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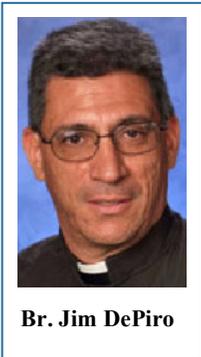
## Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America

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### DOMINICA AND TROPICAL STORM ERIKA St. Mary's Academy

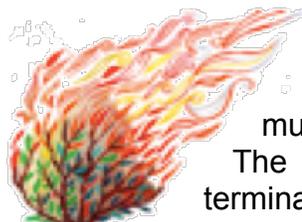


Br. Jim DePiro

On the morning of Thursday, 27 August 2015, the tropical storm dropped almost 15 inches of rain in a 12-hour period. No watches or warnings were issued by any weather service, but the office of disaster management warned people that we will get rain. While the immediate neighborhood of St. Mary's Academy and Community in Roseau was spared from any devastation, any community near a river was greatly impacted. The fury of Erika left overflowing raging rivers, collapsed bridges and washed out roads. In Roseau, the river overflowed its banks as it came down from the mountain taking with it anything along its

banks: cars, sheds, houses, trees, livestock, a Baptist church and school, rocks, boulders – anything and everything. And this was true of any river up and down the coastline. Two of the four bridges connecting Roseau to its northern neighbors are shut down, leaving the little traffic in town to be re-routed.

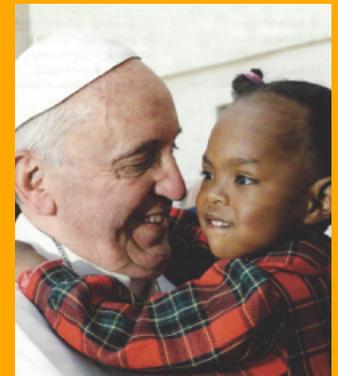
The communities of St. Joseph, Salisbury, Coulibistre, Colihaut and Portsmouth on the western coast had all access to each other cut off. It has since been restored, but with many make-shift bypasses that will surely be negatively impacted by another storm of any magnitude. Roads to the south leading to Soufrierre, Scots Head and Grand Bay have been cut off and since restored. The village of Petite Savanne in the southeast of the island was most impacted. Most of the two dozen dead and two dozen missing are from that area. It suffered dozens of mudslides rendering the village area inaccessible by land – and it remains that way now. For over a week, over 500 people have been evacuated by helicopter and boat. They are residing in a school shelter in Roseau waiting for families and friends to offer them housing. It was an eerie feeling hearing the helicopters flying overhead knowing they were carrying either evacuees or, even worse, the injured and dead. Government has declared this village and eight other areas special disaster zones. Rumor was there are no plans to rebuild this village.



The communities on the Atlantic coast – the Kalinago Territory, Castle Bruce, Saint Saviour – had much access cut off from the rest of the island for days. The airport in Marigot has been severely damaged: the terminal and equipment destroyed, the runway covered with

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It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible

*Saint Vincent de Paul*

water and debris, the bridge just outside the airport collapsed. No one is exactly sure when it will be up and running. While most places have had electric power, water service and telecommunications restored within five days, some outlying places still do not have access to these utilities. And while government is feverishly working to make all impacted roadways motorable – many simply one lane - delivery trucks are not able to safely pass. Thus, supplies to some areas are slow to come and are severely limited.

And, now the next concern is disease. Now that the waters receded, the mud has turned to dust. People with asthma and respiratory problems may find it difficult breathing without a mask . Water is flowing, but we are warned of dirty water. And of course, mosquitoes. The hospital and emergency places had found it difficult in the first days after the storm to accommodate people due to a lack of supplies or its workers unable to come to work.

And the opening of school, which was to occur Monday 7 September, has been delayed. At least 6 schools have been severely damaged and another dozen somewhat impacted. Many school children lost all their newly purchased supplies, uniforms and books. People are concerned that this will place the children at a disadvantage with the taking of the Caribbean exams next spring.

When speaking to the nation, the Prime Minister said this storm has taken Dominica back 20 years in its development and will cost about \$US 400 million! Many nations have offered aid. Neighboring islands and countries have already sent supplies; these can be seen coming by boat! And much more has been pledged. Dominicans overseas have been sending money to families and have offered assistance.

## MEMORIAL MASS 2015

Tampa, FL

On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, twenty-five Brothers and Edmundians gathered at the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel on the campus of Tampa Catholic High School for the Mass in memory of the deceased Brothers, Edmundians and Associates. Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Desmond Daly. After Mass, all gathered at the Brothers' house for light snacks, refreshments and conversations to renew old friendships.



Front Row ( l to r) John McGoldrick, Mrs. Marilu McGoldrick, Vinny Russell, David Samuel, William Roche, Jim Knowles, Mrs. Tina Reincken, Bernie Reinckens, Br. Jim Fagan  
Back Row ( l to r) Jack Lynch, Bob Siccone, Br. Bob Koppes, Br. Chris Burns, Br. Tim Smyth, Br Mike Colasuonno, Br. Jim MaDonald, Br. Tim Granzatto, Br. Jim van Koolbergen, Robert Droel, Br. Sean Moffett, Br. Dom Sanpietro, Brian Lemoi

## Cantwell High School, Los Angeles, CA



Attending the Memorial Mass  
at Cantwell High School for  
deceased Brothers:

Front (l to r) Luis Benitez  
(Michael '77), Peggy Hill, John  
Flynn (Patrick '58), Mike  
Sciaraffa (Kelly '70), Dave  
Fontes (Philip '59)

Back (l to r) John McCormack  
(Conan '60), Dick Hill (Thomas  
'51), Reno Frigo (Anthony '64)

## Mount St. Francis, St. John's, NL



### **Attending the Memorial Mass in St. John's, Newfoundland:**

Front Row (l to r): Br Rick Fowler; Br Harry French; Br Bert Darcy; Rene Estrada; Kevin Dormody, Associate; Br Gordon Bellows; Pete Oliver; Bill Hurley; Richard Hall; Br George Fitzpatrick.

Middle row (l to r): Gerry Duggan; Francis Sullivan; Derm MacDonald; John McGrath, Associate; Bob Quigley, Associate; Kevin Veitch.

Back row (l to r): Bill Hogan; Garry Bambrick; Br Dave Murphy; Frank Galgay; Richard McHugh; Walter White; Dave Fowler; Fr Kevin Molloy, Edmundian and Celebrant; Malachy Mandeville; Harold Stapleton; W Arden Hall; Ray O'Brien; Br E Bosco Wakeham.

The photographer was Edmundian Rudy Singleton.

### ***Honoring Our Veterans***



Join us for our annual Veterans Day Memorial Service  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
Noon  
Iona College  
Campus Quad  
715 North Avenue  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

A lunch reception will take place immediately following the service in the Thomas J. Burke Lounge, Spellman Hall.

Register today at

<http://www.ionaconnection.com/s/1551/index.aspx?sid=1551&gid=1&pgid=842&cid=1816&ecid=1816&crd=0&calpgid=434&calcid=1086>

You're invited to the Iona College SEMI-Annual Cocktail Reception

Featuring Martin B. Daly '74, Senior Vice President, Director of News and Late Night Sales, CBS Network, and, Timothy G. McCarthy '83. Senior Vice President, ESPN Radio Group

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6 - 9 p.m., \$40 per person

President's Room, New York Athletic Club. 180 Central Park South, New York, NY 10019

An Iona College Sports, Entertainment, and Media Industry networking event featuring a full cocktail reception, including an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a unique sit-down with CBS Network's Senior Vice President, Director of News and Late Night Sales, Martin B. Daly '74 and ESPN Radio Group Senior Vice President, Timothy G. McCarthy '83 and plenty of time to talk with old and new friends.

Space is limited to the first 100 people.

This event supports the Hagan School of Business' Center for Sports, Entertainment, and Media Studies.

*The following appeared in Light of Torah News, 3 October 2015 – Sukkot Shabbat*



Br Jack Driscoll (1933-2010) September 21 was the anniversary of the passing of our Light of Torah friend and colleague Br Jack Driscoll, CFC, PhD, of Jerusalem and New York. May this Light of Torah ministry always reflect his love for Torah and for the Jewish people.

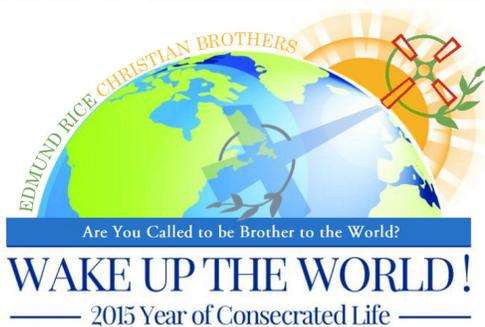
*"I will praise the Lord all my life, sing hymns to my God while I exist" (Psalm 146:2).*

## The Brothers 10 Art Show

Here are a few photos of the Brothers' art exhibit at Iona College recently. It was a great success. The gallery sold more pictures at this exhibition than any other show in the past. The artists were Brothers Ken Chapman, Ken Wolf, Anthony Reynolds, Jack Mostyn, Michael Valdes and Dave Lucas, RIP. The sculptor was Brothers Jerry McCarthy and the boat maker was Brother Paul Dillemath. The photographer was Brother James Kevin Devlin.



PRESENCE COMPASSION LIBERATION



## ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME PREP

Miami, FL

During the last week of September students from Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep hosted a group of students from Colegio Cardenal Newman, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Colegio Stella Maris, Montevideo, Uruguay and accompanied them to the *ACTION Student Leadership Workshop* held in St. John's, Florida.

Students from schools operated or staffed by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America and Latin America gathered to celebrate the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers. The workshop focused on leadership development, advocacy, community building, and communication among the schools.

Since 1985, the Congregation of Christian Brothers has administered Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep. In 2012, the school welcomed its first lay Principal, but the Christian Brothers continue to serve at ACND in administrative, counseling, and teaching roles.

“Through the decades, ACND has been a place where young people of different cultures and ethnicities have learned to know one another in friendship as children of God. The ACND family strives to be a model of justice and harmony to South Florida, in gratitude for this gift,” stated Douglas Romanik, ACND Principal. “By joining forces with the students from Colegio Stella Maris and Colegio Cardenal Newman, the ACND student leaders will have an opportunity to further develop this appreciation.”

This year marks the 29th year that ACND students have participated in ACTION. ACND will hold an Open House on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.acnd.net/admissions](http://www.acnd.net/admissions).



(counter clockwise from top left hand corner of table):Keisha Louisma; Tomás Fortin; Facundo Preve; Ignacio Iribarne; Guillermo Bullrich (Pastoral Care Team Member); Ximena Beyhaut (Coordinator for SA Schools); Federica González; Matias Cardoso; Janellé Forbes; Cecilia Saunders; José Piña. And in the center (white shirt and tie) Mr. Douglas Romanik, Principal of ACBD.

On Saturday, October 17, 2015 a group of Seniors from [Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep](#) helped with the construction of the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami's #PopeFrancisHouse in partnership with the Archdiocese of Miami.

Construction began on the Liberty City home in September on the same day that local pilgrims were making their way to see Pope Francis in Cuba.

"As our Seniors study Social Justice, we are taking part in field trips that will incorporate the Corporal Works of Mercy such as: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick and imprisoned," commented Bruni M. Egan, ACND Theology Teacher and Knights for Life Moderator.

The Archdiocese of Miami contributed \$60,000 toward the home, matching a grant made by an anonymous Habitat donor who wanted to honor Pope Francis.



**ACND Prep Seniors work at the construction site Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami's #PopeFrancisHouse in Liberty City.  
(l to r): Sam Kattura, Ashley Savain, Sabrina Monestime, Lexander Acosta and Christopher Arroyo is in the back.**



**ACND Prep Seniors in front of the #PopeFrancisHouse under construction (l to r): Kathy Berdugo (Environmental Science Teacher), Chelsey Pierre, Tracey Dominique, Sabrina Monestime, Kendra Ross (Habitat Home Owner), Eduardo Fajardo, Ashley Savain, Lexander Acosta, Sam Kattura, Briana Gaspard, Bruni Egan (Theology Teacher), back Christopher Arroyo, Christian Masseus, not pictured Oscar Cedeno (Director Student Services)**

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# BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Bloomfield Hills, MI

## **BROTHER RICE ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL “RICE IN THE D” EVENT BENEFITTING TUITION ASSISTANCE Event will honor local business leader Van Conway for his decade-long support and mentorship**



Brother Rice President John Birney announced recently that it will hold its inaugural “Rice in the D” Men’s Night event to benefit the school’s Tuition Assistance Program the evening of October 15 at the Detroit Athletic Club beginning at 6:30 pm. As part of the evening, Brother Rice will honor longtime benefactor, Detroit business leader Van Conway, CEO and President of Conway MacKenzie, for financial aid, scholarships, mentoring and overall support of the school.

“Van’s leadership has been essential to our mission to provide a Catholic, college prep education to the many deserving students who require financial assistance to attend Brother Rice,” said Mr. Birney. “In the last ten years, Van’s generous support of our Tuition Assistance Program has provided direct assistance for more than 35 young men to not only get a quality high school education but go on to succeed in college and beyond.”

Mr. Conway will be the first honoree at what will become an annual gathering for Brother Rice graduates and fathers to celebrate and support the Brother Rice Tuition Assistance Fund. Tickets can be purchased on the Brother Rice website or by going directly to: <http://brrice.edu/giving-to-brother-rice/rice-in-the-d/>.

“I have been blessed to be able to help Brother Rice and these young men,” said Mr. Conway. “It takes a great deal more than just financial backing for these kids to succeed. Ensuring they have a support system in place, from the teachers to outside mentors to guide them, Brother Rice provides such a great structure for success on every level.”

“The evening is a great opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of classmates, fellow fathers and other members of the Rice family and to support the mission of the school in a meaningful way. Specifically, that mission is to ensure that as many students as possible benefit from an education that will help them become more complete men who are better prepared for success in college, their careers and in life,” said Tim Keaton, Brother Rice Chief Marketing Officer.

Mr. Conway is co-founder of Conway MacKenzie, a national firm, headquartered in Metro Detroit that specializes in assisting companies through reorganization, mergers, acquisitions, financing, restructuring and bankruptcy. He is a nationally recognized leader in his field and an active voice and participant in the financial redevelopment and economic growth of the City of Detroit, Southeast Michigan and the Region.



## Five Brother Rice seniors named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program

Brother Rice High School is proud to announce that five Brother Rice High School seniors have been named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program based on their scores on the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Robert Connolly, Jaret Koger, Joseph Mekhael, Riley North and Dylan Page are among the 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students place among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million high school juniors who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 PSAT/NMSQT.



(l to r standing) Joseph Mekhael, Robert Connolly and Dylan Page  
(left to right sitting) Riley North and Jaret Koger

### ***BROTHER RICE ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL “WARRIOR DEN” BUSINESS STARTUP COMPETITION FOR STUDENT AND YOUNG ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURS***

Brother Rice President John Birney announced recently that the school, along with a group of alumni who are successful businessmen and investors, will hold the first “**Warrior Den**” **Start Up Competition** for young entrepreneurs. The group of graduates will award up to **\$250,000** to the winning business plan in exchange for an equity stake in the new venture. The competition is open to graduates from the classes of 2006 – 2016, thus giving young college graduates as well as members of the current senior class the opportunity to formulate a business plan, make a public pitch for their idea and compete to receive up to a \$250,000 investment. These fellow Brother Rice Warriors will offer their services as an advisory board for the winning business idea, in order to help get the new venture off the ground and generate a return on their investment. Here are the details of the contest:

- Applicants must register online to receive their instructions & business plan outlines by **December 1st**.
- Business plans are due **March 1st**.
- The Warrior Den Fund board will review all plans and select finalists at its own discretion.
- The class of 2016 will be guaranteed at least two finalist spots.
- Six finalists will be publicly announced **Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Six finalists make their pitch at the “live” version of the “Warrior Den” in the gym before the entire school audience scheduled for **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

"For the past decade, we have witnessed a significant increase in student interest in entrepreneurial experiences. The Warrior Den Competition is an outstanding opportunity for our students, particularly those who have participated in the BEAM&R activity (Business Entrepreneurial Alliance of Marian and Brother Rice), to put their lessons into action. We are blessed to have a group of alumni who are

willing to offer such an innovative and unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our students", said John Birney, Brother Rice President.

"We are excited to make this offer to the seniors and recent graduates of Brother Rice High School. We believe that a Brother Rice education is an exceptionally valuable experience that has historically developed men of character and intelligence who have repeatedly demonstrated that they are capable of building and leading business organizations. We expect that this opportunity reflects our tremendous confidence in the young men of Brother Rice, and we look forward to establishing a new tradition that reinforces the value of teaching young men to compete", said Raj Chawla, a member of the Warrior Den Fund Board.

***Athletic Hall of Fame  
Submit your nomination for the 2015-16 Class***

The nomination process has officially opened up for the 2015-16 Brother Rice Athletic Hall of Fame. You can nominate an alumnus, coach, administrator, or team that you feel deserves this honor. Members of the Athletic Hall of Fame have made a positive impact on our athletic programs by demonstrating athletic achievement, exemplary leadership qualities and character or have made a significant contribution to the community.

Anyone in the Brother Rice community is eligible to submit a nomination. The nomination period opened on **October 15**, and will **close on November 15**. A selection committee comprised of coaches, inductees and community leaders will review the nominations and select this year's class. The new members will be announced on or before **December 1, 2016**.

To nominate your potential inductee(s), please click on the following link: <http://brrice.edu/athletics/athletic-hall-of-fame-nominations/#form>

For a list of Athletic Hall of Fame members click on the following link: <http://brrice.edu/athletics/athletic-hall-of-fame/>



**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.

Info: Jericho House 10845 Rathfon Road, Port Colborne, ON L3K 5V4;

P: 905-834-0553, F: 905-834-5230

[www.jerichohouse.org](http://www.jerichohouse.org)

The Jericho House Team:

Sister Jacquie Keefe, cssf, Brother Bill Carrothers, cfc

## MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

Staten Island, NY

Well, the Farrell Television Studio is fully up and running and we have been very busy. During the recent visit of Pope Francis to New York City, twenty Farrell students including members of Farrell TV (WFBN-TV) had the wonderful opportunity to attend the welcoming of Pope Francis as he arrived outside of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Pope looked directly at the uniformed Farrell students and gave them a Blessing (see photo) followed by a thumbs-up. It was very exciting!

Prior to the Pope's arrival, U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer spotted the Farrell Students outside the cathedral and after talking to the students about Farrell and also the senators former assistant, Assemblyman Michael Cusick, who graduated from the Farrell class of 1987, the Senator took a photo with the boys.

A few minutes later, Mayor Bill De Blasio, likewise spotted the students and posed for a photo.

FBN-TV senior cameraman, Richard Portas, who was one of the 12 students from across the Archdiocese; had the opportunity to great Pope Francis at Our Lady of Angels (East Harlem).

For more information contact Brother Paul Hannon at [brohannon@msgrfarrellhs.org](mailto:brohannon@msgrfarrellhs.org).



Mayor Bill DeBlasio with Farrell students

Senator Chuck Schumer with Farrell students

## ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Burbank, IL



The Black and Gold Report is a new feature from the St. Laurence Athletic Department that will keep you up-to-date on all of the latest Viking athletic happenings. We hope you enjoy this new feature! Please let us know if you have any info -- either on an alum or historical content about one of our teams -- that you think should be included in future issues of The Black and Gold Report.

This year promises to be a very exciting year for the Vikes. The fall season is already underway, and you can read about some of the accomplishments of the fall student-athletes throughout this e-newsletter.

Whether you are a grammar school student, a current parent, or an alum, we appreciate your support of Viking athletics and we invite you to come check out our sports teams in action this year.

## VIKING PRIDE DINNER

Congratulations to the following alumni, who will be recognized at this year's Viking Pride Dinner! Plan to join us on Friday, November 6th to help celebrate their induction. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by a plated dinner and a few words from our inductees.

### 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

Bill Riordan '88 ..... Football and Baseball  
Dan Ruane '79..... Football  
Mark Ewald '73 ..... Football  
Ken Ritter '84..... Baseball  
2002 -2003 Basketball Team

Bryan Pruitt '90 .....Football  
Joe Kenny '70 .....Wrestling  
Dan Nyblom '97 .....Track  
Joe Moore '96 .....Hockey  
Coach Jerry Doorhy '91 - Football

### 2015 Presidential Award Winners:

Tom Allison, '69, President  
John Barnicle, '82, Entrepreneur

Stan Fronczak, '65, Professional



The poster features a background image of a suspension bridge over water. The title "Mission Frère" is written in large, yellow, stylized letters at the top. Below it, "Edmund Rice Network Services" is written in a smaller, yellow, cursive font. There are two inset photos: one on the left showing a man holding a child, and one on the right showing three women sitting at a table. The poster includes several blue text boxes with white text, and a central yellow banner with the words "Presence Compassion Liberation" and the website "www.ercbna.org".

# Mission Frère

Edmund Rice Network Services

**Campus Affiliates**  
Prayer experiences, service opportunities and social gatherings for college and university students from Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Schools.

**Mission and Immersion Experiences**  
Short term service projects in poor and marginalized areas in the United States, Canada and abroad.

**Christian Brothers Lay Volunteer Program**  
Year-long service in a context of Community, Prayer and Reflection with the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers in North America.

**Associate and Vowed Membership**  
with the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers.

*Presence Compassion Liberation*  
[www.ercbna.org](http://www.ercbna.org)

# ALL HALLOWS HIGH SCHOOL

Bronx, NY

All Hallows had a group of twelve students travel to Ireland (this is the fourth consecutive summer) for the Albert Schweitzer Leadership for Life annual international conference in Dublin from July 31 - Aug. 8. Mr. Sean Sullivan, our principal and one of the chaperons, organized a trip to Waterford.

Also pictured is Ron Schutte, our new President, who was also visiting Waterford. The brother giving the tour and pictured with the group is Br. Gleeson who's on the staff at the Edmund Rice Center. Also accompanying the group was Paul Fontana, our academic vice-principal. The group spent several hours in Waterford before returning to Dublin to begin their week-long leadership conference.



***The following story appeared in the Vancouver Province Newspaper and was posted by Howard Tsumura***



**The quartet aka the Bumpin Bakery -- l to r: Javier Sanchez-Mejorada, Amanda Scorda, Regan Oey and Evan McCaig**

One Saturday, as he surveyed the situation from his spot at safety within the defensive secondary of the Vancouver College Fighting Irish, Regan Oey recognized the wheel route being run by an opposition member of the New Westminster Hyacks.

Instinctively, he broke on the ball, picked it off, and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown as part of his team's 49-21 victory.

On the football field, Oey excels at being a taker, but in the larger scheme of things "Regan is a giver," says his head coach, Todd Bennett. "He is always focused on others. He always thinks of those around him before himself."

The exact same thing can be said of two of Oey's fellow senior teammates on the Irish football team — running back Javier

Sanchez-Mejorada and offensive lineman Evan McCaig — as well as Amanda Scorda, a senior varsity field hockey player from neighbouring Little Flower Academy.

Together, the four Grade 12 student-athletes have thrown passionate purpose into a collective mixing bowl of batter to become The Bumpin Bakery, a community outreach group that, on a weekly basis, attempts to make a difference with the underprivileged living on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

"We wanted to make a connection there, and we just thought that doing something simple, like giving a muffin and a cup of coffee could start a conversation," says Oey. "It was a simple idea, but it turned into so much more."

So much so in fact, that their outreach has become an anticipated appointment every Sunday morning, 10 a.m. sharp, at the corner of Main and Hastings.

"The funny thing is that if we're ever late, they tell us," smiles Scorda. "And I think that is really special. When we first started doing this, we realized how much it impacted these people. It has been the most special thing I have ever been a part of. Now, they look forward to seeing us."

And as both Oey and Scorda relay, it has been that personal, street-level connection with the residents of the Downtown Eastside that has resonated most with them, the stuff that happens in the moments between handing out hot coffee and fresh-baked muffins.

It has exceeded what the group had hoped for when 2015 Vancouver College graduate and Irish football player Dugie Turner first baked the idea to start a community initiative whose goals went beyond simply meeting the required amount of school service hours.

“One time, I saw a woman who had a walker and an oxygen tank,” begins Oey, whose surname so fittingly comes with the phonetic pronunciation of Oui or We. “I offered her a fresh cup of coffee and a muffin and we started to talk. She told me ‘I had lung cancer twice, and I survived twice.’ She told me of the mistreatment of her family and that while people on the Downtown Eastside aren’t there by choice, they are not defined by it.”

Adds Scorda: “I met a man who grew up in Poland and lived there through the Second World War, and he told me the stories of his first-hand experience growing up as a child there. He told me how Nazi soldiers came into their house and how he had to hide. There are people living on the streets of Vancouver, and I never thought about their stories. Now, I’ve glimpsed into that.”

And what they’ve seen has created a big-picture scope, one which the four are hopeful will continue as they begin their post-secondary lives next fall, entrusting the Bumpin Bakery to a new class of seniors.

“We sat back a few weeks ago and we watched the Grade 11s doing it,” says Scorda proudly. “They were brewing the coffee and serving the muffins, and they have their own cool ideas. Lately, we’ve been getting more donations, too. It’s been word of mouth, and we’re all growing together.”

The foursome bring their will and their skills together each Friday afternoon at Vancouver College to bake a few hundred muffins. And lately, fellow VC and LFA students have begun to donate more muffins as well. Oey thanks local company Bean Around The World for their coffee donation.

“We’ve been able to build a bit of a nest-egg which is great,” says Oey of the contributions that have come through the group’s website at [bumpinbakery.ca](http://bumpinbakery.ca).

A simple idea. A simple act.

Here’s a muffin and here’s cup of coffee and by the way, let’s talk.

The Bumpin Bakery is the perfect example of how young people, behind the scenes, go out into the world and make a difference.



Visit Vancouver College  
Vancouver, BC Canada

[www.vc.bc.ca](http://www.vc.bc.ca)



[www.ercbna.org](http://www.ercbna.org)

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# YACHAY WASI INSTITUTE

Lima, Perú

Dear Friends of the Yachay Wasi Institute,



Hon Diego  
Glos

Greetings once again from Peru. After more than a year I once again send you a bulletin regarding our work in education and our plans to continue to improve the quality of the project we offer to teachers, both in public and private schools.

## Yachay Wasi's Vision and Mission

For some thirty years our Institute has worked to make education for Peruvians a pleasant, interesting and values-centered experience. Our work began in 1982 at Colegio Nuestra Señora del Pilar, a private school in Arequipa run by the Christian Brothers Congregation. Three science teachers, Betty Barbachan, Juana Loayza and Brother Jim Glos, had a VISION about making science teaching better. What they hoped to accomplish was a paradigm shift from an intense memory-based learning system to a new methodology in which their students actively participate in the learning process, using hands-on materials, manuals with written learning guides and cooperative group dynamics. By applying this new thrust they hoped to form students with a high level of self-esteem and competence, along with a healthy attitude toward themselves, their neighbors and the Earth.

At first the results were mildly positive, the students participated more in classroom activities, got better grades, had much improved classroom conduct and evaluated their science classes as interesting and enjoyable experiences. Some of the teachers of other subject areas made similar changes in their teaching techniques, which helped to create a cumulative impact in the school that went beyond the initial vision. Student participation in extra-curricular activities (debate, oratory, science fairs, pastoral experiences, sports, etc.) gradually began winning prizes for their participation. And an interesting, encouraging and unexpected result, was that the graduates were doing much better in university entrance examinations, some occupying the highest grades amount all the other postulants.



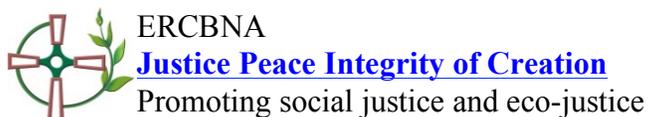
Professor Hugo helps a student group  
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Thus the first MISSION to apply the vision was to the aforementioned school. However, we decided to try to share the benefit of our experience. We wondered if this vision can become a reality in the brothers' school, why not share it with others. Thus the next step was to do workshops for teachers of other schools, first just in the city of Arequipa and then in other parts of the country (Cusco, Puno, Lima, Chiclayo, Moquegua, ILO, Moyobamba, among others). The evaluations of the teachers in these workshops were always very positive. After a number of years in this missionary effort, the three teachers decided to begin a non-government organization (NGO) based in the city of Arequipa, under the name "INSTITUTO PARA LA INVESTIGACION

Since forming this NGO the work with teachers of other schools has been generally limited to the cities of Arequipa and Lima. Teachers interested in using the Yachay Wasi Project receive training in the use of the manual guides and hands-on materials for each science theme. They are loaned eight sets of materials to be used in small groups with the students in their respective schools. The students, using their manuals, read and apply the indicated procedures, manipulate the hands-on materials, answer questions related to their experience, form and test hypotheses and relate their experiences with the other groups in plenary sessions directed by the teacher. After the plenary session the using his/her knowledge of the subject matter, amplifies the theme being studied. When finished with the loaned materials, the teachers return these to the institute, receive further training on a new theme, and take a new set of materials to their schools. There is no charged either for the training received or for the use of the hands-on materials. The only income that the institute receives from the schools is generated by the sale of the manuals to the students at a price equivalent to US\$12.00.

After more than twenty years of this procedure we can confidently say that it works! The evaluations of the teachers, their students and parents, and of education authorities have been very positive. The Yachay Wasi Institute is known, esteemed and respected both nationally and internationally. And it works not just in the teaching of the natural sciences, but in other areas in which it has been applied: mathematics, environment education, sexuality education, communication skills, pre-school and primary school learning, etc.

There is another indicator that the Yachay Wasi Method is working, which has to do with recent education policies taken by the Peruvian Ministry of Education. The Ministry is placing a strong emphasis on what is called “rutas de aprendizaje” (learning paths). These paths include ideas like the use of hands-on materials, sequential learning, cooperative group work, emphasizing the theory of Multiple Intelligences (Howard Gardner, Harvard University), and that of Mental Operations (Reuben Feuerstein-Israel), among others. We see a lot congruencies in what the Ministry of Education is promoting with what Yachay Wasi has been using since 1982. Also a new measure is being used in science education in which the Ministry sends via Internet learning guides to science teachers. These are to be copied for the students who use them in their classes. The teachers who work with our institute have recognized in these guides something very similar to the Yachay Wasi Method, but without the hands-on materials or the personalized training on the use of the guides. What can be intuited by these measures? Does it mean that the Ministry is copying what Yachay Wasi has been proposing for some thirty years, or that our work in all these years has influenced the Ministry? We would like to think so, but certainly cannot prove it. However, one thing is certain, if what the Ministry is now promoting is an important and useful innovation, then we have another guarantee that our work over these years has been valuable.



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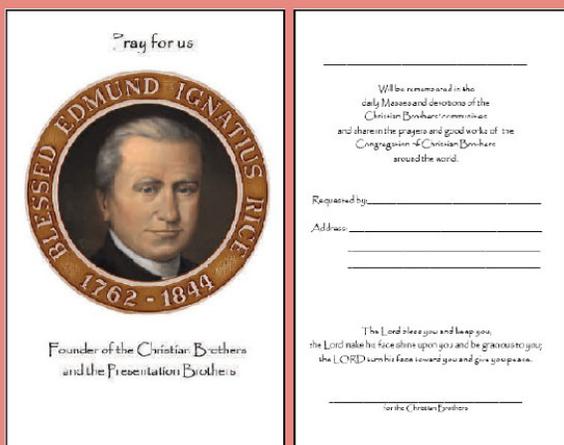
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