums from the area.

The next meeting of the school leaders will take place at the annual retreat from October 09 – 12, 2018 at the Q Center in St. Charles IL. The 2019 School Leaders Meeting will be hosted by Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, NY from April 08 – 11, 2019.

There are a number of photos available from this meeting; and, they can be accessed at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/YcGGbm7jhMwMp7g33>

Schools represented at the conference were:

From the United States:

All Hallows High School, Bronx, NY

Bishop Kearney, Rochester, NY

Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, NY

Bergen Catholic, Oradell, NJ

Br. Rice High School, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Br. Rice High School, Chicago, IL

St. Laurence High School, Burbank, IL

Catholic Memorial School, West Roxbury, MA

Tampa Catholic High School, Tampa, FL

Damien Memorial School, Honolulu, HI

O'Dea High School, Seattle, WA

Palma School, Salinas, CA

St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School, Vallejo, CA

From Canada:

St. Thomas More Collegiate, Burnaby, BC

Vancouver College, Vancouver, BC

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Colegio Cardenal Newman, Buenos Aires, Argentina Colegio Stella Maris, Montevideo, Uruguay



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Those Who Serve: Brother Patrick McCormack, CFC

Educator honored for 75 years of religious life

By **ROSE YBARRA**

The Valley Catholic



Brother Patrick McCormack, CFC with Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Bishop of Brownsville, TX (on his left) and Bishop Mario Alberto Aviles, C.O, auxiliary Bishop of Brownsville (on his right).

The congregation at the Mass for World Day for Consecrated Life erupted with a loud chorus of, “wows” when it was announced Brother Patrick D. McCormack of the Congregation of Christian Brothers was celebrating 75 years of religious life.

The congregation jumped to its feet and applauded as a spritely Brother McCormack, 92, walked up to the altar of the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle-National Shrine to accept a crucifix and congratulations from Bishop Daniel E. Flores and Auxiliary Bishop-elect Mario A. Aviles at the Feb. 4 Mass.

Brother McCormack said he was humbled by the reaction of the people and admitted he too is in disbelief that it has been 75 years since he, at just 17-years-old, hopped a train from his hometown of Butte, Montana to West Park, New York to join the Congregation of Christian Brothers, whose charism is the Christian education of youth.

"I'm still amazed that I have this vocation and that God has blessed me so richly," he said.

Brother McCormack said it was God and the witness of the Christian Brothers, who operated the high school he attended, that fostered his vocation.

"I was really impressed by the brothers and liked being around them," he said. "They positively impacted generations of students in my hometown."

"We often have former students tell us that the brothers made a big difference in their lives, not only in Butte but in all the places we serve."

Brother McCormack's parents, who were both Irish immigrants, met on a blind date arranged by a mutual Irish friend. They married and had six children.

He was a freshman in high school when his father died from a work-related illness borne out of years working in the copper mines. Brother McCormack and his siblings banded together to help their mother with expenses and household duties.



Bishop Flores (left) and Brother McCormack

Though he left home at 17, he has remained close to this family. His nieces and nephews are planning a celebration for his 75th anniversary in Montana, which will be held in June. Brother McCormack dedicated his ministry as a religious brother to Catholic school education. He served in high schools in Vancouver, Canada; Illinois, Montana, Hawai'i and Washington state. He taught English, religion, typing and business classes and later served as a school principal. He was also an advisor for many extracurricular activities, including band and the school newspaper.

Today, Brother McCormack lives in community with Brother Arthur Williams, a teacher at Guadalupe Regional Middle School in Brownsville and Brother Ross Wielatz, a counselor at Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley at the old rectory of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Brownsville.

Though Brother McCormack is retired, he volunteers at Guadalupe Regional Middle School on occasion, especially on Mass days and is well known and beloved by the students, said Lupita Alvarado, principal of the school. He also enjoys cheering on the various sports teams at athletic events.

"He is full of energy and has such a positive attitude," she said. "He's an inspiration to us all."

Brother Wielatz credits Brother McCormack's longevity to Adoration and staying active. Brother McCormack spends two hours at the gym and at least one hour before the Blessed Sacrament every day.

"He is very faithful to the spirit of the vow and the spirit of community life and prayers," said Brother Wielatz, who was a student at Leo Catholic High School in Chicago when he first encountered Brother McCormack, a teacher there at the time. "He is upbeat and cheerful and a joy to be with. His prayer life and positive attitude have no doubt contributed to his good health."

Brother McCormack said serving in Catholic schools has been a true blessing in his life.

“The faith changes the whole atmosphere of a school,” he said. “At Catholic school, we begin each day with prayer over the PA system. We pray before the game and after the game and the fans pray with us. The faith is part of everything we do.

“It’s a wonderful life.”

Mission Frère



Br. Tim Smyth

East Harlem – The Brothers of East Harlem have recently extended hospitality to local groups and individuals.

The first was a celebration of Saint Patrick’s Day when the Brothers hosted fifteen local ministers of various denominations for an untraditional lasagna dinner with Brother Ben McDonough serving as head chef.

On another occasion the Brothers invited the priests of Saint Cecilia’s Parish for dinner. The priests are members of the Apostles of Jesus whose members serve in a number of countries of Africa and South America. During dinner one of the priests expressed that he had worked with Christian Brothers in Tanzania and was surprised to learn that we were of the same congregation. Small world!

The third invitation has been extended to two volunteers who will be coming to minister to the elderly in the neighborhood through the Church of Living Hope on 104th Street. Chris and Naomi Lawrence were grateful that we are able to provide housing for their summer volunteers without the typical “Manhattan” price tag.

Brother John Casey continues to reach out to local parishioners through his involvement in the prayer group at Saint Francis DeSales Parish and Brother Eugenio DeLorenzo maintains his position as Province Archivist traveling between East Harlem and New Rochelle most days of the week.

Young Adults – Brother Tim Smyth has been on the road quite a bit in the last few months. As a member of the Office of Educational Services he assisted Maureen Kiers with the Campus Ministers Retreat and the School Leaders Meeting during March. Both events provided Tim the opportunity to meet with school personnel who provide connections to current students as well as recent graduates who are the targets of his ministry.

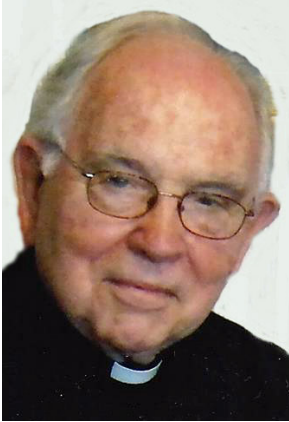
Earlier in the year Tim visited Cardinal Hayes High School, Iona Prep, Tampa Catholic, Saint Thomas More, Vancouver College, and Jericho House joining in on panels and making presentations in various venues to elementary and high school students.

As calendars are developed for the next school year, Tim hopes to develop summer service programs for our high school students in the summer of 2019. Brownsville, East Harlem, and Jericho House are being considered as possible sites for these projects.

Tim has also been attending some local and regional meetings of Vocation Directors and Campus Ministers in an attempt to learn the ropes in dealing with the Millennial and subsequent generation (iGen). He says he’s learning how different cohorts use social media differently and is trying to become as fluent in Twitter as President Trump has become.

NINETY-EIGHT AND HOLDING

(Brother J.B. Darcy's Birthday - March 3, 2018)



On Saturday, March 03, 201 Brother Joseph Bertrand Darcy celebrated his 98th birthday at Mt. St. Francis in St. John's, Newfoundland. Bert was in fine form and had two days of celebrations. On Saturday, the Alumni Association of St. Bonaventure's College treated Bert and the community to a lunch at Mt. St. Francis. The President of St. Bonaventure's and two other staff members associated with the Alumni Association attended, as well as ten "old boys", alumni from the days when St. Bon's was a Brothers' school. There was much remembering of days of long ago.



(l to r) Father Bill Brown, SJ, Br. Bert Darcy, Br. Raph Bellows
Preparing to cut the cake.

On Sunday, the community hosted Bert's family (his brother and his family) to a birthday dinner.



(l to r) Ann Bowen (niece) Harry Bowen, Dr. Jim Darcy (brother)
Br. Darcy, Br. Bellows, Iris Darcy, Dr. Steve Darcy (nephew).

With the St. Bonaventure's College Alumni:



Seated (l to r) Br. Harry French, Fr. Bill Brown, SJ, Br. Bert Darcy, Br. Raph Bellows, Mr. Tom McGrath, President of St. Bon's, and Derm Whelan

Standing (l to r) Br. George Fitzpatrick, Steve Jackman, Gary Walsh, Dave Jackman (Alumni committee Chair), Gerry Puddister, Graham Wakeham, Br. Bosco Wakeham, Brian Kennedy, Ron O'Brien, Br. Dave Murphy, Jessica Whelan (St. Bon's Alumni Affairs Officer)

It was a great weekend, celebrating the long life of our oldest Brother in the Congregation. And the weekend would not have been complete without an original poem from our resident Poet Laureate.

What can we say
About Bert today,
Except that it looks
Like he's here to stay?

Except for his back
Which is all out of whack,
The rest of him seems
Immune from attack.

When he hits a hundred,
Those who are still here,
Rejoice with him and celebrate,
And have another beer.

We thank Bert for the example
Of the religious life he's led,
He is faithful to his daily prayers,
But he can't make his bed.

But let's not 'wait,
He's ninety-eight,
It's time for us
To celebrate.

E. B. Wakeham, CFC (2018.03.03)

Cardinal Hayes High School Bronx, NY



Br. Sherlog addressed students at Cardinal Hayes HS

The Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSA) inducted seven members into its Hall of Fame at the 33rd annual CHSAA Golf Outing and Hall of Fame Dinner at Inwood Country Club in Nassau County Thursday, May 10.

The 2018 Hall of Fame class includes John Brennan, St. Francis Prep, Fresh Meadows, Queens, tennis; James Hughes, Moore Catholic High School, Staten Island, track and field; Vinny Leonardo, Archbishop Molloy, Briarwood, Queens, bowling and handball; **Brother William Sherlog, C.F.C., Cardinal Hayes High School**, the Bronx, and the former Rice High School, Harlem, baseball; Alan Wharton, CHSAA soccer referee; Mary Scott, CHSAA track official; and Maurice Hicks, Rice and Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx, basketball.



Hicks, who played at Rice, returned to Rice to coach for 16 seasons, compiling a record of 352-86 and winning five state championships. Brother Sherlog coaches baseball and teaches at Cardinal Hayes, and formerly coached baseball and served as athletic director at Rice. Hughes has coached track and cross country at Moore Catholic since 1977. Ms. Scott was a CHSAA track meet organizer and administrator for more than 20 years before her death in March. Wharton was a longtime soccer referee who also assigned officials for CHSAA matches.

Guadalupe Regional Middle School Brownsville, Texas

March for Life: Students Against Gun Violence

By Brother Arthur Williams, CFC



Upon hearing the news of the deaths at Marjory Douglas High School in Parkland Florida, I and several of my colleagues discussed how we and our students might respond as a school to this tragedy. Encouraged by a letter by Br. Kevin Griffith and our administration we began to plan a march in protest to gun violence and support for the victims and their families.

Using this as our focal point, ideas began to take form. We were faced with several scheduling challenges: spring break, a field trip for our eighth-graders, and Iowa standardized testing. This limited our scheduling options. Time became precious with April 6th becoming set as our target date. This was also a day we had previously scheduled for our annual service day. In line with our focus, we prepared materials to honor and name victims of Columbine High School, Sandy Hook Elementary, and, of course, Marjory Douglas High School. We wished to also honor the many unnamed children who have also been victims of gun violence in schools since Columbine.



We did not wish to merely give students the opportunity to ‘walk out of class’ in protest. Our plan instead involved several activities. As GRMS has a House System, our House groups in their normally scheduled meeting times, Edmundians, Matel, and Champagnat, prepared posters and banners in the weeks leading up to our target date. Each student prepared a small poster with the name of a victim, which they wore during our march. Reflections were prepared by our seventh-grade students in their Social Studies class.

Students also had time to reflect and learn about the purpose of the day in our House meetings.

Our day began with students assembling in our cafeteria. Seventh-graders were selected to begin the day presenting their reflections before the student body. Following this, we formed into our House groups, each with their posters and banners. Each student wore the poster with the name of one of the victims throughout the walk. Faculty members and parents who accompanied us wore a poster with the symbol “?” to represent un-named victims.

Accompanied by a police escort, we began our walk through parts of downtown Brownsville. Our stops included the Federal Court House, Cameron County Court House, and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We stopped outside the cathedral to pray a decade of the Rosary and for prayerful, silent reflection. After about ten minutes we left with our police and returned back to the school for a short water break.



After a short rest we convened at our parish church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, for a short memorial service. Our House Captains read several prepared statements. They then began a meditative reading of the names of victims from Columbine, Sandy Hook, and Marjory Douglas. We also paused to remember the many other children victims of gun violence whose lives were cut short.

After a period of silent prayer, we returned to the school cafeteria where students had the opportunity to write reflections about the morning using a series of writing prompts that were prepared by some members of the staff.





As Catholics we are called upon to protect the sanctity of life. As a Catholic school we are called upon to help students discuss important issues and develop critical thinking skills. While students were given the option to not participate, all students took part in conversations and reflections leading

up to the event about gun violence, the sanctity of life, and other important current events related to the Church and our country



Vancouver College

Vancouver, BC Canada

Brownsville Faith in Action Trip

The US border agent frowned.

'Brownsville? Are you sure? You really don't wanna go there...'



But we did: fourteen of us representing the VC community on our annual spring break outreach trip, connecting for the first time with Guadalupe Regional Middle School, an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers school located on the very tip of Texas. What we faced, though - and what the customs official was referring to - was the hot-button issue of immigration, as Brownsville sits on the Rio Grande, right across from Matamoros, a much larger city with a high crime rate. The Brownsville border itself is a conduit for refugees seeking asylum in the US from mainly Central American countries.

Over the next eight days, while their peers slept in, lay on beaches, or generally relaxed, our boys painted and cleaned out storage sheds, tended community gardens, cooked and served meals, and distributed clothing, all in aid of refugees and other 'undocumented' immigrants. However, although there was a plethora of physical tasks, the most impactful experiences for our boys occurred when they interacted directly with these marginalized people. The two most intense opportunities for these were at Sacred Shelter in McAllen, Texas, and at La Posada Providencia in nearby San Benito. At Sacred Heart, our boys welcomed asylum seekers arriving from several harrowing weeks or months of living in fear and harassment on the road. They fed, clothed, and provided showers for folks from newborn to middle age, but most importantly, treated these beaten down people with dignity, playing with the children and sharing a welcoming smile or simple Spanish phrase with the older ones. At La Posada, the boys spent the day teaching English

on a one-on-one basis. Here, again, the simple task of practicing the alphabet quickly turned into witnessing astounding personal stories of hardship for these longer-term refugees from as diverse cultures as the Congo, Cuba, and the Ukraine.



What impressed me most of all on this trip was not how hard our boys worked or how open their hearts were to these downtrodden (though both of these were highly impressive as well!), but how they struggled deeply with the shocking realities they were facing. The long and intense work days inevitably turned into deep and involved discussions that often lasted until midnight. I watched as our boys grappled with the complex issues of immigration after having witnessed the personal and tragic stories of the victims caught in an unjust system exacerbated by political gamesmanship. Their global outlook went from ignorance to oversimplification to genuine empathy and outright rage over the course of a few days of action and reflection. They found it difficult to accept that they could not solve the problems they encountered but were ultimately empowered in understanding their mission to witness and advocate, truly be the voice for these voiceless as they return to our lives of privilege.

I encourage you to read more about one young man's experiences in Brownsville and his story of advocacy [here](#). In my mind, these kinds of transformative experiences in the service of other are the true capstones on a VC education. Encourage your sons to get involved early with our relationships with Brownsville and Peru and look forward to more of these experiences as we connect further with our global Edmund Rice network in the years ahead. The ultimate expression of our Better Man aspirations lies in these opportunities as we equip our boys with the awareness, skills, and faith, to truly make a difference in our world.




From Grade 12 student Stephen Zelis:

"Over the course of our seven days in Brownsville, we served at Guadalupe Regional Middle School, helped at immigration centres, worked with a local parish and community, participated in the community garden program, and celebrated Mass. Throughout the trip, we constantly had the opportunity to put ourselves in solidarity with the poor and to listen to their stories. By connecting with the people on a personal level, we were able to get a glimpse into their lives and the immense struggles they face every day.

It really felt like we were making an impact on their lives. Although the trip is over, we know that there is still much work needed in this area. Our trip to Brownsville was the first step that opened our eyes to the many issues with immigration today. We are so grateful for this experience, which has widened our perspective and helped us grow emotionally and spiritually."

Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer Cards

Pray for us



**Founder of the Christian Brothers
and the Presentation Brothers**

Edmund Rice was born in 1762 in Callan, County Kilkenny, Ireland. After completing his education, he moved to Waterford and was appointed to an uncle, a supplier to the many ships visiting its growing port.

Edmund eventually took over the expanding business and prospered. In 1785 he married Mary Ellice, but soon after the birth of their only child in 1789, she died. The girl, named after his wife, was raised by Edmund with the help of his sisters.

Because Catholic education was at the time denied to Ireland's poor, Edmund decided to right the wrong. In 1802 he began the ministry of educating and caring for young boys, a mission that continues today. Two congregations, the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers, developed from the foundation laid that year. Edmund guided both, watching them grow in size and stature, until his death in 1844.

The first Christian Brothers arrived in North America in Newfoundland, Canada, in 1878. Thirty years later, the first community in the United States was established in New York City. Today, more than two hundred years after Edmund began his work, Christian Brothers serve on six continents. Among our ministries:

- Teaching and administering in schools and colleges
- Facilitating youth ministry programs
- Performing missionary work
- Educating adults
- Supporting parishes and dioceses
- Ministering to migrant workers
- Caring for the infirm and elderly
- Serving the homeless

In 1996, Edmund was declared "Blessed" by the church – a major step in the Catholic Church towards sainthood.

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Coach Steve De Lazzari Honoured at 15th Orange Helmet Awards



Congratulations to Coach Steve De Lazzari for being recognized as the **Scholastic Coach of the Year at the 15th Annual Orange Helmet Awards**. The Orange Helmet Awards, awarded by the BC Lions of the Canadian Football League, celebrate the achievements of individuals involved in amateur football in British Columbia.

The Orange Helmet Awards Committee chose Coach De Lazzari based on his commitment and dedication to coaching amateur football. With the passing of STMC head football coach Bernie Kully, Class of 1994, in September after a year-long battle with cancer, Coach De Lazzari guided the pre-season unranked Varsity football team to an undefeated season until a loss in the provincial semi-finals. The Orange Helmet Award Committee generously bestowed a gift in Coach De Lazzari's name to the St. Thomas Moore Knights Football program.

Education Technology and New Website Updates

Educational technology at the school has taken a giant step forward this year. A major upgrade of computer systems in the library provided a great start to the year. We continued in the fall by implementing Google's G Suite for Education as a core component of our online blended learning package for improved student outcomes. Following on this successful development, we significantly improved student access, by acquiring three new classroom Chromebook sets.

Student applications and registrations are now fully online, bringing convenience and accuracy access to these essential school procedures. Currently, we are working on a major network upgrade that will ensure fast, reliable access to online resources. Report cards are also moving online, to provide easy, archived access.

For the 2018-19 school year, we will be taking educational technology to an even higher level with the introduction of our 1:1 Chromebook program. This exciting development will assign a Chromebook to every student, providing access to a wide range of collaborative learning tools and activities in every class!

Another exciting development to unfold in time for the 2018 - 19 school year will be the implementation of a brand new STMC Website! The new site is being designed by a Vancouver based IT solutions firm, and we are very excited. The new website is currently in the discovery phase of its build, so you can expect more information and plenty of opportunities to provide your feedback and experience with the current site, as well as suggestions for the new one.



Workshops for girls in Science and Technology



15 female grade 10 students (sophomore) attended Simon Fraser University's Girls Exploring Physics workshop on March 29th and gained insight into careers in physics, explored the Trottier observatory and had the opportunity to interact with female faculty members about experiences in science.



Brother Rice High School

Bloomfield Hills, MI

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL RAAB '18 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Co-Valedictorian Paul Raab continues to impress with his stellar academic excellence, as he has been awarded a 2018 National Merit Scholarship! Scholarships awarded through the National Merit programs are regarded as some of the highest academic honors attainable by U.S. high school students. There are usually about 1.6 million nation-wide entrants per year, which eventually narrows down to 15,000 Finalists. The Finalist candidates judged to have the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies are then selected to win scholarships. Approximately 7,500 winners are awarded scholarships. Truly, the best of the best.

Paul, who graduated with a cumulative GPA of 4.385, will be attending the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan in the fall. Of his college selection process, he shares, *"My goal was to get into an excellent school in order to obtain a solid foundation for future business endeavors. It came down to making my final decision between Notre Dame and University of Michigan Ross School of Business."* Ultimately, he chose Ross because it was the right fit, and they offered the best overall package.

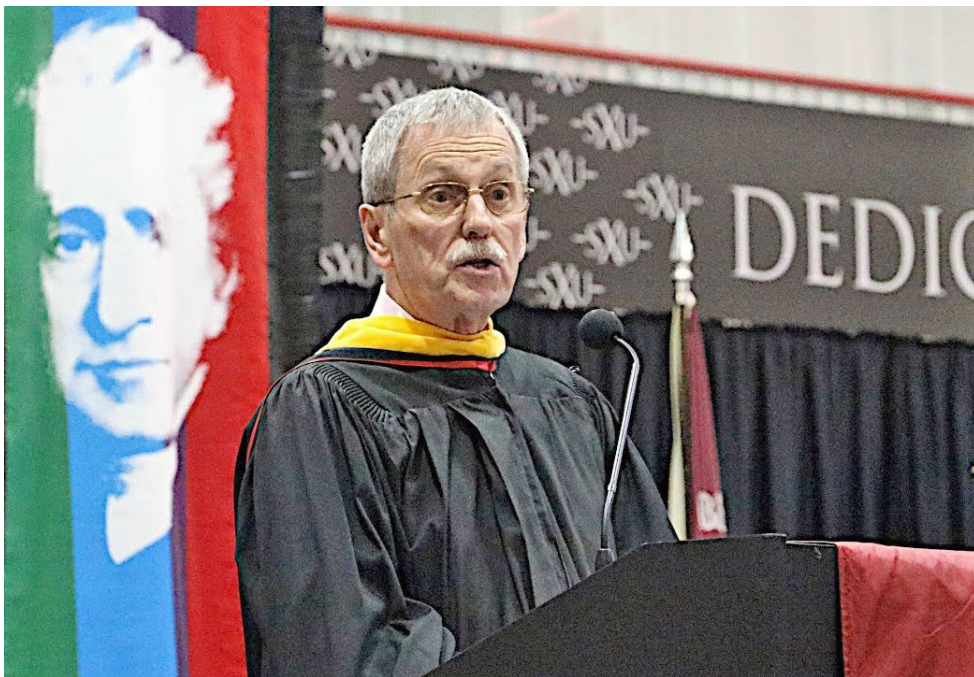
A well-rounded student, Paul has maintained his academic performance while also participating in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Varsity Soccer, Marian Rice Players, leading the BEAM&R club as president, running a semi-professional photography business, and volunteering in the community. On finding balance, he conveys, *"I try to use my time efficiently and have learned how and what to prioritize over time. Knowing how to manage your time wisely is a key skill I learned at Brother Rice and will take with me to college."*

As graduation festivities come to a close and the possibilities of the future are wide open, Paul states, *"Without a doubt, I will miss the brotherhood fostered in the halls and classrooms of Brother Rice. There is a unique spirit among Brother Rice's community that is evident in the way students interact and the passion our teachers have for their classes."*



Brother Rice High School Chicago, IL

The Greatest Crusader: Mr. James Antos



For 39 years, Mr. Jim Antos has given his life to the young men and families of Brother Rice High School Chicago. He has been principal, teacher, moderator, Kairos leader, and friend. This documentary, produced by the Brother Rice High School Broadcast Journalism Class, gives a glimpse into the life and career of Mr. Antos. A role model to our entire community as the epitome of the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, Mr. Antos will retire after this school year. Mr. Antos is, truly, the Greatest Crusader.

View an interview with Mr. Antos at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4IOghmaC7Y>



Monsignor Farrell High School Staten Island, NY

Farrell & Hill students learn from Harry Connick Jr., Megyn Kelly

By Carol Ann Benanti
Staten Island Advance

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- It's no secret Monsignor Farrell High School media students have rubbed elbows with some television superstars over the years.

And each trip arranged by WFBN-TV Founder and Executive Producer, Brother Paul Hannon, just keeps getting better and better.

But this time Farrell also invited St. Joseph Hill Academy, their sister school, to accompany them into Manhattan to take in "The Harry Show," as in Harry Connick Jr.

"'The Harry Show' really allowed me to experience life behind the camera and the work that goes into producing and creating a live show," said Christie Chahwan, a junior at Hill. "It was truly an unforgettable experience".



Harry Connick Jr., center, smiles for the camera on the set of "The Harry Show" with students from Monsignor Farrell and St. Joseph Hill Academy High Schools. (Courtesy/Brother Paul Hannon)

Afterward, big wigs at CBS studio were kind enough to give students a quick tour, where they saw their multi-million-dollar control room and where the local evening news is filmed.

"It was an amazing experience being able to see how professional crews produce, arrange, and air shows on a daily basis with no room for error, perfecting every commercial break, set change, and audience organization," said Kenny Harvey, senior head anchor of WFBN.

AN 'IMPRACTICAL' RUN-IN

By pure luck, Harry was interviewing the "Impractical Jokers," all Farrell alums.



Monsignor Farrell and St. Joseph Hill High School students listen to Harry Connick Jr. on the set of "The Harry Show." (Courtesy/Brother Paul Hannon)

"[It] was an unforgettable and informative experience. It was interesting to see how much work goes into taping one episode," said Julia LoCascio, a Hill senior. "And it was absolutely astounding to be in the same room as the 'Impractical Jokers.'"

Being on his very first WFBN trip, Daniel Bilotto, another Farrell senior co-anchor on the morning show, was ecstatic to experience a TV show first hand: "This was my first time being in a major studio and it gave me something to aspire to."

The trip translated into a valuable learning and educational experience for both Hill and Farrell high schools.

AND THEN THERE WAS MEGYN



Megyn Kelly, fourth from right and Brother Paul Hannon, join students from Monsignor Farrell High School on the set of "The Megyn Kelly Show."
(Courtesy/Brother Paul Hannon)

It's always good news when Megyn Kelly, one of the highest paid news anchors, extends an invitation to Farrell's WFBN-TV students, with an opportunity to appear on "Today with Megyn Kelly" live.

"Being able to see what goes on during a major network show was very inspiring," manager of FBN-TV's mobile production unit, Jonathan Gomez, noted, before adding: "It really shows how much effort and hard work is needed, both in front of and behind the camera, for a production to be successful."

Megyn took questions from students and even agreed to pose for photo ops, before inviting Farrell broadcast students to return for another visit.

Senior Head Anchor, Kenny Harvey had this to say about the experience:

"Today with Megyn Kelly is a refreshing change from her previous job as a news anchor on FOX. In a mere hour, she was able to showcase her talents, deliver the daily news, and, most importantly, entertain her audience. It was an amazing experience for me and the Farrell broadcasters to witness a show of that caliber."

After speaking with Megyn, the group was given a private tour of the NBC production facilities and studios.

Way to go, guys!



Jericho House Wainfleet, Ontario

TORCH Leadership Conference

In May students from Sacred Heart Catholic High School in New Market Ontario travelled to Jericho House to attend their school's annual TORCH Leadership Conference. TORCH is Jericho House's signature ministry which can be experienced either as a 3-day event or in an extended day format. It is a biblically grounded, experientially based and peer-led leadership experience weaving together leadership, social and ecological justice and spirituality. The conference participants move through integrated sessions focusing on: bonding, gifting, communicating, visioning, deciding, acting, journaling, praying and evaluating.

As the students left Jericho House, leaving behind comments such as,

- "I have learned and improved on certain values that I can apply back at school, home or anywhere in the world",
- "I learned a lot about being a leader and about leadership and the importance of making a difference",
- "a small torch has opened inside me; I hope this torch will become bigger and stronger".

The spring semester TORCH conferences will end with a school from Markham Ontario attending a 3-day conference in June and then commence again in the fall with both extended day and 3-day conferences.



Sacred Heart students gather around the tree donated by their principal to mark Sister Jacque's 50th anniversary as a Religious Sister.



Reaping The Harvest of Immigration



Deirdre Cornell

For the children of immigrant families, and especially for those of farm worker families, there are many barriers to higher education. As one of those children, Puja Saha became aware at an early age of the importance of education if she is to have a better future. Today, Puja, 19, is working toward her dream of becoming a pediatrician, thanks to her own perseverance and community support.

The daughter of immigrants from Bangladesh, she is a first-generation college student at the [State University of New York at New Paltz](#). Puja's father, a farm worker, came from Bangladesh two decades ago to harvest fruit in New York's apple orchards. When Puja was 7 years old, her father brought Puja and her mother and sisters to the United States.

At first, it was hard to get accustomed to her new life, and she didn't speak any English, she says. It took time, and the support of friends, teachers and family. Puja especially recalls missing the banyan tree at her family's village home in Bangladesh.

"I used to sit under the banyan tree in the shade and play with pebbles and leaves," Puja explains. "I didn't have toys, and Bangladesh is a very poor country." Banyan trees do not grow in New York's colder climate. Instead, a maple tree grows outside her family's tiny apartment in rural New York. "I had to learn to appreciate the beautiful autumn foliage in the yard of my family's new home," she says, recalling the little things that were important to a 7-year-old. Her face lights up as she remembers seeing snow for the first time. "When winter came, I loved the sight of the first snowfall," she says.

Puja's interest in medicine began on her visits to the clinic for farm workers that her family went to in rural Ulster County, New York. She was impressed by the dedication of its staff. But it was during a visit one summer to her native Bangladesh that she began to dream of a medical career.

“We were stopped in traffic,” Puja says. “A Little girl, barefoot, with torn, dirty clothes, came up to the car to beg. Since we were stopped in traffic, I got out of the car to talk to her.” The little girl’s name was Priya, and she introduced Puja to her father.

“It was evident that he was losing his sight due to a degenerative disease,” recalls Puja. “They had no access to medical care, and since he was not getting treatment, they knew he would soon be completely blind.” The encounter solidified Puja’s career goal. “I want to help people like Priya and her father,” she says.

Last June, in recognition of her efforts to realize her dream, Puja received a scholarship intended just for the children of farm worker families, which she says will help her make it through her sophomore year at SUNY New Paltz. She became the first recipient of the **Brother Daniel Denis Crimmins Memorial Scholarship**, awarded by the organization Reaping the Harvest.



Brother Denis Crimmins, RIP

Brother Dan also believed that for immigrant families, education was the key. His own parents had immigrated from Ireland, and before moving to Ulster County, Brother Dan worked as a teacher and school principal. When he died in June of 2015, his friends at Reaping the Harvest wanted to continue his legacy. What better way to keep his memory alive than to start a scholarship for students from farm worker families? Although the monetary amount of the scholarship is small, it helps pay for books and supplies. More importantly, recipients know that there is a community that supports them in their efforts to reach their educational goals.

Puja, accompanied by her mother and her sister, wore her traditional Bangladeshi dress on the day of the scholarship award. In a celebration complete with live music and a banquet of donated food and desserts, she received the grant—and the community’s blessing.

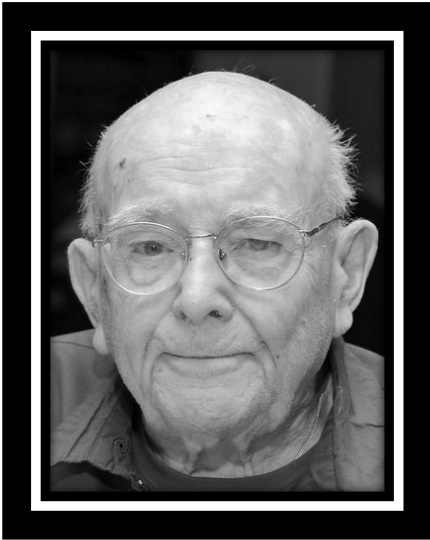
“I will do my best in my studies,” Puja promised. “I want to make Brother Dan, and the community, proud.”

I think Brother Dan would already be proud of her, just as are her family and community.

Deirdre Cornell is a former Maryknoll lay missionary who served in Mexico. She is author of three Orbis Books, including Jesus Was a Migrant and American Madonna: Crossing Borders with the Virgin Mary.

Brother Harold Michael Delaney, CFC

1923 - 2018



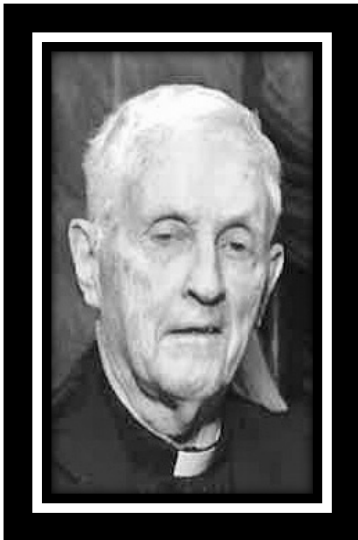
Brother Harold Michael Delaney passed away on February 13, 2018. Brother Delaney was born on May 27, 1923 in New York City, New York the son of Harold and Anne Delaney. He received a BS in Economics from Fordham University, an MA in Economics from Fordham, an MA in Administration from Seton Hall University, and an MS in Guidance from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ.

Brother Delaney entered the Congregation on August 24, 1949 and pronounced his final vows on June 27, 1957. His ministry took him to many positions including Cardinal Hayes and Power Memorial Academy in New York City, Msgr. Farrell HS on Staten Island, and Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle. He served as a Councilor of the former Eastern American Province from 1972 – 1975, and a Provincial of the Eastern American Province from 1975 – 1985.

From 1985 – 1998 he worked within the administration of the Eastern American Province. In 1993 he moved into St. Joseph's Residence Community and remained there until his death in 2018.

Brother James Benildus Walsh, CFC

1935 – 2018



Brother James Benildus Walsh passed away on January 07, 2018. Brother Walsh was born on September 23, 1935 in New York City, NY, the son of Matthew and Catherine Walsh. He received BA in Philosophy from Iona College, a MA in Theology from St. John's University.

Brother Walsh entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on July 03, 1953 and pronounced his first vows on September 08, 1955. His ministry took him to many positions including Iona Grammar School in New Rochelle, NY, Rice HS in New York City, Bishop Hendricken HS in Warwick, RI, Catholic Memorial HS in West Roxbury, MA, Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame HS in Miami, FL, and more than 30 years at Bergen Catholic HS in Oradel, NJ.

In January 2017 he moved to St. Joseph's Care Residence in New Rochelle, NY and remained there until his death in January 2018.

Brother Benjamin Lawrence Favero, CFC

1938 - 2018



Brother Benjamin Lawrence Favero passed away on February 06, 2018. Brother Favero was born on August 01, 1938 in Butte, Montana, the son of Aldo and Mary Favero. He received a BS in Math from Iona College and a MA in Mathematics from Gonzaga University.

Brother Favero entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on July 01, 1956 and pronounced his first vows on September 08, 1957. His ministry took him to many positions including his first assignment to St. Louis College in Victoria, BC. He also ministered in Chicago, IL at Br. Rice High School. In California, he ministered at Cantwell HS in Montebello, and Palma HS in Salinas. In New Rochelle, NY he ministers at Blessed Sacrament/St. Gabriel's HS. He did minister for a number of years at his alma mater, Boys Central HS in Butte, MT. In Michigan he ministered at East Catholic

HS in Detroit, Our Lady of La Salette in Berkley MI,, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Wyandotte, and Br. Rice HS in Birmingham. In 2006 he moved back to the Mater Dei Community in Bloomfield Hills, MI and remained there until his death in 2018.

