



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PRAYER (JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 6, 2021)

Almighty God,

You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.

*As Teacher, he has given us the prime example
of the importance of education.*

As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

*Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests and laypeople who have dedicated
their lives in service to our Catholic schools.*

Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools today.

*Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance
of Catholic education in their daily lives.*

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.

Bless all Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in faith knowledge and service of others.

May our communities always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers.

Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom.

May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it.

Fill our hearts with gladness.

May we always turn to you in times of need.

Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others.

May we show them your unceasing love through our actions.

Blessed Edmund Rice ... Pray for us.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts ... Forever!



Assignments



**Br. Raymond
Vercruysse**

The Province Leadership Team has granted permission to Brother Raymond Vercruysse to minister in the European Province at Mount Sion in Waterford, Ireland, effective February 14, 2021.



Mt. Sion, Waterford, Ireland

Latin America Mission Area



On December 28, 2020, all members of the Latin American Region joined together on ZOOM to celebrate the heritage of the Region with prayer, song and toasts, as the region has now officially been dissolved by the Congregation Leadership Team.

On January 1, 2021, the newly established Latin America Mission Area of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province officially commenced. Attached, please find a prayer service that was sent to all communities (North and South) to commemorate this momentous event in the life of our Congregation.

Virtual Immersions



Canto Grande, Lima, Perú

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our world, the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province Immersion Program has responded by establishing virtual immersions for our schools throughout the winter and spring of 2021.



Br. Steve Casey



**Casa Hendricken,
Lima, Perú**

The virtual immersions will take place in Lima, Perú under the direction of Brother Steve Casey, Province Director of Immersions. During the week of January 25-29, 2021, Iona Prep in New Rochelle, NY became the first school to participate in this innovative new initiative. Please click on the below link from NBC News in New York to get a sense of what the virtual immersion looks like. Please contact Brother Steve Casey at casey8197@hotmail.com for information on how to sign your school up for these cutting-edge experiences.

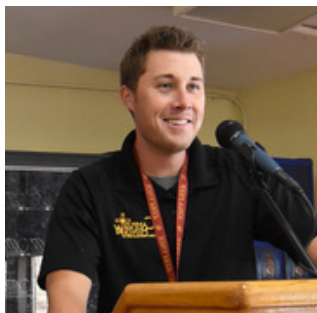


Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, NY



<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/on-air/as-see'n-on/iona-prep-students-make-their-annual-trip-to-peru-virtually/2856095/>

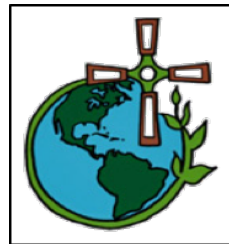
Mission Frère – Haiti



Mr, Sean D'Alfonso

The Province's Mission Frère - Haiti initiative, under the direction of Mr. Sean D'Alfonso continues to sell Haitian art to support the educational, social and medical ministries of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary in Jean Rabel, Haiti.

To purchase items please visit our website at www.ercbna.org or contact Sean D'Alfonso at SPD@cbinstitute.org.



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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.

Black History Month



Br. Tyrone Davis

Please see the attached fliers from the Archdiocese of New York: Cultural Diversity Apostolate - Black Ministry regarding Black History Month activities. The events are coordinated by Brother Tyrone Davis, Director of Black Ministry for the Archdiocese of New York.



We remind all of our readers to please visit the Province website at www.ercbna.org to view our anti-racism initiative.

Catholic Sisters Week



From the Catholic Sisters Website (see link):

"Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope ...

But for one week, March 8-14, we shine the spotlight on women religious and encourage a wide range of campaigns and events that invite all who follow Jesus to

- expand and support their gospel witness*
- grow the service networks they have seeded*
- share their spirituality, charisms, and community*
- encourage young women to consider a vocation to religious life*
- support their pastoral, teaching and prophetic works*
- and focus on the new world they call into being."*

We encourage all of our schools to celebrate the many contributions of religious Sisters to Catholic School education and so much more during this week dedicated to highlighting Catholic Sisters.

<https://catholicsistersweek.org/>

Attachments

1. Latin America Mission Area Prayer Service
2. Consecrated Life Flier
3. Black History Month Fliers (2)

Calendar of Events



January 31 - February 06, 2021	Catholic Schools Week
February 02, 2021	Consecrated Life Day
February 05 - 07, 2021	Archdiocese of NY – Black History Month Initiatives
February 06, 2021	Province Life and Renewal Team Meeting (ZOOM)
February 08, 2021	Congregation Leadership Group Meeting (ZOOM)
February 20, 2021	International Rekindle our Brotherhood (ZOOM)
March 05, 2021	Westcourt Corporation Meeting, Chicago, IL
March 08, 2021	Child Protection Review Board Meeting (ZOOM)
March 08 - 11, 2021	PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ
March 18, 2021	CMSM Region 2 Meeting
March 23 - 24, 2021	School Leaders (Virtual) Meeting

Please Pray For

- Diane Walderman, sister of Bro. Matt Walderman, as she recovers from COVID 19.
- Brother Don McGovern, St. Joseph's Residence Community, as he deals with eye-related and other illnesses
- Brother Mike Binkley, St. Joseph's Residence Community, recovering from recent surgery to address an aortic aneurysm.
- Brother Buddy Bechner, Iona Prep Community, hospitalized for numerous medical concerns.
- All of our ill Brothers, family members and colleagues; especially those impacted by COVID 19.
- Nancy and Ron Rietow, the sister of Brother Frank Verre, recovering from COVID 19.
- Edmundian Mr. Tom Gambardella, ('76) and Province Office of Educational Services, as he continues to receive cancer treatment.
- Edmundian Paul Ickes (1982) recovering from a heart procedure in the Chicago area.



Repose of the Soul of ...

- † Brother Nick Morris, St. Joseph's Residence Community.
- † Mr. Ed Moffett, brother of Brother Jim Moffett.
- † Mr. Gordon Ralph, brother of Brother Alan Ralph.
- † Mrs. Barbara Tafuri, mother of Brother Spencer Tafuri.
- † Mrs. Elizabeth Haynes, sister-in-law of Brother Chuck Haynes.
- † Mr. Wilson Butler, brother-in-law of Brother Dave Burton.
- † Edmundian William (Augustine '57) Hutton.
- † Edmundian Gerard (Liguori '54) Brooker.
- † Mrs. JoAnn Murphy, Province Benefactor.
- † Mrs. Gert Purcell, Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons (Schenectady, NY) benefactor.
- † Fr. Ben Taylor, OFM, long-time chaplain to the Brothers at Rice High School in NY.
- † Mary Ellen (Wormann) McCrystal taught at Essex Catholic.

REST
IN
PEACE

A scene from the Nor'easter of February 02, 2020 from the Province House in Elizabeth, NJ.

