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**During the month of October, Memorial Masses
are celebrated in the cemeteries of North America
where most of our Brothers are buried.**

CALVARY CEMETERY Los Angeles, California

**“A faithful friend is the medicine of life.” Ecclesiasticus 6:16
In that case, we all should be pretty healthy!**

On September 28, 2013 seven Edmundians gathered at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles to have a prayer service for the brothers buried there (Brothers De Sales Walsh, Calasanz Hunt, Damascene Carr, and Capistran Chivara).

After the cemetery the group progressed to Cantwell H.S. for Mass and a luncheon. David (Philip '63) Ceballos joined the group at Cantwell. Father Mike Mandala, a classmate of Reno Frigo's was the celebrant.

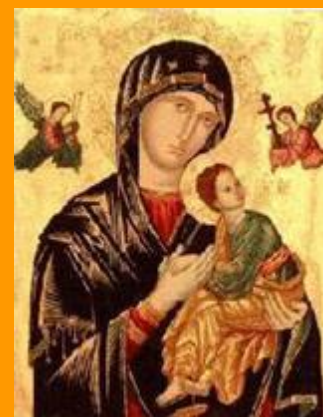


John (Conan '60) McCormack, Clayton (Gerald '60) Brown, Luis (Michael '77) Benetiz, Richard (Thomas '51) Hill, Robert (Gerard '59) Kman, John (Patrick '58) Flynn, Reno (Anthony '64) Frigo.

After the celebration, what brought us back to Earth was the rather obtrusive noises coming from our stomachs. So it was off to lunch where eating and storytelling seemed to go hand to hand and the “war stories” were rolled out, complete with the age and color of one more year. We mined each other for topics on the state of the union of the Edmundians, a possible general reunion for all members in the future, and who’s who and what’s what with the Edmundians all over the map. We

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Waiting with the Blessed Virgin, the model of complete fidelity to the Lord, we will fear no obstacles or difficulties ... May she help us tirelessly climb towards the summit of the mountain of holiness; may she help us love nothing more than Christ, who reveals to the world the mystery of divine love and true human dignity.

Pope John Paul II

were with old buddies again, and the comfort level and ease that we always felt proved the same.

What gives us such uplift when we hear about the others who are scattered throughout the country? It seems that when someone whom we recognize comes up, all sorts of images and feelings flood us - instantaneously. Of course, being filtered through time, these are happy remembrances laced with humor. We seem to metamorphose to our youth with such vitality so evident in our demeanor. We've all noticed that!

We often interrupt someone's account with our own "seasoned" version. We parlay a story into two or more anecdotes, all with the purpose of reviving "the good old days." Somehow one's history joins another and another with the outcome of realizing that what we had was a precious segment in the spectrum of our lives. And yes, Brothers Tom Perry and Angie Lynam's shadow appears once again. (I am convinced that these stories will never-ever end.) Do you remember Br. Perry and The Canterbury Tales? "Sssssss, Brothers, don't read page 89, for the love of God." If only Chaucer had been there! Take a moment to imagine that exchange!

Yes, it's always a time for smiles, laughter and storytelling at our gatherings.



Fr. Mike, John Flynn, Bob Kman, Reno Frigo

Yet, as always, there was that extra-special moment Saturday. As you have seen in the photo of Cantwell's chapel, we gathered closely around the altar for the consecration of the bread. It was at that unique moment that I felt what it must have been like when Jesus broke bread with His loyal followers at the Passover. It was as though a single soul dwelt in our 8 bodies. We, who had started the journey together so many years ago, seemed to be united in prayer and in our dedication to be good persons in the world - traversing so many scattered roads.

I believe W.B. Yates very much sums up our feelings in his poetic vision:

*Think where man's glory most begins and ends
And say my glory was—I had such friends.*

Special thanks go to Bob Kman who traveled from Chicago to visit Edmundians on the West Coast – not a simple task. His visit threaded the needle with his wish

to unite us from coast to coast. Thank you, Bob. It is much appreciated.

And, of course, kudos to Reno Frigo, '64, who once again organized the entire event with such precision. (The chicken masala was delicious!) "Go to Reno and have more fun," suddenly has taken on a new meaning!



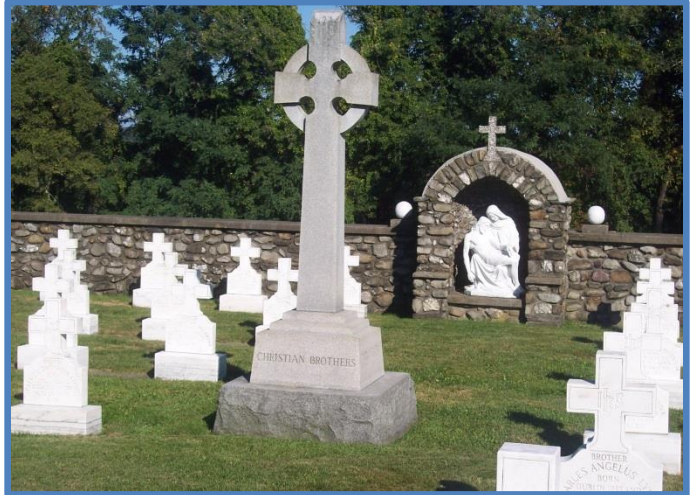
Clayton Brown, John McCormack

SANTA MARIA CEMETERY West Park, New York

The annual West Park Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers, Edmundians and Associates was Saturday, September 28, 2013. The day was beautiful and the one hundred and thirty-five people who attended the liturgy and luncheon were blessed with the exceptionally beautiful day.

The presider for the liturgy was Edmundian Fr. Stephen Norton, pastor of St. Benedict's parish in the Bronx. After the liturgy, we had a delicious luncheon and were able to meet family members and friends of the deceased Brothers, Edmundians and Associates.

We thank all the Brothers who helped make this memorable event so pleasant.



BELVEDERE CEMETERY

St. John's, Newfoundland

On Thursday, October 10, 2013 members of the Edmund Rice Network, Brothers, Edmundians, and Associates, gathered in the Marian Chapel of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, Newfoundland to remember deceased Brothers and Edmundians from Newfoundland. The Celebrant was Edmundian Father Cecil (Dominic '71) Critch, and Brother Bert Darcy of the Mount St. Francis Community was the organist. After the Mass, all were invited to the community residence for a social gathering. Edmundian Harold (Matthew '61) Stapleton contacted the Edmundians and coordinated their attendance and Brother Rick Fowler of the Mount St. Francis Community coordinated the reception.



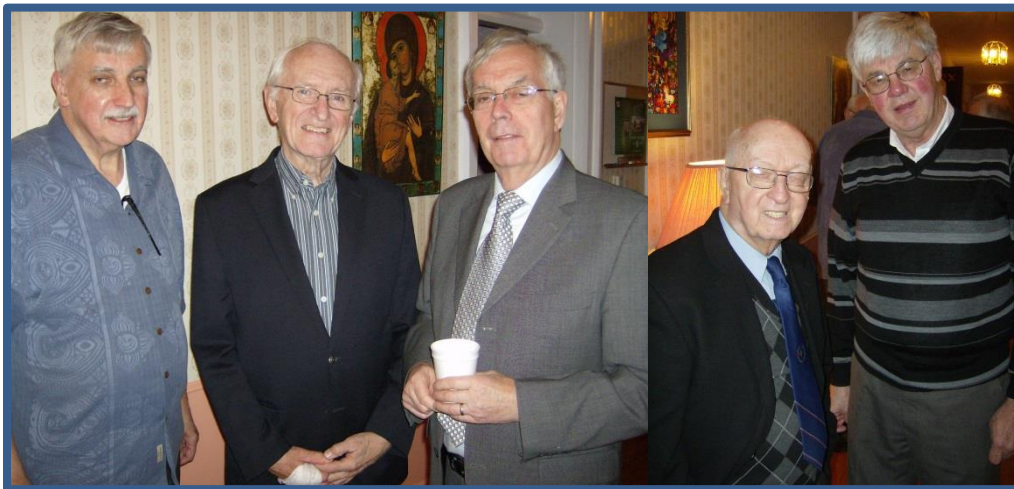
**Edmundians Father Cec Critch and
Albert (Rene '54) Estrada**



Br. Bert Darcy, Organist



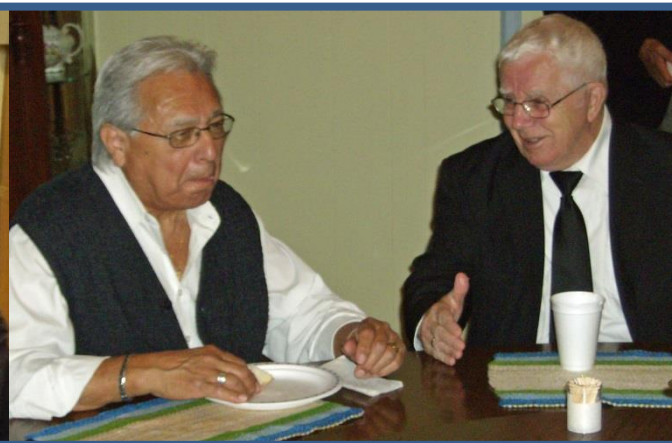
**(l) Br. Harry French and
Edmundian Malachy (Leo '53)
Mandeville**



**(l to r) Edmundian Gary (Cyril '61) Bambrick,
Associate Bob Quigley, Edmundian Frank (Liguoir '57)
(l) Br. Raph Bellows and Edmundian Harold (Matthew
'61) Stapleton**



In the chapel before Mass



(L) Edmundians Albert (Rene '54) Estrada and Michael (Cornelius '54) Brazil

HOLY SEPULCHER CEMETERY Worth, Illinois

On Saturday, October 12, 2013 Edmundians, Brothers, and Associates gathered at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Worth, IL for the annual Memorial Mass and gathering for deceased Edmundians and Brothers.

After the cemetery service a Mass was held at Br. Rice High School, coordinated by Father Trela, Brother Jay Toole and Brother Austin Driscoll.

Other guests were Edmundians Jack O'Keefe, Ray Mackey, Ray Hopman, John McGraw, Marty McLaughlin, Bill Kramer, and Mark Quinn. And Brothers Raph McDonald, Jerry Messick, Tom Collins, Sean Hayes, Pat Varilla, Owen Carty, Louis Stanich, and Ken Wolf. Also attending were Associates Nancy Quinn, Pat Fowler, Marian and Bernie Pepping.

Special thanks to Brother Jerry Messick who ran the graveside service and to Edmundian Mark Quinn who gave an excellent talk on Brother Rupie Finch, RIP.

Thanks to Edmundian Bob Kman and Brother Jerry McCarthy for funding the supper.



Drawn by Mystery Destined for Life

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Congregation Chapter
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Nairobi

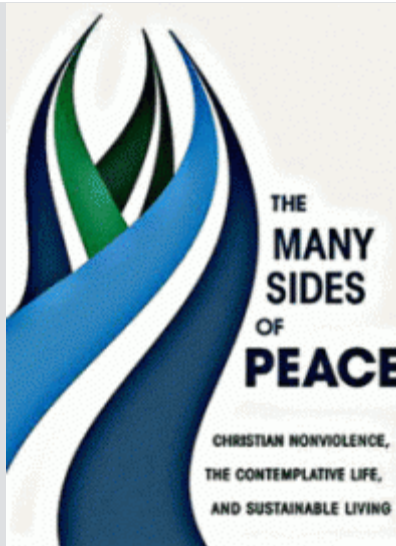
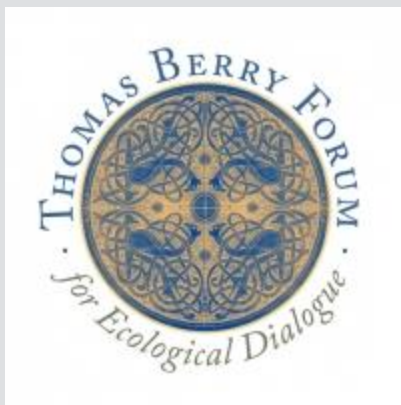
IONA COLLEGE New Rochelle, New York

Iona College hosts the annual Waterford Dinner for Alums of Edmund Rice Christian Brother Schools

Iona College students who are graduates of other Edmund Rice Christian Brother Network Schools in North America gathered in force for the annual Waterford Dinner on the Iona College Campus. Special guests for the evening included the Province Leader and Deputy Leader, Brothers Hugh O'Neill and Kevin Griffith, along with consultants Brothers Barry Lynch, Daniel Casey and Raymond Vercruysse, as well as an impressive representation of the Brothers from area schools and communities, and the President and Principal of Cardinal Hayes High School, Fr. Joseph Tierney and Mr. William Lessa. All were welcomed by the President of Iona College, Dr. Joseph Nyre, the Provost, Dr. Michael Marsden and the Director of the office of Student Success, Br. J. Kevin Devlin.

Student leader, Alyssa Toth, while not an alum of one of the Brothers' schools, finds among these students the ideal recruits for the Edmund Rice Society, the largest student organization on campus. She and Student Campus Minister, Jessica Velasco (Archbishop Curley Notre Dame, Miami) actively worked the room explaining to freshmen the opportunities they have to continue at Iona the community service, leadership, and advocacy activities they had found so fulfilling in their schools of origin.

Students at Iona came from All Hallows, the Bronx, NY; Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep, Miami, FL; Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, NJ; Bishop Hendricken HS, Warwick, RI; Blessed Sacrament – St. Gabriel's HS, New Rochelle; Brother Rice HS, Chicago, IL; Cardinal Hayes HS, the Bronx, NY; Catholic Memorial, West Roxbury MA; Damien Memorial HS, Honolulu, HI; Guadalupe Middle School, Brownsville, TX; Iona Prep, New Rochelle, NY; Monsignor Farrell HS Staten Island, NY; O'Dea HS, Seattle WA; Palma HS, Salinas CA; and Tampa Catholic HS, Tampa FL; and Trinity Catholic HS Ocala FL.



Week of the Peacemaker

Seeking Peace in a Violent World

The Berry Forum is pleased to present environmental advocates Suzanne Belote and Brayton Shanley, founders of the Agape Community in Ware, Massachusetts. You are invited to welcome two extraordinary witnesses to

the Great Work of living in non-violent harmony with Earth and all living beings. This evening is an opportunity to hear the ways Belote and Shanley weave together a creative practice of making peace as contemplative pathfinders to lead us toward new horizons of simplicity and sustainability.

Join us as we offer our salute to their faithful witness and life of welcome to all who make pilgrimage to the Agape Community to learn from these masters of peace making the virtues and values that will heal us and our planet.

Brayton Shanley will also do a book signing of his latest publication: *The Many Sides of Peace: Christian Nonviolence, The Contemplative Life, and Sustainable Living*.

Iona College Spellman Hall Burke Lounge

Wednesday, November 6 at 7 pm

Students free; Guests \$5

For directions and parking, visit www.iona.edu

ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL Burbank, Illinois



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and send in your payment.

Visit our website at

www.stlaurence.com/news/viking-pride-dinner

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When

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Where

ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

5556 W. 77th St.

Burbank, IL 60546

STL Flag Football Tournament

When: November 6th

Registration at 5:30 p.m., Games start at 6 p.m.

Who: Teams of 8 alumni

RSVP to Adam Lotus at alotus@stlaurence.com

by November 4th.

A team captain must register all 8 members together

Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America

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GUADALUPE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Brownsville, Texas



**Mr. Michael
Motyl**

I see similarities between my family and the families of our students every day. I grew up in a working household. My father took on as many night shifts and overtime shifts as possible with the city's sewer department to make ends meet for my mother and their two kids. My Italian family almost never ate out (and to this day I have never seen a store bought jar of tomato sauce in the cupboard - all made from scratch). I don't remember us going to the movies as a family or worrying about renovations to our home, but I do remember hours of playing outside and lively conversations around our second-hand dinner table. In truth, neither of my parents went to college, but I could not have asked for two more loving figures.

I owe much of my character and love of God to my parents, but when it came to college, they weren't able to offer much guidance. I was blessed to receive the financial aid and scholarship funds to attend the local private Catholic school, an opportunity that would not have been afforded to me otherwise. It was the one-on-one resources available to the students at that high school that closed the gap. I have since attended Catholic universities, both Boston College and the University of Notre Dame.

My higher education experiences felt just like the pictures of the catalogs, but my conversations with the many folks who I have met around the country are different. It seems the support I received from my Catholic high school isn't necessarily typical, and some of the most intriguing minds I have come across didn't have the edge to find the school that best fit their needs or to figure out the financial options to complete college in four years, etc.

Our Graduate Support Program (GSP) is part of what we want to distinguish us from most other education programs. To truly believe in our mission means we cannot abandon our students after eighth grade.

We need to assist in placing students into competitive high schools. The GSP aims to continue mentoring students as they make plans for educational choices after high school graduation. Many of these students are the first in their family to graduate high school, and the possibility of further studies make their hopes remain attainable.



It has been proven that a well-run graduate support program facilitates a higher percentage of students graduating from high school and successfully completing post-secondary education. At GRMS, we are working to strengthen those efforts and close the gap for our alumni.

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ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Miami, Florida

Limye Lafwa A - "The Light of Faith" A reflection on my recent trip to Haiti



Br. Jim DePiro

On October 8, I boarded a plane with four others from the lay missionary group in Miami, Florida, Amor en Accion. Our destination was northwest Haiti – diocese of Port de Paix – to deliver school and medical supplies to a number of rural places. They have been assisting this poor diocese for almost 35 years now. The main focus of this trip was twofold: to check on the “Tent School” project in Lormond, and to go to Dity to investigate their needs. Both were joy-filled experiences; smiles were abundant; gratitude was evident; our Lord was there.

After we arrived at Toussaint Louverture Airport in Port au Prince, we met our driver and headed up to Gros Morne via Wout Nef (New Route) through St. Marc and Gonaives. The Religious Sisters of Jesus and Mary have a community in this mountain town. They work closely with the Montfort Fathers in educational, health and nutritional programs. After lunch, we headed up to Basin Bleue to meet with Père Gregoire. This young priest is pastor of the church in town and is also responsible for a handful of mission chapels and schools in the hills. He tells us of the schools and chapels in disrepair; in three years, he expects them to be totally in disuse. We then head to Port de Paix where we meet Père William who drives us through St. Louis du Nord to his parish in Anse a Foleur. This small town is only accessible by driving along dark roads through riverbeds. When it rains for an hour, one cannot get in or out.



On Wednesday, Père William takes for a hike inside and outside of this small town. It is a poverty filled location where children in the streets are not in school because, as Father said, there isn't enough room in the national school and churches cannot afford to establish any. A sad sight indeed. At one point, Père William pointed to an empty lot just outside of town and said, “The brothers can live here.” The day was capped off with a church filled for a Worship and Praise Service, Exposition and Noon Mass. The faith of the people is simple, but real and alive!



On Thursday, we started out at 6:45 AM on our walk into the mountains around Anse a Foleur to a small village called Dity. Our location: the chapel and school of St. Joachim. The three hour hike was not a lonely one for all the locals traveled to and from some place. You see, the hills are filled with people; we even met many young people on the way to school. Unfortunately, most schools only go up to grade 5 or 8 since high school requires a lot more resources – money and training. Children who want to further their education need to go to other larger towns where they oftentimes board with families and work to pay room and board. This is known in Haiti as “restavek” (Creole for ‘stay with’) and it oftentimes leads to child exploitation, and even slavery. This hike brought us up some inclines and crossings of riverbeds. We passed a few markets, mountain

villages, some farms and certainly a lot of people walking to or from someplace. We were all moved tremendously by the needs of this mountain chapel and school that it was decided to undertake a building project for Père William. These children should not have to go to school in a shack made of tin and wood! We handed out school supplies to each child and told them to be sure to study, listen to their teachers and be faithful. At the end of our stay, the children followed us across one of the rivers to the edge of the village and sang a farewell song.

Later that day, we headed to Port de Paix to meet with the Bishop and the director of schools for the diocese of Port de Paix. Then we moved on to a town called Jean Rabel. This rural community has an active religious and church presence. Again, the Montfort Fathers and the Religious Sisters of Jesus and Mary work together to see to the needs of the people. The sisters are training the local people in everything from teacher training to hand crafts as a means of employment. Digicel – the cell phone company in Haiti – is undergoing campaigns to build or rebuild schools in the needy areas of the country. The sisters are involved in one in a village called Collette, just outside Jean Rabel.

On Saturday, we headed to a small town called Bombardapolis. “Bombard,” as it is referred to by the locals, is hit severely by drought and lack of food. Last winter, the pastor told us, many families died of starvation. Lack of rain, proper farming techniques and storage capabilities contribute to this perennial problem. On the parish grounds is a well built by an NGO from the Czech Republic. Children, oftentimes dragging wheel barrels and buckets, come to the well several times daily to access water for their families.



We stayed in Bombard Saturday night and moved onto a small desert-like town called Baie de Henne which is on the southern coast of the Northwest Department. This town is so out of the place that even government services are lacking. Père Paul told us that the doctor paid by the government and the mayor don't even live in town. The National Police have trouble getting people to go there! The pastor told me that he wanted this parish when assigned several years ago and has found it a tremendous spiritual reward. As pastor, he is spiritual advisor, city leader, ambulance driver, etc. The parish school – the only school in town - can boast 100% passing rate on the grade 5 national exams!

After we dropped off our school supplies, we passed through Anse Rouge and Gonaives on our way to Gros Morne. We had not been able to attend Sunday Liturgy that day, so Père Montfort, a Montfort Father, presided over Liturgy for us in the sisters' chapel. English, Spanish, French, Creole and Latin were all used at some point. A truly catholic celebration!

On Monday, we headed to Lormand to see the “Tent School”. Construction began last spring to replace the UNICEF tent that was used as a school with a permanent structure. With donations and volunteer work from an engineer/architect from Port au Prince, Amor en Accion

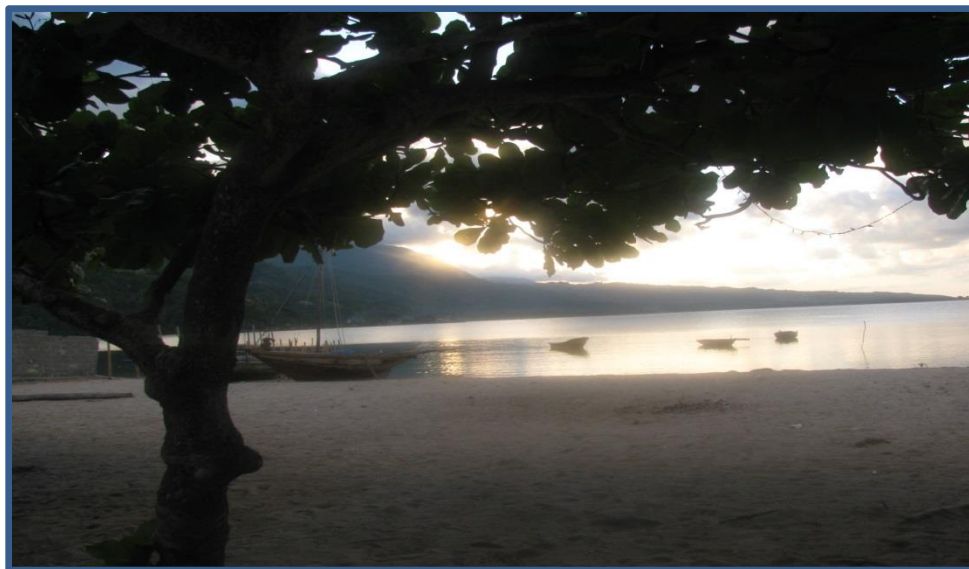


saw to the building of this school. As we came up on the school, tears of joy filled our eyes as we saw the joy on the children's and teachers' faces. Some parents of the students even came by to say thank you. All of the children piled into one room to begin their program of appreciation and gratitude. After we gave out our supplies, the children and adults began a series of songs and dances; it was one of the best thank yous I ever received.

We ended the evening, as we did each night we were there, in prayer. We shared our experiences and we thanked God for what we were able to learn and receive from the people we saw that day.



On Tuesday morning, we headed back to Port au Prince to catch our flight back to Miami. The eight days were nothing less than a tremendous blessing for me. The journey was not about what I brought to the people of this poor rural part of Haiti, but more of what I received while there. In our preferential option for working for the poor and marginalized in our world, we see Jesus. I saw him in this journey and I brought him back. For me, the faith of the people is the light on the hill, and it cannot be hidden.



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**Ms. Lisa
Morales**

During the first week of October students from Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep participated in two events that help foster leadership skills.

On September 25th and 26th, students representing grades 9 to 12, participated in the Miami Coalition of Christians and Jews (MCCJ) Student Voices: Training Inclusive Leaders program held at St. Thomas University. Currently, ACND is the only Archdiocese of Miami Catholic School that participates in this program. The other participating schools represented Miami-Dade Public Schools. The training's objective is to empower high school students to explore cultural diversity and develop self-esteem, while fostering values that support the understanding of individual differences. The program is designed to help reduce bullying, intimidation, cliques, taunting and harassment in the classroom.

ACND has been involved in the MCCJ program for the past four years. This past summer, some students also participated in the MCCJ's MetroTown - a six-day summer program for local teens with five curricular strands: leadership, community, conflict resolution, diversity training, and civic engagement.

ACND's Coordinator of Student Services and Campus Minister, Brother Jason Ford, CFC serves as the school's Trust Counselor. The MCCJ equips school staff with the necessary skills, knowledge and curriculum to deliver Student Voices Training to their students, helping to foster safer and more inclusive school communities.

This past weekend, another group of students from ACND, traveled to St. John's, FL to attend the ACTION Student Leadership Workshop. Students from schools staffed by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America and Latin America gather annually for training that focuses on leadership development, advocacy, community building, and communication among the schools.



(l to r) Br. Jason Ford, Rhian Romanik, Sean Smith, Michael Alixtie, Shellbie Charles, Mr. Douglas Romanik (ACND Principal)



"The fact that these two events, MCCJ Training and ACTION, took place in the same week helped introduce ACND students to the larger Miami area, the larger Edmund Rice Christian

Brother network of schools both in the North and South America, and to a larger Church," commented Brother Ford. "These two programs highlight several aspects of

the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education by promoting advocacy for those without a voice and respecting and treating with dignity all whom we encounter, especially within our own community."

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep's 60th Anniversary - 1953/54 to 2013/14.

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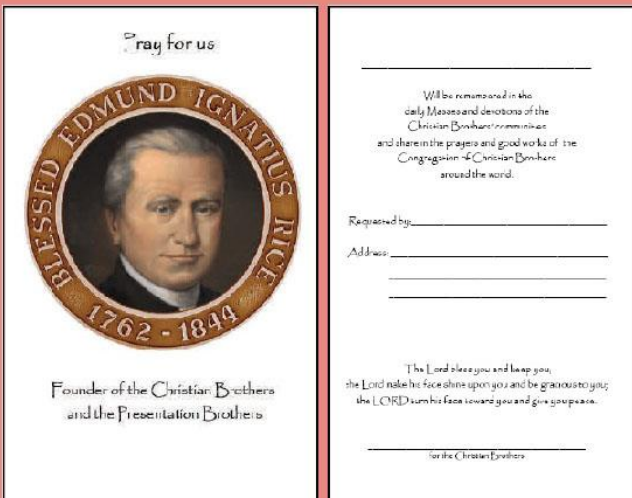
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Courtney Berrian (Program Coordinator for MCCJ) stands beside ACND freshman Iran Perez at the Student Voices presentation.

Michael Calixte participates in the ACTION workshop held in St. John's, FL

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BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

THE BROTHER RICE COMMUNITY GIVES BACK DURING ALL SCHOOL SERVICE DAY



On October 28, 2013 Brother Rice students, faculty and parents participated in the 2013 Day of Service - a unique opportunity to serve the community and give public witness to faith while raising funds for the school.

On this important day, Brother Rice sent 670 students, 80 faculty members and 100 parents out into the Detroit area to serve those less fortunate in the community. It was a partnership with local charities including Angels Place, Christ Child House, Gleaners Food Bank, Saint Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and The Eight Mile Boulevard Association. Students assisted with yard work, washed windows, painted, winterized facilities, sorted food, made meals and generally pitched in as needed. Funds raised will benefit the annual fund that supports programs like tuition assistance, technology and facility upgrades.

"Conscious of the educational mission to develop soul, mind and body, I want to assure you that Brother Rice High School is committed to matching its words with its actions," said school President John Birney. "The Day of Service is an important part of our Brother Rice culture precisely because of the message that it sends to every student - be kind, be generous, be selfless, share your gifts and love with others in need of a helping hand," he added.

Christian Service is an essential element in the development of Brother Rice students. Every student performs a minimum of 15 Christian Service hours annually to fulfill the school's requirement, but on October 28th, the entire school united together, faculty and students, parents and friends, to share the collective service responsibilities to the local community.

As with so many charitable opportunities these days involving walkathons and similar activities, the students asked family and friends to recognize this service and be a partner in the Rice mission by donating to the school in exchange for the students' efforts.

One of the organizations that benefited on the Day of Service was grateful. "The students were awesome," said Roz Salter, Volunteer Coordinator at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. "The Brother Rice family was a true blessing to us today!"



Brother Rice students assist with fall clean-up in and around the school.



Brother Rice students, faculty and parents spend their day of service doing fall clean-up for Angels Place homes. Angels Place a nonprofit organization founded in 1992, provides homes and services to persons with developmental disabilities.

Becoming a Brother

The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers welcome you as you seek to discern God's call in your life. We hope and pray that this will be a time for great insight into who you are and where God is calling you.

You are already on the journey toward becoming a Brother: you have a strong faith, no doubt you have thought and prayed about becoming a Brother, you have contacted us for more information.

The formal process of becoming a Christian Brother is done in five stages:

- Contact,
- Candidacy,
- Residency,
- Novitiate, and
- Annual Profession.

These all offer opportunities for you to grow in your understanding of religious life. You will have numerous opportunities to experience prayer, community and ministry with the Christian Brothers.



Throughout your journey you will receive support and encouragement from the Brothers, who welcome the willingness of each individual to explore the Brothers' way of life in prayer, community and ministry.

In the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder, the Congregation of Christian Brothers is an international community of vowed religious brothers living and praying in community and missioned by the church for Christian education. The men the Christian brothers seek to join with them are Catholic men who sense a call to live in fraternal community and who wish to minister in the educational apostolates of the church, especially to youth. They are men with the religious inspiration and dedication necessary to live a life of consecrated celibacy and who, through vows of poverty and obedience, place their gifts, talents, and possessions at the disposal of the community in order to meet the needs of God's people.

More information on the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers at these links:

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