The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province Leadership Team wish all of our readers a blessed Christmas Season and a healthy, happy and holy New Year.
Assignments / Appointments

Brother Dennis Dunne has been appointed to serve as the chairman of the Palma Foundation at the Palma School in Salinas, CA effective immediately.

The trustees of the Christian Brothers Foundation in New Rochelle, NY have appointed Mr. Salvatore Pennino to serve as the Director of CBF effective January 7, 2021.
Congratulations to Brother Jorge Tavera who renewed his annual vows as a Christian Brother on December 8, 2020. Please see the below photos from the zoom ceremony.
Latin America Mission Area (LAMA) of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province.

On January 1, 2021 the newly created Latin America Mission Area of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province will commence. Soon, you will be receiving a prayer service to commemorate this momentous event, with an accompanying letter of welcome from Brother Kevin Griffith, Province Leader. Please click on the below link which will bring you to the ERCBNA website to read a letter from our Congregation Leader, Brother Hugh O’Neill, announcing the creation of the LAMA.

http://www.ercbna.org/
Province-wide Virtual Advent Day of Reflection

Many thanks to all those who participated in our first ever Province-wide Virtual Advent Day of Reflection on December 12, 2020. The 90-minute session included prayer, a presentation by Brother Donal Kirk on the meaning of the Incarnation, small group sharing and a plenary session. Thanks to Donal for his inspirational input and to the Province Life and Renewal Team for sponsoring this event. We hope to hold a similar day of reflection for the start of the Lenten season.

Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders

Attached, please find a draft of the *Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders: Organizational Profile* for 2021. The draft gives a detailed overview of the vision, structure and governance of EREBB.

ACTION – Student Leadership Virtual Event

Attached, please find a brochure announcing a virtual gathering of student leaders from our Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools on April 23 – 24, 2021. The ACTION -Student Leadership Virtual Event will bring together students and their moderators from schools in both North and Latin America for two days of prayer, friendship and advocacy.
25th Anniversary of Consecrated Life Day

The 25th Anniversary of World Day for Consecrated Life will take place on February 2, 2021. To mark this milestone anniversary, CMSM (The Conference of Major Superiors of Men), LCWR (Leadership Conference of Women Religious), RFC (Religious Formation Conference), NRVC (National Religious Vocation Conference) and RBC (Religious Brothers Conference) will host an on-line gathering for Religious focused on: “Consecrated Life through the Lens of Fratelli Tutti.” Please see attachment for further details.

Catholic Schools Week

The 2021 Catholic Schools Week will take place from January 31 - February 6, 2021. The theme for Catholic Schools week 2021 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience.” We encourage all of our schools to use this week to highlight their Catholic identity in the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice. We thank all involved in helping to ensure that our schools are faithful to our Catholic heritage and the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education.

Attachments

1. Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Draft
2. ACTION – Student Leadership Virtual Event
3. Consecrated Life Day Flyer

January 07, 2021
PLT Zoom call with the CLT

January 20, 2021
Congregation Leadership Group ZOOM

January 25 - 28, 2021
PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ

January 31 - February 06, 2021
Catholic Schools Week

February 02, 2021
Consecrated Life Day
Please Pray For

- Brother Vincent Peragine hospitalized in Chimbote, Peru.
- Mr. Steven Segvich, brother of Brother Mike Segvich, recovering from a heart procedure.
- All of our ill Brothers, family members and colleagues; especially those impacted by COVID-19.
- Mr. Tom Gambardella, Edmundian ’76, and Province Office of Educational Services.
- Joe Murphy, Province Benefactor.

Repose of the Soul of …

† Brother Ron MacKenzie, New Westminster, BC, Canada
† Brother Leo McInerny, Chicago, IL
† Edmundian Joseph (John ’64), Kingston, former Vice-Principal of Palma School.
† Edmundian William (Damien ’56) Connolly.
† Jo Ann Murphy, Province Benefactor
† Mary Alice Hurley, mother of Kathi Hurley, Iona College Trustee.
† Bernice Wills, mother of Mr. Larry Wills, Iona College Trustee.
† The brother of Mark DeCiccio, Principal of Bishop Hendricken H.S.
† Ann O’Sullivan, sister of Mr. Maurice O’Sullivan, Province Benefactor.