Mount St. Francis Community
St. John’s, Newfoundland

On March 6, 2014, the community celebrated Brother Bert Darcy’s 94th birthday. At 94 years of age, Bert is the second oldest Brother in our province. Only Brother Basil Heaphy is older at 95 years. The community, with some of Bert’s family, gathered in the chapel for Mass in the late afternoon. This was followed by a social and dinner. During the dinner, our resident poet laureate, Brother Bosco Wakeham, recited the poem he composed for the occasion. Bosco’s poem reads:

Bert’s Birthday
(March 3, 2014)

Now he is ninety-four
But they tell me what is more
That he is only just at the beginning
If that sounds very strange
Then you should hear his range
When he opens his mouth and he starts singing.

And on the piano’s stool
He is still nobody’s fool
His fingers are still strong and very nimble
He makes the piano roar
Sometimes without a score
And even with the score ignores the symbol.

Now he is a man of prayer
To be sure, he’s always there,
When in the Chapel all the Brothers gather
Now we can only guess
How he beats us all in chess
But that’s another very sorry matter.

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Good morning . We join in prayer today for three special reasons:

1. Brother Beyer was born on this day in 1924. It is rare in the life of a school that you can celebrate someone who is 90.

Brother was assigned to Bergen Catholic in September 1969. He taught classes on a regular basis until June 2009. During those 45 years he taught Social Studies and Religion, was in charge of the Audio-Visual Department, directed a competitive intramural program that ran through the school year.

*Remarks made by Bergen Catholic High School President, Brother Brian Walsh, when the 835 students and 110 faculty and staff joined on February 11, 2014, to celebrate Br. Teddy Beyer on his birthday.*

*)**: The dining room at Mt. St. Francis, (l to r): Brs. George Fitzpatrick, Bosco Wakeham; Dr. Steve Darcy, Mrs. Iris Darcy, Br. Bert Darcy, Dr. Jim Darcy, Brs. Raph Bellows and Dave Murphy.*

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He is really a good guy
And as the years roll by
He laughs and smiles and does a bit of chatter,
But for his and our sake
We hope that Sandra’s cake
Will not be blamed for making him any fatter.

So he’s only ninety four
And he’s on the second floor
The chair-lift’s for him and for no other
I wish him all the best
Except to win at chess,
Happy birthday, my older, bigger brother.

*E.B. Wakeham, CFC*
Brother became Freshman basketball coach in 1969. He was still the coach when I was head of school here in 1992-1993. You do the math.

Our Social Studies Honor Society is named for him. The medal given at graduation for achievement in Social Studies is also named for him.

Brother Beyer goes for lunch in the cafeteria each day (usually period 4A), is at most of the home freshman basketball games and joins in all the faculty lunches and socials held during the school year.

Every year we have five or six alumni reunions. I am always asked about Brother Beyer. In fact the class of 1993 just met three nights ago, Saturday, February 8. A graduate said to me “Surely Br Beyer is not still around.” He laughed when I told him, “Still around indeed and we are honoring him on Tuesday as he turns 90.”

So we pray for and celebrate Brother Beyer not only for his 90th birthday but for his 72 years of being poor, chaste and obedient. Seventy-two years of being faithful to his GOD.

2. The second thing we bring to prayer today is that we may age rather than grow old: age is physical, “old” is mental.

Brother Beyer has a smart phone, surfs the web, watches our streamed athletic contests and events such as the Academic Awards ceremony, listens to Dan Long’s broadcasts of our games, uses his DVR for picture-in-picture and switches between them when the Yankees are not doing well, reads books daily on his Kindle (his Kindle has over 100 books that he has read in the past 2 ½ years).

This year when we moved the Brothers’ kitchen and dining room upstairs we decided for the first time not to have a cook. On his own he decided to set the table for dinner each night, to help with the wash-up after supper, and every morning to empty the dishwasher and to put the dishes, glasses and silverware away.

Four times a week he sets the chapel up for Mass.

We pray that as Brother Beyer has, we age, not grow old.

3. The third thing we celebrate and bring to prayer today is the fact that right now in this space our God is calling people to the priesthood and the consecrated life. God calls and man responds.

We pray in our spirit of brotherhood that those of us who hear God’s call in our hearts to serve Him and His people will have the courage to do so and that they will have our support and that of their family and friends when they do answer God’s call.

We pray for three things in this Mass today:

- In celebration of Brother Beyer’s faithfulness;
- That we may age not grow old;
- That those of us being called by God to priesthood and the consecrated life will know of our encouragement and support.
I will be back after Mass.

*The program and Brother Walsh continued after the Mass.*

I thank you for your attention. At this point we would like to show a brief video on Brother Beyer. *(After the video)* This showed you some great shots of Brother through the years. Brother through the years has steadfastly refused to call attention to himself. At our monthly celebration of Mass, he is always to the side of the main door. The faculty was betting yesterday on whether he would show up today.

Brother, give a wave so we can see you.

*At this point the students (on their own) turned and faced Brother with sustained applause. Brother left his spot, walked to the stage and addressed the students, thanked them and told them that while a school is about academics, activities and athletics, it is the students who are the main focus.*

“*You are getting better each year. It is my wish that some of you may become Priests and some go all the way and become Brothers.*”

As he left the stage Teddy was presented with a cake and the singing of Happy Birthday.

Brother Walsh concluded the celebration in his usual way by saying: “*Today’s lessons seem to be about faithfulness and aging, not growing old; as usual be holy, be saints, be sexy, I really love you guys.*”

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The Final Four Extravaganza is happening Saturday, April 5th at St. Laurence. For the next few weeks, we are featuring the craft breweries who will be at the event. Today's brewery is **Blue Moon Brewing Co.**, which is one of the 11 breweries that will be serving samples. They are bringing their Summer Honey Wheat, Short Straw, and Pine in the Neck. Join us to sample these great beers, along with many others! You can check out Blue Moon's Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/bluemoon](https://www.facebook.com/bluemoon) or their Twitter feed at [https://twitter.com/bluemoonbrewco](https://twitter.com/bluemoonbrewco).

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Congratulations to the Viking baseball team on being ranked 39th in the country by Baseball America! Looking forward to another great season. The team will be playing in a national tournament in Arizona from March 24-28. They will then travel to Indianapolis to play in the Best of the Midwest Tournament with the top eight teams in the Midwest. They look to defend their 2013 Catholic League Blue title this season. Come out and support the Vikings! Click on the link to see the 2014 baseball video.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTcZbQV9oAY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTcZbQV9oAY)

Below is the link to a video from St. Laurence students involved with the Rock and Roll Club about a service project they completed:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG1ZW4yri1M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG1ZW4yri1M)

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[http://edmundrice.net/chapter2014/](http://edmundrice.net/chapter2014/)
On February 25, 2014, history came to life, when 42 middle school students from the Brother Rice Honors Academy at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep visited HistoryMiami. The students had a hands-on opportunity to further develop what they are learning in Social Studies as part of Black History month.

Students toured the museum’s permanent gallery that documents 10,000 years of South Florida history; viewed the current exhibition, “I Shook Up the World” – a photo documentary of the historic February 25, 1964, Cassius Clay vs. Sonny Liston fight that took place in Miami Beach; and learned more about segregation and how integration eventually took place in Florida’s history.

“My favorite part of the field trip was when we got to see the art and the chance to actually sit on a trolley,” remarked 7th grade student, Samara Gustafson. “They told us how you would get on and put your money in this thing that looked like a coin slot. Then they told us about how it was like a segregated trolley and when the trolley reached the end of the track and switched directions, the black passengers would have to leave their seats and return to the back.”

Archbishop Curley High School and Notre Dame Academy (once separate schools) were the first high schools in Florida to integrate. Graduates from this era often return to speak to students about their experiences.

Allan Blondell, one of the Curley graduates from the early 1960’s who spoke at the school’s Heritage Day on February 5th, said of his personal experience: “Archbishop Curley, Notre Dame, and other Catholic schools integrated in the late 1950’s and early 1960’s without drama and civil unrest. This brave act eventually resulted in the dismantling of segregation in Miami and South Florida.”

Blondell also told students about a fast food restaurant that refused to serve the black students from Curley’s football team following an away game. “The players could be served, but the black athletes would have to eat on the bus or outside the restaurant,” commented Blondell. “The solution…none would eat, and all would leave! This was a principled act on the part of our coaches and white players.”

The presentation of the Proclamation and Time Capsule dedication marked ACND’s 60th anniversary. The ceremony was preceded by the school’s 4th Annual Heritage Day where past graduates are invited to participate in question and answer sessions with current students.

This year, eleven graduates inspired students to make community service a lifetime commitment. Participants either formed or lead a non-profit organization or have pursued a career dedicated to serving the community. They were: Dr. Paul S. George ’60, historian and professor of history at Miami-Dade college; Nick Silverio ’61, founder of A Safe Haven for Newborns; Allan Blondell ’65, Ron Young ’65, Dr. Cornelius James ’63, and Paul Wyche ’64, representing the first integrated high school class in Florida; Carl Juste ’81, veteran Miami Herald photojournalist and founder of the IPC Visual Lab; Rick de la Guardia ’83, engineer, president of DLG Engineering, and immediate past president of the University of Miami College of Engineering Alumni Association; Serge Rodriguez ’88, director of operations at the Haitian Heritage Museum in the Design District; Cristina Quiroga Thompson ’99, board vice president of The Key Clubhouse of South Florida; and Sandra Allí ’05, founder of Mirror of Prosperity.
Sandra Alli, the youngest alum, had transferred from Miami Edison High School to ACND through the Voucher Program (McKay Scholarships.) “I was hard to work with, but a lot of the teachers [at ACND] took the time to rehabilitate me – I was an at-risk student,” explained Alli. “My homelessness and studies at St. Thomas brought me to my non-profit. It has been a beacon of hope. It changed my life and now I can change the life of others.”

(l to r) Dr. Cornelius James ’63, Allan Blondell ’65, Paul Wyche ’64, and Ron Young ’65 have been best friends since elementary school at Holy Redeemer and were part of the first integrated high school class in Florida at Archbishop Curley.

Paul Wyche ’63 was the first black student admitted to Archbishop Curley – the boys’ high school (later merged with Notre Dame) was the first one in Florida to integrate -- ten years before Miami-Dade County Public Schools complied with a federal court-ordered integration. Wyche talked to students about racial segregation (still rampant in the 60’s), his high school memories, and his work as a communications professional and president of Wyche and Associates in Casselberry, FL.

*Jericho House, Wainfleet, Ontario*

Jericho House Youth Leadership, Justice & Spirituality Center is an ecumenical and interfaith retreat center in the Catholic tradition. An ideal location for retreats, meetings, conferences, and seminars.

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SCHOOL HONORS 22 STUDENT ATHLETES ON NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

On February 5, 2014, Brother Rice High School honored its scholar athletes who plan to take their athletic careers to the next level. Twenty-two seniors took the opportunity to sign or go definite with their plans to compete after graduating from Brother Rice High School. The 2013 MHSAA state champion football team will send 13 of its players to college playing fields. Six baseball players, two swimmers and thus far one lacrosse player have also committed to being student athletes next year. There are also at least six other scholar athletes, with invitations to play at the next level, who were not yet ready to make an announcement for today’s event.

“This is one of the largest groups of athletes we’ve had on a National Signing Day in recent history,” said Athletic Director Reg Cavender. “It’s a real testament to the success of our academic and athletic programs.”

The school’s principal, Brother Michael Segvich, CFC, was impressed by the number and quality of these impressive young men. “At Brother Rice we try to develop more complete men. By focusing on the development of our boys’ souls, minds and bodies we find that many of them have great success in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. These student athletes have worked hard both on and off the field while here at Brother Rice. They have been nurtured and have learned how to compete in the classroom and in their sports. I see great things for them in the future.”

Newly appointed, Head Varsity Football Coach, Dave Sofran ’96, was on hand to applaud 13 of his players.

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Name | Middle School | Sport | University
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Jason Alessi ’14 | St. Regis | Football | Yale
Sage Baltrusaitis ’14 | Shrine | Football | West Point
Austin Brown ’14 | Walnut Creek | Football | Robert Morris University
Chris Carter ’14 | Orchard Lake | Football | University of North Dakota
Josh Flye | Orchard Lake | Football | Siena Heights
Jack Grisan ’14 | Abbott | Football | Saginaw Valley State University
Jeremy Hickey ’14 | St. Regis | Football | Eastern Michigan University
Shaun Jones ’14 | Hilbert | Football | Notre Dame College
Corey Lacanaria ’14 | St. Regis | Football | Ball State University
Dominic Perkovic ’14 | St. Regis | Football | Columbia University
Alberto Sandoval ’14 | Spiritus Sanctus | Football | Cornell University
Brian Walker ’14 | Abbott | Football | Notre Dame College
Damaris Woods ’14 | Avondale | Football | Saginaw Valley State University

Varsity Baseball Coach Bob Riker ’85 introduced his players:

Name | Middle School | Sport | University
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Ryan Donnelly ’14 | Our Lady of Victory | Baseball | Washington College
Freddie Jehle ’14 | Derby | Baseball | Siena Heights
Sammy Stevens ’14 | Sacred Heart | Baseball | Georgetown University

In addition, there were six athletes that took advantage of the early signing period last fall and were introduced by their coaches Ajay Chawla ’93 for lacrosse and Mike Venos for swimming.

Name | Middle School | Sport | University
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Ty Kiafoulis ’14 | Our Lady of Sorrows | Baseball | University of Michigan
Randy Righter ’14 | Abbott | Baseball | Bowling Green University
Matthew Ruppenthal ’14 | Bloomfield Hills | Baseball | Vanderbilt University
Liam Reaume ’14 | Queen of Martyrs | Lacrosse | Binghamton University
Bradford Jones ’14 | Bloomfield Hills | Swimming | Bellarmine University
Joe Krause ’14 | Hart | Swimming | Notre Dame University

Brother Rice High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school for young men. Inspired by the Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education, the school fosters the spiritual, intellectual, cultural and physical development of its students. The Brother Rice Community promotes excellence through an environment conducive to life-long personal growth, responsible moral choices and critical thinking. For more information please visit the Brother Rice website at www.brrice.edu.

Our Honorary Chairs, Arlene and Ken Alessi & Nora and Schuyler Hamill ’77, invite you to join the Brother Rice Community in support of Irish Nite Auction 2014. Irish Nite, is our major social and fundraising event of the year. For 37 years, Parents, Alumni and Friends have banded together in support of the mission of Brother Rice with an annual dinner and auction. Please join us on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

To view the invitation, make a reservation or to donate an item, please visit our Auction Webpage by CLICKING HERE.

We are grateful for your support. Together we can make Irish Nite 2014 our most successful event ever.
The Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona presents

Reel Earth Cinema, A Women’s History Month Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of “Silent Spring”

We invite you to join us in saluting the mother of the environmental movement, Rachel Carson, as we remember the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of her ground-shifting book “Silent Spring,” which awakened the world to the hazardous use of pesticides—particularly DDT—and set in motion what may become the greatest movement of planetary history: The Great Work to save Earth from the industrial/chemical assault of more than a century.

As we enter this moment of the Sixth Extinction, witnessing the greatest loss of species in 67 million years, Carson’s prophetic voice rings more urgently true than ever, urging us to understand the impact of pesticides—which she termed biocides—on the health of ecosystems and living creatures, including us.

When it was released in 1962, “Silent Spring” had an immediate, profound impact that still resonates today. It elicited a public outcry for direct action followed by a brutal and sexist backlash from the chemical industry, that sought to discredit this government employed marine biologist as an “hysterical woman.” Yet Rachel Carson’s legacy is manifold, and she remains a potent voice for public understanding of science and the integral wholeness of earth ecology. She remains the wellspring of global environmentalism.

Thursday, March 13, 2014, 7 pm, Romita Auditorium, Ryan Library, Iona College, parking and directions at: iona.edu
Iona Community gratis / Guests $5

The Thomas Merton Contemplative Initiative at Iona invites you to join us for an hour of contemplative silence and meditation practice each week during the academic semester, as we gather to support each other in living more deeply and mindfully in the midst of our busy lives.
Faculty, Staff, Administrators and Students of Iona College are especially welcome as are all the Friends of the Iona Spirituality Institute community.

All kinds of meditators from all spiritual traditions are welcome. Bring your benches or cushions if you wish; the chapel chairs are available for us also.

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5:45 PM – 6:45 PM
At Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Chapel
Iona College Directions and parking information at www.iona.edu

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Message from Bob Kman
Chairman, Edmundian Society

Dear Bob,
Thank you for the very generous donation from the Edmundian Society to the Yachay Wasi Institute. The monies received will help us to continue our work with teachers, with the goal of improving the quality of education in Peru in a number of areas in which we work. Our objectives are to promote a method which guarantees comprehensive learning along with solid human and Christian values. And is a special way your economic support makes possible our project in community development in the five mountain districts of the Region of Arequipa, Peru.

Brother Jim Glos, cfc
Lima, Peru
Christine Rougoor, paralyzed from the chest down, says barriers aren’t just about the physical challenges of being disabled.

“It’s also about how people perceive people who are in wheelchairs or have various challenges,” she says.

Jericho House in Wainfleet has a philosophy of leadership based on the belief that young people are already leaders. Its efforts are geared towards helping enhance the leadership that already exists and is being exercised by young people.

Its fourth annual leadership symposium Wednesday features Rougoor as keynote speaker.

She will talk about youth leadership and how to provide a more inclusive environment and opportunity for people with differences.

“It’s a chance for people to discover their own biases and see what it’s like to be in someone else’s shoes,” says Rougoor, who became paralyzed as a result of a 2008 motocross accident.

She has become a motivational speaker for others with differences, and shares her own experiences with inclusion and how difficult it is to be mobility challenged.

She is a 2011 Brock University graduate and the recipient of the 2011 Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock medallion. She is continuing her studies in the master of education program, focusing her research on teachers with mobility issues within the classroom, which is a close and passionate topic for her.

“It was hard to find teachers with challenges, but once I did we all seemed to run into the same barriers,” says Rougoor.

The Jericho House symposium is open to the public and will see grades 10 to 12 students from across southwestern Ontario attend.

“It’s really about pushing for the respect for everyone and understanding diversity,” Rougoor says of her presentation.

One of the things she found she lost after her accident was the feeling of being independent.

“As a person with a disability I’ve learned how to ask for help when I need it. A lot of times people will just jump in there to help you with things they think you can’t do,” she says. “It’s important to ask before assuming that someone can’t do something. When you just start pushing someone in a wheelchair it isn’t just startling to them that they’re suddenly moving, but it also strips away their independence.”

This is the first time Rougoor has been invited to speak at the symposium and said it was something she embraced.
“This is what I push for in life. I’m a strong advocate for people with disabilities. I want to bring a broader awareness of the inclusion that is happening everywhere. I want to inspire these people so they can go out and be a good citizen of the community.”

Sister Jacquie Keefe, co-director of Jericho House, says Rougoor was chosen to speak because she is a great role model.

“This young woman is living what we believe in here at Jericho House. She’s very positive, ambitious, smart and empowering.”

Rougoor will be talking about her experiences of overcoming a traumatic change that affected all aspects of her life at home, school and within the community.

“I will be sharing stories of personal challenges, difficulties, and perceptions as a newly disabled student and student teacher,” says Rougoor.

She will also talk on her latest endeavors, travels and triumphs, which includes a wheelchair bungee jump in Whistler, B.C., which resulted in a YouTube video of the jump going viral.

The leadership symposium will be held at the ecumenical retreat on Rathfon Rd., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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