Both Canada (July 1st) and the United States (July 4th) celebrate their independence in early July. Dominica celebrates its independence on November 3rd. In these challenging and unprecedented times of the coronavirus pandemic, racial injustices, political polarization and economic upheaval, let us hold in prayer all who are inspired by the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice who opened his whole heart to Christ present and appealing to him in the poor. During these days when we celebrate freedom and liberty across North America, let us do our part to stand with those who are not able to live in freedom, and let us advocate for those who are yearning to be free from oppression and tyranny. Let us not take our freedoms for granted; rather, let us embrace this freedom so that we can become a beacon of hope for the poor and marginalized in our midst.
Assignments/Appointments


While remaining a member of the St. Joseph’s Residence Community in New Rochelle, NY, Brother Richard DeMaria now resides at the Cabrini Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, effective June 22, 2020.

The PLT has assigned Brother Brian Walsh to the Christian Brothers - Stratton Road Community in New Rochelle, NY effective June 25, 2020. We thank Brian for his 18 months of service as President of Damien Memorial School in Honolulu, HI.
The Members of the Corporation of Damien Memorial School have appointed Dr. Kyle Atabay to serve as Head of School for the 2020 - 2021 Academic Year.

Brother Chris Hall has been appointed to serve as Damien’s Assistant Head of School for the upcoming academic year.

We thank Kyle and Chris for taking on these roles.

Mr. Daryl Weaver has been appointed to serve as Principal of Vancouver College in Vancouver, BC, effective August 17, 2020.
Congratulations to Brother Robert Droel who renewed his annual vows as a Christian Brother on June 27, 2020 (the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help) in Madison, MS. Let us hold Rob in prayer as he continues to journey with us in Brotherhood as a vowed Religious.

**New PLT**

In our last issue of *Province News*, we thanked the outgoing PLT for their dedicated service to the Province these past six years. The new Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America – Province Leadership Team will take office on July 14, 2020. The members of the new team are, Brothers:

- Kevin Griffith  Province Leader
- Peter Zawot  Deputy Province Leader
- Sean Moffett  Councilor
- Michael Segvich  Councilor
- Peter O’Loughlin  Councilor

We thank these Brothers for their willingness to be of service to the Province, the Congregation, the Church and society for the next six years.
Review for Religious

Congratulations to Brother Sean Moffett who has been selected to serve on the Editorial Board of the reborn Theological periodical – Review for Religious.

Br. Sean Moffett

National Religious Retirement Office

The Christian Brothers’ Institute in New Rochelle, NY has been awarded a Grant in the amount of $292,798.16 by the National (USA) Religious Retirement Office. This money will be used to help support the retirement and health care needs of our Brothers. We thank Georganne Dotto (CBI Treasurer and CFO) for her diligence in securing this grant.

Georganne Dotto

Congregation Chapter
Momentum Group
Zoom Calls

The Congregation Chapter Momentum Group is organizing a series of ZOOM calls across the Congregation for our Brothers during the month of July. For those who want to join the July 18, 2020 Zoom call scheduled for North America, please contact:
Br. Michael de Klerk, Email: mjdeklerkcfc@gmail.com

For other Zoom meetings see the document that contains information regarding the times for each meeting attached to this Province News.
Province and School Transitions

The PLT wishes to take this opportunity to thank the following men and women who have completed their terms of service to their schools and/or the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province.

- Dr. Kyle Atabay  Principal, Damien Memorial School
- Mr. Johnny Bevacqua  Principal, Vancouver College
- Mr. Joe Blanco  Principal, Iona Preparatory Lower School
- Bro. Michael Colasuonno  Deputy Province Leader
- Bro. Dennis Dunne  President, Palma School
- Maureen Kiers  Director, Office of Educational Services
- Mr. John Nixon  President, Vancouver College
- Bro. Brian Walsh  President, Damien Memorial School
- Bro. Raymond Vercruysse  Province Leadership Team, Councilor

And we wish to welcome the following men and women who are taking on new roles, effective, July 1, 2020.

- Dr. Kyle Atabay  Head of School, Damien Memorial School
- Mr. Johnny Bevacqua  President, Vancouver College
- Mr. Chris Dalman  President, Palma School
- Mr. Tom Gambardella  Associate Director, Office of Educational Services
- Bro. Chris Hall  Assistant Head of School, Damien Memorial School
- Deirdre Mone  Principal, Iona Preparatory Lower School
- Cristiana Ritchie-Carter  Director, Office of Educational Services
- Mr. Daryl Weaver  Principal, Vancouver College
Calendar of Events

July 06, 2020  Corporate Meetings for Leadership Transitions (Conference Call)
July 07, 2020  PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ
July 08, 2020  Advocacy Committee on Race in America (Google Meet)
July 09, 2020  CLT Meeting with Province and Region Leaders (ZOOM)
July 13, 2020  PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ
July 14, 2020  Virtual Commissioning Service and Installation of New PLT
July 14, 2020  Meeting of New PLT in Elizabeth, NJ
July 26, 2020  Latin American Region (Skype)
August 04 - 05, 2020  CMSM Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)
August 10, 2020  PLT Conference Call

Please Pray For

- 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 who have been most impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.
- Bro. Arthur Williams, recovering from recent heart surgery.
- Bro. Liguori May, being treated for an aneurysm.
- Diane Bauer, kindergarten teacher at Iona Preparatory Lower School, recovering from a serious illness.

Repose of the Soul of …

†  Edmundian, Tom (Joseph ’62) O’Connor.
For Racial Harmony
God and Father of all,
in your love
you made all the nations of the world
to be a family,
and your Son taught us to love one another.
Yet our world is riven apart
with prejudice, arrogance, and pride.
Help the different races
to love and understand one another better.
Increase among us sympathy,
tolerance, and goodwill,
that we may learn to appreciate the gifts
that other races bring to us,
and to see in all people
our brothers and sisters for whom Christ died.
Save us from jealousy, hatred, and fear,
and help us to live together
as members of one family at home in the world,
sons and daughters of one Father
who live in the liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland
(Edinburgh: St. Andrew Press, 1994)

“Come Summer With Me”
Come summer with me, Lord;
summer deep down in my soul;
restore my faith in summer’s time,
in rest, in joy, in play, in you...
Summer in my heart, Lord,
and dwell there
as if time would never end,
as if all time were children's time, eternal time
when school is always out and joy is ever in...
And let others summer in my shade, Lord,
and share whatever summer’s peace is mine to give,
whatever summer’s light is mine to shed,
whatever summer's warmth is mine to share...
Good God of every season and every day this week,
come summer with me, Lord, and let the child in my heart
spend this summer in your love...
Amen.

(A prayer by Fr. Austin Fleming who blogs at “A Concord Pastor Comments.”)