THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

FATHER IN HEAVEN,
ALL CREATION RIGHTLY GIVES YOU
PRAISE,
FOR ALL LIFE AND ALL HOLINESS
COME FROM YOU.
IN THE PLAN OF YOUR WISDOM
SHE WHO BORE THE CHRIST IN HER
WOMB
WAS RAISED BODY AND SOUL IN
GLORY TO BE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN.
MAY WE FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE IN
REFLECTING YOUR HOLINESS
AND JOIN IN HER HYMN OF ENDLESS
LOVE AND PRAISE.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR
LORD.

AMEN.
PLT Commissioning

A virtual commissioning of the new Province Leadership Team took place on July 14, 2020 at the Province Center in Elizabeth, NJ. We thank all those who joined us from their communities in prayerful support on that day. Please click on the below link to view the video of Bro. Kevin Griffith (Province Leader) and the new PLT as they begin their service to the Province.

http://ercbna.org/Christian_Brothers.php?op=Article_Commissioning+Service+for+the+new+Province+Leadership+Team

Community Contributions

The PLT is most grateful to the following communities for their recent contributions to The Christian Brothers’ Institute in helping to assist us in meeting the retirement and health care needs of our senior and infirm brothers.

- 87th Street Community (Burbank, IL)
- St. Damien Community (Honolulu, HI)
- CB - Stratton Rd Community (New Rochelle, NY)
- Bergen Catholic Community (Oradell, NJ)
- Iona Prep Community (New Rochelle, NY)
- Santa Maria Community (West Park, NY)
- Iona College Community (New Rochelle, NY)
- CB - Miami Community (Miami, FL)
- Tampa Catholic Community (Tampa, FL)
- Palma Community (Salinas, CA)
- Comunidad Juan Diego (Brownsville, TX)

This list will be updated in the next issue of Province News. Communities still wishing to contribute are asked to do so by September 1, 2020. We thank you for your consideration.
Advocacy Persons of the Year

The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province Mission Frère - Advocacy initiative has announced that it will annually award an advocacy Person of the Year to a deserving member of the North American Edmund Rice Network. We are pleased to announce this year's recipients are Mr. Jim Micheletti and Mia Mirassou from the Palma School in Salinas, CA. Jim and Mia are being recognized for their strong commitment to prison ministry and restorative justice in the Salinas area. We congratulate Jim, Mia and all at Palma for their steadfast commitment to the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education and for their outstanding efforts at promoting advocacy in their school programs. Please click on the below link to view a video of the presentation of the awards.

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Mission Award

The President of St. Thomas More Collegiate (Burnaby, BC), Dianne Doyle, has established a Mission Award. It is to be awarded annually to a staff member who best lives out the Mission of St. Thomas More Collegiate as a Catholic school with Blessed Edmund Rice and St. Thomas More as role models, leading all to grow to their full potential in their faith, knowledge and love. It comes with a dinner at any restaurant in Burnaby and one thousand dollars to be donated to the charity of the recipient's choice. The initial recipients were Brother Ted Bassett and Brother Owen Cassidy (St. Thomas More Collegiate Community).

Advocacy - Anti-Racism Initiative

Earlier this summer, the Province’s Mission Frère - Advocacy program convened a committee of dedicated educators to begin conversations around matters of racial justice for people of color. As such, under the guidance of Mr. Sean D’Alfonso (Province Advocacy Coordinator), the committee has been meeting regularly to discuss ways in which our schools can promote anti-racism initiatives across the board. We have been joined in this effort by the Province’s Office of Educational services Cristiana Ritchie-Bonomo. It is our goal to present a way forward to our school leaders in early October during a network wide Zoom meeting.
The Conference of Major Superiors of Men held a virtual conference for all members on August 4-5, 2020. In his address to the assembly, Bishop Fernand Cheri III, OFM from New Orleans, LA, explored with us our role as religious leaders in promoting racial justice for people of color both in and outside of Religious Life. Our own Brother Tyrone Davis responded to Bishop Cheri’s address with a spirited affirmation that was well received by the assembly.

Congratulations to Brother Kevin Griffith for accepting the nomination to become CMSM’s President-elect for the upcoming year. Next August, Kevin will begin a two-year term as CMSM’s President.

Revised Praesidium Standards

Every four years, the Praesidium Standards for Accreditation undergo a review with the goal of strengthening our resolve to provide a safe environment for all those in our care. At the recent CMSM Virtual Assembly, Province Leaders from Religious Institutes throughout the United States voted overwhelmingly to approve the 2020 Revised Praesidium Standards for Accreditation. During the next few weeks, our Province Ethics Policies will be reviewed and revised to ensure that we are in keeping with the revised standards. These revisions will be shared with the Brothers once complete.

Calendar of Events

August 19, 2020  Advocacy Committee on Race (Google Meet).
August 25, 2020  CLT Meeting with Province and Region Leaders (ZOOM).
September 5, 2020 200th anniversary of the Congregation’s Papal Brief.
September 8, 2020  CLT Meeting with Province and Region Leaders (ZOOM).
September 9, 2020  Staff Gathering for the New Rochelle Business Office and Recognition of Maureen Kiers’ retirement from OES.
September 14, 2020  Review Board Meeting for the Protection of Children.
September 14,15,17,18, 2020  PLT meetings in Elizabeth NJ.
September 16, 2020  SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious) Virtual Event.
September 26, 2020  Province Life and Renewal Team meeting.
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.
- Brother Al Cussen (hip surgery).
- Brother Brian Walsh (leg surgery).
- Brother Tony Quinn (hip surgery).
- Brother Matt Walderman (foot surgery).
- Nick Markulin, a retired teacher and soccer coach at Brother Rice, Chicago who is recovering from amputation of one of his legs due to diabetes.

Repose of the Soul of …

† Mr. Peter Alfano, Facilities Manager at St. Joseph’s Residence.
† Edmundian, Fred (Augustine ’60) McCashland.
† Edmundian Robert (Kevin ’60) Conway.
† Edmundian Fred (Augustine ’60) McCashland.
† Mr. Brian Mulvey, son of Edmundian John (Patrick ’59) Mulvey.
† Bob Twardy, a former teacher and alumnus from Brother Rice in Chicago.