

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
CHRIST IN ME, CHRIST OVER ME,
Christ to right of me,
CHRIST TO LEFT OF ME,
CHRIST IN LYING DOWN, CHRIST IN SITTING,
 Christ in rising up, *Christ in the heart*
of every person who may think of me,
 Christ in the mouth of every
 person who may speak of me,
CHRIST IN EVERY EYE,
WHICH MAY LOOK ON ME!
CHRIST IN EVERY EAR, WHICH MAY HEAR ME!

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Welcome



Br. Chrispinus Munialo

On behalf of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province, we welcome Brother Chrispinus Munialo from our African Province, as he begins his studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. Chris was born and raised in Kenya. He holds a degree in Education (Math and Chemistry) from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. His most recent ministry was in the South Sudan. While in North America, Chris will reside with the Iona College Community. Chris' studies at Iona began on February 18th. He is majoring in Accounting as he seeks to earn his MBA. We offer Chris our prayerful support during his time in our Province.



Ryan Library at Iona College

To Rekindle Our Brotherhood

This past fall, every Brother in the Congregation received the following invitation:



"... to participate in an international spiritual journey - a personal and collective journey - to generate a new life and energy towards becoming the Brother each of us is called to be and to the new Brotherhood awaiting to emerge in us."



As such, international Zoom conversations have been taking place across the Congregation on a monthly basis. The next Zoom will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2021. We encourage all of our Brothers to participate in this Congregation-wide initiative. Please use the below link to sign up.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekzm2mEOOamoSivoH2i5dxJwhROM1raJ3VfOITM61nprmxgA/viewform>

Province Life and Renewal Team



To enhance the **To Rekindle Our Brotherhood** experience, the Province Life and Renewal Team has provided our communities with a monthly prayer service, timely article and reflection questions for both personal and communal use.

On Saturday April 10, 2021 the PLRT will host a Province-wide Easter Recollection Day via ZOOM. Brother Donal Kirk (African Province) will facilitate the day's activities. More details to follow.



Br. Donal Kirk



Br. Jorge Tavera

The Province Life and Renewal Team welcomes Brother Jorge Tavera (LAMA) as its newest member. We thank Jorge for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

LAMA News

Edmundo Rice
LATINOAMÉRICA
PRESENCIA COMPASIÓN LIBERACIÓN

One year ago this week, the Congregation Chapter which was being held in Lima, Perú was suspended because of travel restrictions brought on by COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Perú who since that time have suffered greatly from the impact of the virus.

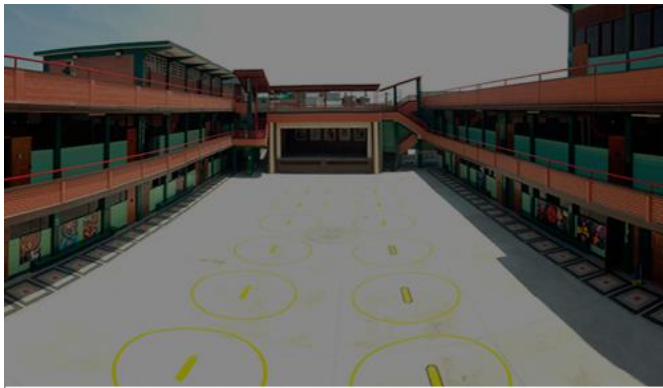
Earlier this month, our school and outreach ministries in Argentina, Bolivia, Perú and Uruguay began their new academic year using a variety of learning modalities. We offer our prayerful support to all in our Latin America Mission Area as they embark on this new academic year for them.



Fe y Alegria, Canto Grande, Perú



Centro Hermano Manolo, Cochabamba, Bolivia



Colegio Mundo Mejor, Chimbote, Perú



Colegio Cardenal Newman, Buenos Aires, Argentina



Colegio Stella Maris, Montevideo, Uruguay

The following schools have held virtual immersions in Lima, Perú since our last Province News: Brother Rice, Chicago; Palma and Vancouver College. Below are photos from Lima of the homes being built thanks to the generosity of these schools.





The start ...



**A house is being built
the middle ...**



the end!

Links



Br. Jim DePiro

Below is a link to a presentation, **Our Story, Your Call**, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Consecrated Life that aired in Dominica on Radio, Diocese of Roseau, Dominica. Brother Jim DePiro (St. Mary's Academy Community) is featured.



DIOCESE OF ROSEAU

Click the link below to view the video.

<https://youtu.be/b4SO5YI38Fk>



Br. Tyrone Davis

Below is a link to the Black History Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. The Mass was organized by Brother Tyrone Davis, Director of the Office of Black Ministry for the Archdiocese of New York.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ_Sq_-Ir4Y



Br. Ross Wielatz

Below are links to an Ash Wednesday and Lenten presentations by Brother Ross Wielatz given for the Guadalupe Regional Middle School Community in Brownsville, TX.

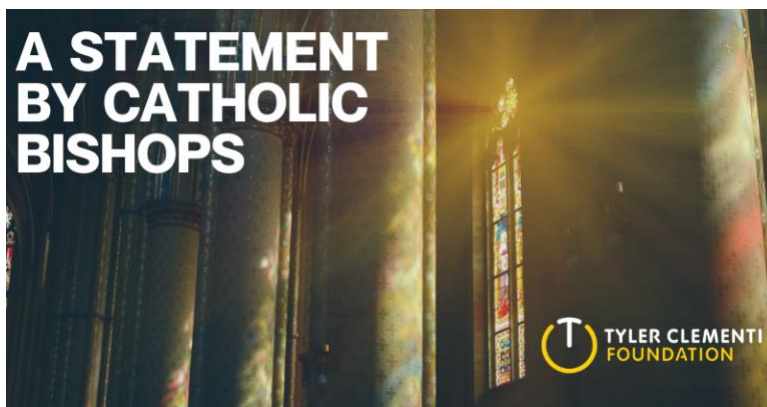


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1l_vD1b6TU
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7K3lE6V0w0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7G1x7xTvisis>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmfLM8LwVx4>

Below is a link to a performance by the Mt. Sion Christian Brothers School choir in Waterford, Ireland. Mt. Sion is the first school founded by Blessed Edmund Rice.



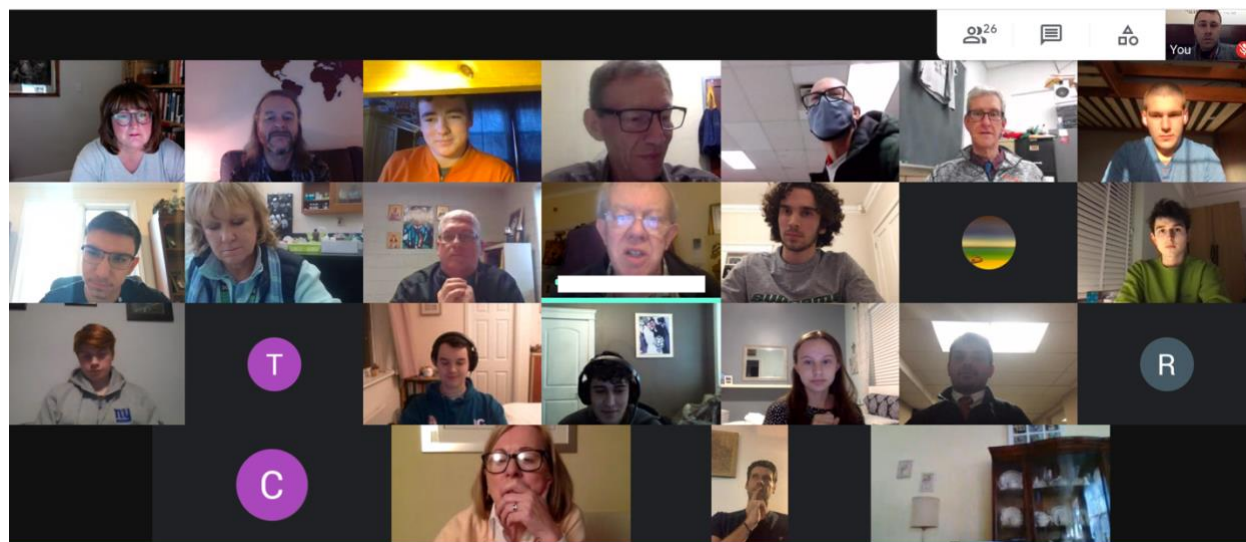
<https://www.rte.ie/news/munster/2021/0221/1198486-school-choir/>



Below is a link to: **God is on Your Side:** A statement from Catholic Bishops on protecting LGBT youth. The statement has been endorsed by more than 80 Catholic entities (including the ERCBNA PLT) across the continent. The Statement, in part, reads: *“the Catholic Church values the God-given dignity of all human life and we take this opportunity to say to our LGBT friends, especially young people, that we stand with you and oppose any form of violence, bullying or harassment directed at you. Most of all, know that God created you, God loves you and God is on your side.”*

<https://tylerclementi.org/catholicbishopsstatement/#:~:text=God%20Is%20On%20Your%20Side%3A%20A%20Statement%20from,to%20be%20treated%20with%20%E2%80%9Crespect%2C%20compassion%20and>

Mission Frère – Advocacy



Voices of Edmund: A Conversation on Climate Action

On February 10, 2021 members, of the Edmund Rice Network in Europe and North America joined together for a second time via Zoom. In this second “Discussion Across the Pond,” the topic of conversation was how participants can take action on climate change. The conversation brought together a group of more than 30 participants: Christian Brothers, school

administrators, teachers and students from 7 Edmund Rice schools in 4 countries (Canada, England, Ireland and the United States).

Prior to the call Edmund Rice England provided participants with a variety of videos and articles to spark the conversation about the dire need for action to combat climate change. These materials guided the conversation about what actions each participant can take individually and as part of their school and community. This group plans to meet monthly for continued conversation and planned action on human rights and social justice issues.



Promoting DEI in ERCBNA Schools

In response to the continued incidents of racial justice in the United States in May of 2020, the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province made a commitment to promote and encourage antiracism in our schools in North America. In addition to resources (at www.ercbna.org) that were created and published online during the summer, the Mission Frère - Advocacy Office has continued to hold conversations about how we can continue to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in our schools. On February 24th, the Mission Frère - Advocacy office hosted a Zoom training workshop for ERCBNA educators on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

The training was led by Mr. Rick Holifield, the Dean of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement at the Lawrenceville school in Lawrenceville, NJ. Mr. Holifield led a presentation for ERCBNA educators on microinequities which as he described are subtle actions or words that can devalue or demoralize school stakeholders. The training allowed participants to understand what microinequities are, the ways in which they affect students, and how we can identify and prevent such behaviors. We look forward to continued conversations and initiatives in ERCBNA schools regarding antiracism and DEI. The DEI training was coordinated by Dr. Sean D'Alfonso, Province Advocacy Coordinator.



Dr. Sean D'Alfonso

Congratulations to Sean on the recent successful completion of his doctoral degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ.

Mission Frère - Haiti

Recent sales of Haitian art on our Province Website have allowed us to contribute \$240 to the ministries of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary in Jean Rabel, Haiti. This \$240 will help educate four needy students for the next year. To purchase items please visit our website or contact Sean D'Alfonso at SPD@cbinstitute.org.

www.ercbna.org



Attachment

LAMA newsletter for the months of January and February.

Calendar of Events

March 19, 2021	Congregation Leadership Group Meeting (ZOOM)
March 20, 2021	International Rekindle Our Brotherhood (ZOOM)
March 23 - 24, 2021	School Leaders (Virtual) Meeting
March 27, 2021	Earth Hour (8:30 pm)
April 10, 2021	PLRT Easter Recollection Day
April 12 - 15, 2021	PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ
April 16, 2021	Congregation Leadership Group Meeting (ZOOM)
April 17, 2021	Community Support Corporation Meeting, Chicago, IL
April 19, 2021	Callan Foundation Meeting, Toronto, ON
April 22 – 23, 2021	Student Leadership ACTION Workshop (Virtual)
April 25, 2021	Worlds Day of Prayer for Vocations



Please Pray For

- Brother Michael O'Donnell (Lima, Peru), as he continues to recover from COVID-19.
- Brother Don McGovern, St. Joseph's Residence Community, as he deals with eye-related and other illnesses.

- Brother Vincent Peragine (Chimbote, Perú), as he deals with diabetes related issues.
- Steve Samp, brother of Brother Bernard Sebastian Samp, St. Damien Community, recovering from a stroke.
- Tom Castellano, the nephew of Brother Jim Van Koolbergen. Tom and his wife Darleen and their daughter Grace are all sick with COVID-19.
- Mary Antos, wife of Mr. Jim Antos (past principal of Brother Rice, Chicago), as she is being treated for cancer.
- Brother Mike Binkley, (St. Joseph's Residence Community), as he continues to recover from recent surgery.
- The mother of Mr. Don Ciolini (recently deceased), as she recovers from COVID-19.
- Bob Baader, retired teacher from Brother Rice, Chicago, who is in poor health.



Repose of the Soul of ...



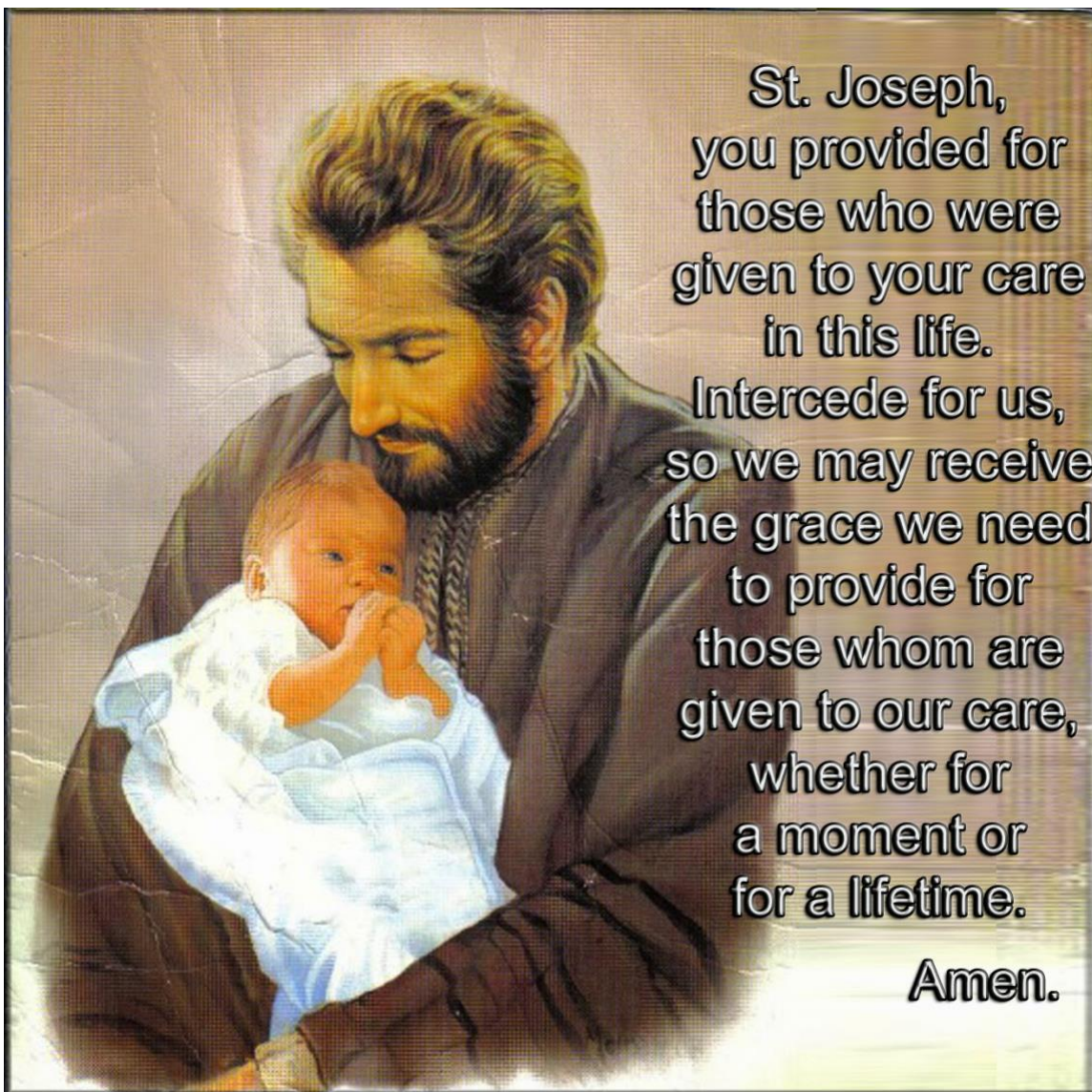
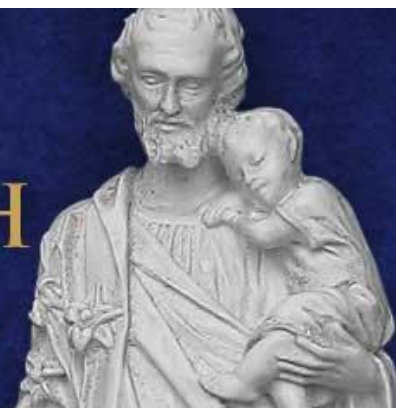
Edmundian Tom '76 Gambardella. Tom served as Associate Director of the Office of Educational Services after a long and distinguished career at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, RI. The Province mourns the loss of a man who strove to live and spread the ideals of Blessed Edmund Rice. Thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Mary Jo and his children Regina, Michael, Matthew and Mark.

- † Sr. Grace D'Amico, SSND, Former Associate Director in our Office of Educational Services.
- † Edmundian Joseph (Richard '62) Schnabel.
- † Edmundian Victor William ('43) Martin
- † Former Brother, Robert Beckstrom.
- † Mrs. Julia Deegan, mother of Edmundian Michael ('72) Deegan.
- † Mrs. Patricia McMahon, mother of Edmundian David ('81) McMahon.
- † Mr. David Micheletti, brother of Mr. Jim Micheletti (Palma School Campus Minister).
- † Susan Cooney Mahon, longtime teacher at Monsignor Farrell H.S.
- † Mr. Don Ciolini, longtime member of the Monsignor Farrell H.S. community.
- † Patricia Corpina, mother of Mr. Jonathan Corpina (Iona Prep Board of Directors).
- † Brother James McVeigh, OSF (Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, NY).
- † Mary Kay Arnold, retired staff member from Brother Rice in Chicago
- † Mr. Jose Dotto, father-in-law of Mrs. Georganne Dotto, CFO at CBI



PRAYER TO
SAINT JOSEPH

FEAST DAY—MARCH 19



St. Joseph,
you provided for
those who were
given to your care
in this life.

Intercede for us,
so we may receive
the grace we need
to provide for
those whom are
given to our care,
whether for
a moment or
for a lifetime.

Amen.