



EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA

# Province News

*Jesus spoke up: "It is I, do not be afraid" Jn 6:20*

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## An Easter Prayer

Christ the Lord is risen  
And, as all the world rejoices,  
Singing of His glory  
With such joyful hearts and voices,  
May you find that Easter brings you  
Peace and faith and hope anew,  
And may these blessings fill your heart  
With joy the whole year through.

Happy Easter

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Compassion and liberation  
in the spirit of  
Jesus and Edmund

## Easter Video



**Dr. Alberto  
Olivero**



Many thanks to Dr. Alberto Olivero, the Director General of Colegio Cardenal Newman in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for coordinating the production of a beautiful Easter video (see link below) which highlights several Edmund Rice schools across the globe.



**Mrs. Maureen  
Kiers**

Thanks as well to Maureen Kiers for coordinating with our schools here in North America, several of which appear in the video. Click the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSd0lLK2mIM>

## Announcements/Appointments



**Br. Michael  
Colasuonno**

The PLT has appointed Brother Michael Colasuonno to the Iona Prep Community in New Rochelle, NY where he will serve as the Iona Prep Community senior care coordinator, effective July 1, 2020. Michael will also continue to serve as the Province Health and Wellness Coordinator.



The PLT has reappointed Brother Tom Murphy to the role of Governance Director for the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province. This will be a four-year term, beginning July 1, 2020.

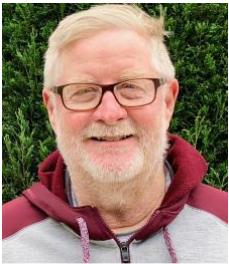


**Br. Tom  
Murphy**



**Dr. Cristiana  
Ritchie-Carter**

The PLT has appointed Cristiana Ritchie-Carter, Ph.D. to the role of Director of the Province Office of Educational Services effective July 1, 2020. Cristiana comes to us from Fordham University where she currently serves as the Associate Director for the Center for Catholic School Leadership and Faith-based Education.



**Br. Chuck  
Fitzsimmons**

In consultation with the Latin American Region, the PLT has confirmed the transfer of Brother Chuck Fitzsimmons from the Latin American Region to the North America Province, effective July 1, 2020. The PLT has assigned Chuck to the Callan Community in Chicago, IL where he will explore ministry to the poor and marginalized in the Latino community. We thank Chuck for his fourteen years

of dedicated service to the Latin American Region in both Paraguay and Perú, and we welcome him back to the Province.



**Mr. Joe  
Martinez**

Mr. Joe Martinez, President of St. Laurence High School in Burbank, IL, has announced the appointment of Kristy Kane to serve as the school's next Principal. Kristy's term of office will take effect July 1, 2021. The current principal, Mr. Jim Muting, will remain in office for the 2020-2021 academic year.



**Mr. Jim  
Muting**



**Ms. Kristy Kane**



**Br. Damian  
Ryan**

The PLT has assigned Brother Damian Ryan to the Christian Brothers' Community at St. Mary's Academy in Dominica, effective July 1, 2020.



### **Congregation Chapter Momentum Committee**



**Br. Peter Zawot**

The Congregation Chapter Momentum Committee recently met via video link to discuss plans to carry forth the work of the prorogued Congregation Chapter. The Province Life and Renewal Team recently sent out a letter to the Brothers with a series of questions from the committee designed to continue the generative conversations that we as a Province have already begun. The PLRT and the Congregation Chapter Momentum Committee invite all of our Brothers to take some time to reflect on these questions and to meet to share these reflections. Please send your communal reflections to Brother Peter Zawot [pezawot@hotmail.com](mailto:pezawot@hotmail.com) by April 22, 2020.

### **Gallery of Student Art**

A launching of the **2020 Gallery of Student Art** sponsored by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Art Foundation, originally planned for the opening session of the 2020 School Leaders Meeting to be hosted at Brother Rice High School, Bloomfield Hills, MI will now take place on-line as a Web Event **8:00 PM Monday April 20, 2020** at [www.ERCBNA.org](http://www.ERCBNA.org).



**Br. Kevin  
Griffith**

Brother Kevin Griffith will introduce a video presentation of the art and music of student artists from Edmund Rice schools in the United States, Canada, Dominica and Uruguay. The video event that night will introduce a more extensive collection of art, music, student bios and personal statements that will remain on-line for the coming year at the Province web site. We thank Brother Sean Moffett for organizing this Web Event.



**Br. Sean  
Moffett**

## Religious Brothers Day



Religious Brothers Day, annually celebrated on May 1, brings together all members of the Church to celebrate the life and vocation of the Religious Brother, and to honor the important role Religious Brothers play.

On the first Religious Brothers Day, **Pope Francis expressed his wish that Religious Brothers Day would allow brothers to share “their prophetic testimony to evangelical fraternity and ecclesial communion,”** and that it would “act as a leaven for the renewal of the Church in America and the building up of an ever more just society, respectful of the dignity and aspirations of all God’s children.”

### Join our Virtual Celebration

This year, we are planning a virtual, online session to celebrate Religious Brothers Day together. Brothers, and those who support the vocation of Brother, are invited to join a short prayer session and discussion on the vocation of Brother via Zoom. Register and attend yourself, or as a community or group.

**The Virtual Religious Brothers Day Gathering is  
Friday, May 01 at 1:00 pm Eastern and 10:00 am Pacific.**

Click the link below to register.

[Register: May 01 Virtual Gathering](#)

## Earth Day



On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans – 10% of the U.S. population at the time – took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet. In 1990 Earth Day went global, mobilizing over 200 million people in 141 countries. The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement and is now recognized as the planet’s largest civic event. The theme for Earth Day 2020 is Climate Action. The enormous challenge – but also the vast opportunities – of action in climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary. Let us continue to pray for the cooperation of peoples around the world for the healing of the earth, our common home.

### Calendar of Events

April 20, 2020	PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ
April 21, 2020	School Leaders Zoom Conference
April 27, 2020	PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ
May 01, 2020	Religious Brothers Day
May 03, 2020	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 05, 2020	Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice



### Please Pray For

- Brothers Bill Cronin, Kevin Barry and Luke Gilchrist, all of whom have recently been admitted to the Cabrini Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY.
- All of our Brothers at St. Joseph’s Residence and in other care facilities throughout North America and the Congregation, and their courageous caregivers.
- All members of the Global Edmund Rice Network.
- All those for whom we have promised to pray.
- All those who have been most impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

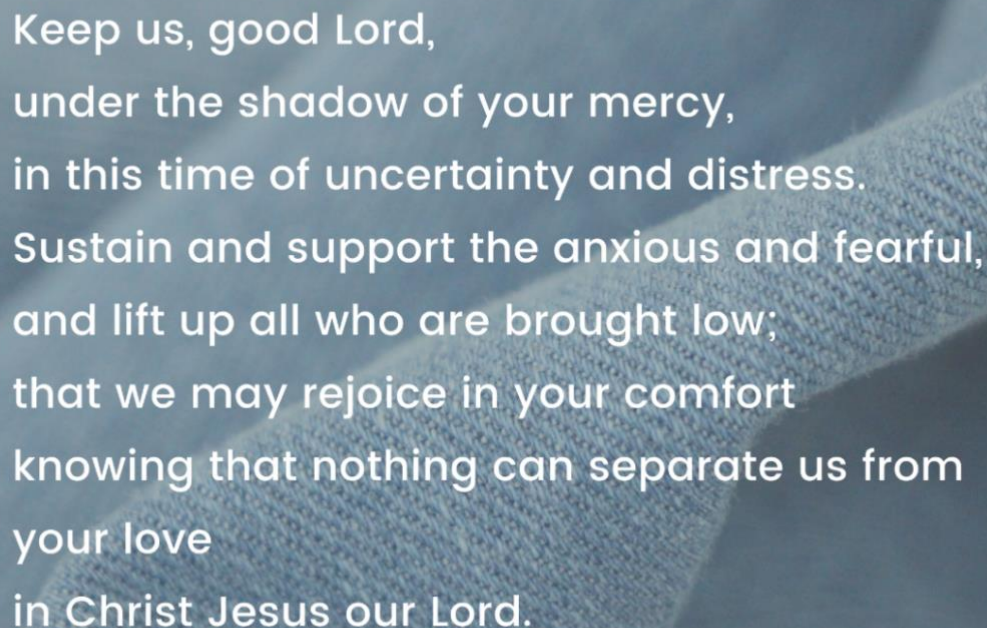


## The Repose of the Soul of ...

- † Edmundian Robert J. (Martin '47) Coogan.
- † Edmundian Thomas (Dominic 61) Connors.
- † Edmundian, Timothy (Mark '79) Kelly.
- † Mr. Patrick Lynch, first lay Board Chair of Iona College.
- † Sr. Marianne Morelli, OP, former faculty member at Bergen Catholic High School.
- † Sr. Bridget (Bride) Budgell, PBVM in St. John's, Newfoundland.
- † Father Pat Power, a priest in St. John's, Newfoundland and a graduate of Brother Rice High School in St. John's.

REST  
IN  
PEACE

## PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy,  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from  
your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.