



EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA

# Province News

*The Chapter Call - To welcome as companions*

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## Chapter Prayer 2020

Loving God

As we continue to discern your will and to co-create our future as Religious Brothers,  
we pray that we be free from all self-interest and fear.

Open us to your ever-present creative Spirit  
which leads us to see your love in all things and all people.  
Renew in us the charism of our Founder, Blessed Edmund Rice  
who saw Christ present and appealing to him in the poor.

Help us to engage in enriching conversation with our Brothers and all people  
as we seek to deepen our response to the invitation of Jesus

to see everything with the eyes of faith,  
to do nothing but with a view to You  
and to ascribe all to You.

May the Brothers who gather in Chapter  
be faithful to our deepest aspirations

and at this time of change and challenge, give us the courage to say

'The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away: Blessed be the name of the Lord'. Amen



## Congregation Chapter

The Congregation Chapter will take place in Lima, Peru from March 1- 31, 2020. Please pray for all participants including our Edmund Rice North America Province delegates to the Chapter: Brothers Kevin Cawley, Kevin Griffith, Sean Moffett, Peter O'Loughlin, Raymond Vercruysse and Peter Zawot.

All Brothers are invited to follow the Chapter in the Members Only Section of the Congregation Website. To register, please send an e-mail to [info@edmundrice.net](mailto:info@edmundrice.net). You will then be given a personal password to gain access.



**Br. Kevin  
Cawley**



**Br. Kevin  
Griffith**



**Br. Sean  
Moffett**



**Br. Ray  
Vercruysse**

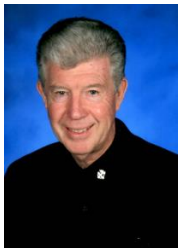


**Br. Peter  
Zawot**



**Br. Peter  
O'Loughlin**

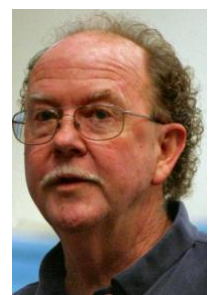
## Congratulations



Congratulations to Brother Sean Moffett who has been appointed by the Congregation Leadership Team in Rome to serve as a Councillor on the next Province Leadership Team.



Congratulations to Brother Chris Burns (Tampa Catholic Community) who has been selected to receive the Order of the Templar Award at Tampa Catholic High School in recognition of his thirty-five years of service to Tampa Catholic.





Congratulations to Brother Dennis Gunn (Iona College Community) who has been selected to receive the Brother Arthur A. Loftus Award at Iona College in recognition of his scholarly pursuits at Iona College.



Congratulations to Mrs. Joanne Murphy, Iona College Board of Trustees and Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province benefactor, who at this year's Iona College Trustees Scholarship Awards Gala will be the Legacy Award Recipient in celebration of 50 Years of Women at Iona College.



Congratulations to Dr. Seamus Carey who will be officially inaugurated as the Ninth President of Iona College on April 24, 2020.



### Partners in Education Workshop



The most recent Partners in Education Workshop was held in Salinas, CA on February 8, 2020. These workshops, sponsored by the Office of Educational Services, educate new board members in the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers, school governance and the role of boards, the *Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education*, and the ministry of



Catholic education within the mission of the Church. The workshop was attended by four new board members and conducted by Maureen Kiers. The Province and OES are grateful to Br. Dennis Dunne and Palma School for hosting the meeting.

## Mission Frère - Young Adult Ministry and Mission Frère - Harlem



Br. Tim  
Smyth



Br. Ben  
McDonough

The Province's Mission Frère- Young Adult Ministry initiative encompasses several areas of ministry related to young adults. One such area is vocation promotion where Brother Tim Smyth reports that he is in contact with three individuals who have expressed an interest in becoming a Christian Brother. Another such area invites students from Christian Brother schools to participate in an immersion experience in conjunction with our Mission Frère- Harlem initiative in East Harlem, NY under the direction of Brother Ben McDonough.

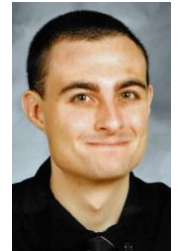


The program will run for three weeks in the summer of 2020. One of those weeks has been reserved by Vancouver College. The other two weeks remain open.

## CMSM Young Religious Gathering



The Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) is sponsoring a weekend gathering for annually professed religious Brothers from March 20 - 22, 2020 at Graymoor in Garrison, NY on the grounds of the Atonement Friars. Our own Brother Robert Droel will be attending from our Edmund Rice North America



Province. Please hold in prayer all those who will participate in this collaborative effort.

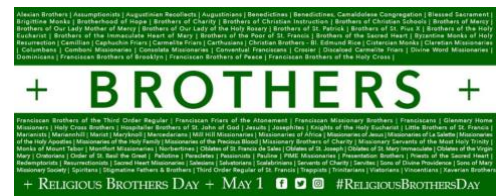
## CMSM Religious Brothers Events

Attached, please find a communication from CMSM regarding two upcoming events:

1. April 4, 2020 – The National Religious Brothers Symposium at Boston College in Boston, MA.



2. May 1, 2020 – The Fourth Annual Religious Brothers Day.



We encourage all of our Brothers to participate in these collaborative Church efforts to promote the vocation of Brotherhood.

## Attachments

CMSM communication re: upcoming events for Brothers.



## Calendar of Events

March 1-31, 2020	Congregation Chapter in Lima, Peru
March 6, 2020	Westcourt Meeting in Chicago, IL
March 9, 2020	Praesidium Child Protection Review Board Meeting in New Rochelle, NY
March 12, 2020	CMSM- Region 2 Meeting in Garrison, NY
March 31 - April 2, 2020	Essential Elements Validation- Bergen Catholic H.S. in Oradell, NJ
April 4, 2020	Religious Brothers Symposium in Boston, MA
April 4, 2020	Community Support Corporation Meeting in Chicago, IL
April 14-16, 2020	National Catholic Education Association Conference in Baltimore, MD
April 17-19, 2020	PLT Meeting in Elizabeth, NJ
April 24-25, 2020	Province Life and Renewal Team Meeting in New Rochelle, NY



## Please Pray For

- All of our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence and in other care facilities throughout the Province.
- All of our friends, family members, benefactors and colleagues who have asked for our prayers.
- Brother Dave Murphy (Mt. St. Francis Community) who had a recent procedure relating to his heart.
- Edmundian Harold (Athanasius '46) Weigand who is in a home in Winter Haven FL.



## The Repose of the Soul of ...

- † Brother Frank Walsh, RIP
- † Brother Ron Lasik, RIP
- † Frances Van Koolbergen, sister-in-law of Brother Jim Van Koolbergen.
- † Jane Morrissey, sister of deceased Brother DePaul Keaveney. RIP
- † Edmundian Edward (James '66) Noonan.
- † Betsy Hoban, wife of Edmundian Mike (James '53) Hoban
- † The mother of Deacon Steve DeMartino, Board Chair at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY.

