Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
June 27

Oh, Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary.

What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help.
The Province Leadership Team wishes all of our readers a blessed Canada Day on July 1st. Canada Day commemorates the anniversary of the Constitution Act which consolidated three territories into the single nation of Canada in 1867.

Likewise, we wish all a blessed Independence Day in the United States on July 4th. Independence Day commemorates the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

**Assignments/Appointments/Announcements**

The Sponsor Counsel of Palma School in Salinas, CA has reappointed Mr. Chris Dalman as President of Palma for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2021.

The PLT welcomes Brother Prince Bai Tarawalie to our Province as he commences studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. Prince, a member of our African Province, is from Makeni City, Sierra Leone. At Iona, Prince will be pursuing a Master’s Degree in Science Education with a focus on Educational Leadership and Supervision.
Congratulations to Brother Anthony Kiril Cavet (Catholic Memorial Community in West Roxbury, MA) on his recent induction into the National Speech and Debate Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2021. Kiril has coached speech and debate in numerous schools during the course of his more than fifty-year career as a coach and mentor.

While remaining a member of the St. Joseph’s Residence Community in New Rochelle, NY, Brother Kevin Barry will now officially reside at the St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, effective June 19, 2021.

2021 Golden Jubilees

Congratulations to our 2021 Golden Jubilarians – Brother Patrick Varilla (87th Street Community in Burbank, IL) and Brother Joe Morgan (Iona College Community in New Rochelle, NY). Pat will celebrate at Brother Rice High School in Chicago, IL on July 24, 2021. The date for Joe’s celebration has not yet been set.
Vow Renewal

Congratulations to Brother Robert Droel who renewed his Annual Vows as a Christian Brother on June 1, 2021 (the birthday of Blessed Edmund Rice) during a communal ceremony in Madison, MS.

Initial Formation Reflection Day

On Sunday, June 6, 2021 Brothers Robert Droel, Jorge Tavera, Alberto Llanos, Ted Dausch, Ed Bergeron and Michael Segvich came together virtually to participate in the second Initial Formation Reflection Day. The gathering was led by Formation Director, Bro. Peter O’Loughlin. The Retreat was focused on a recently received prayer service by Brother Sunil Brito: *Abide*. The prayer service and discussion that followed centered around hope and the joy of the Resurrection, particularly during these difficult times of the pandemic. Each member of the group spoke from his heart and shared what it means to be a Resurrection person during times of doubt and struggle. Another Reflection Day is being planned for September.
News from St. Thomas More Collegiate

Please click on the below link to view a statement from St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, BC regarding Residential Schools and STMCs commitment to truth and reconciliation. We commend Dianne Doyle (President of STMC) and Mr. Stephen Garland (Principal of STMC) for taking this courageous action, and we offer our support.

https://stthomasmorecollegiate.ca/announcement/exploring-truth-reconciliation/

Please see the attachments to view a “Message of Gratitude” from STMC on the schools recently held 60th Anniversary.

Canadian Advocacy – Bill C-15

On June 3, 2021, the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province once again added our support of Bill C-15, an Act respecting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Please click on the below link to view the letter that was sent to Senator Marc Gold, Leader of the Government in the Senate, in Ottawa, ON.

https://www.faithinthedeclaration.ca/
Juneteenth

On June 17, 2021, US President, Joseph R. Biden, signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, making it a federal holiday to be held each year on June 19th. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of African-American slaves and is a day to celebrate African-American culture. Let us continue to pray and advocate for antiracism in all forms in our society.

LAMA News

The Religious Formation Conference (USA) will be hosting a virtual life commitment program entitled Compromiso de Vida from July 25-30, 2021 in Spanish. We are happy to announce that Brother Jorge Tavera from our LAMA will be a participant. For details of the program, please click on the below link.

https://www.relforcon.org/compromiso-de-vida-rfc

The LAMA will hold its annual meeting of Community Leaders from July 25-27, 2021. This will be a ZOOM meeting.

To view the latest news from our Latin America Mission Area, please visit the LAMA website at:

https://www.edmundorice.net/
https://www.edmundorice.net/en/
Virtual Immersions in Lima, Peru

Since the time of our last Province News, Bergen Catholic H. S. in Oradell, NJ has participated in a virtual immersion experience in Lima, Perú.

This November (2021), under the direction of Brother Steve Casey, the Province immersion program will resume with offering immersion experiences in Brownsville, TX for Province schools. Likewise, in January of 2022, live immersions in Lima, Perú will also resume.

Please see the attachments for an overview of immersions in both Brownsville and Lima.
Please see the attachments to view a message from Maureen Kiers (Province liaison to EREBB) announcing the EREBB Global Classroom Partners initiative. Numerous schools from throughout the Province in both North and Latin America will be participating in this initiative.

### Jericho House Ecological Retreat

The tenth annual Jericho House Ecological Retreat will take place from August 8-14, 2021 at Jericho House in Wainfleet, ON. Please see the attached brochure for details.

### Religious Brothers Conference

The annual Religious Brothers Conference assembly will take place virtually from July 12-14, 2021. This year RBC will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Please click on the below link for details and to register.

SOAR Grant

Through the efforts of Mr. Sal Pennino (Director of the Christian Brothers Foundation), CBF has received a $22,900 Grant from the Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) organization. This year’s grant will be used to convert three bathrooms at 21 Pryer Terrace in New Rochelle, NY into handicapped accessible baths. We thank SOAR for their continued generosity and promise our gratitude and prayers to all those donors who make this grant possible.
Kenny Gould and Deidre Cornell were close collaborators of Brother Daniel Denis Crimmins, CFC, RIP, in his ministry serving farm workers in Ulster County, New York. They and a group of other friends of "Hermano Dan" have gathered his sage and humorous memoir, his necrology, and a eulogy by Brother Ed Pigott into the book: A Story Worth Retelling. For a suggested donation of twenty dollars copies may be obtained by writing to the small-but-mighty 501(c)3:

Reaping the Harvest, Inc.
C/O 192 Chapel Hill Road
Highland, NY 12528

On Sunday, June 6, the Reaping the Harvest organization awarded scholarships for three college bound students in memory of Brother Daniel Denis Crimmins. Reaping the Harvest is a social outreach organization associated with the Catholic Charities of New York and Denis Crimmins was the director for many years. The target audience are the poor and marginalized, especially the Latino and farm worker population in the mid-Hudson valley. Reaping the Harvest is now headed by the married couple Dierdre Cornell and Kenney Gould, longtime friends of the Christian Brothers. When Denis Crimmins passed away, Dierdre and Kenney decided to start an annual scholarship program in Denis' memory. This year, the Memorial Mass and presentation took place in the Christian Brothers cemetery in West Park, NY. Father Martin Deely, CSsR, a former chaplain to Reaping the Harvest and member of the Redemptorist Fathers, celebrated the Mass for the fifty participants. We were honored to have present Winifred Rooney, cousin of Denis Crimmins, and her son P.J. who presented the scholarships to the three graduating high school seniors. Many thanks to Dierdre and Kenney who have worked very hard to perpetuate the spirit and memory of "Br. Dan."
Attachments

2. An overview of Immersions in Brownsville, TX and Lima, Peru.

Calendar of Events

June 30, 2021  Congregation Leadership Group ZOOM
July 01, 2021  Canada Day
July 04, 2021  Independence Day (USA)
July 12-14, 2021 Virtual 50th Jubilee of the Religious Brothers Conference
July 19, 2021  PLT Summer ZOOM Call
July 24, 2021  Golden Jubilee for Br. Pat Varilla at Brother Rice H. S. (Chicago)
July 24, 2021  Closing Ritual of the New Street Community in North Charleston, SC
July 25 - 27, 2021 Community Leaders Virtual Meeting (Latin America Mission Area)
August 03 - 04, 2021 Virtual Assembly for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men
August 05, 2021  Virtual Gathering for Young Religious sponsored by CMSM
August 19, 2021  PLT Summer ZOOM Call
August 21, 2021  Edmundian Reunion in New Rochelle, NY
Please Pray For

- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19.
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph’s Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Brother Ross Wielatz, as he continues to recover from recent surgery.
- Brother Michael Binkley, as he continues to recover from a series of recent surgeries.
- Brother Steve Hale, as he recovers from a recent illness.
- Bro. Damian Ryan, as he recovers from a recent stroke.
- Brother Kevin Barry, recently hospitalized.
- Brother Michael Valdes, recently hospitalized.

Repose of the Soul of …

† Brother Richard DeMaria.
† Gloria Morelli (Long-time member of the New Rochelle Finance Office).
† Marie Terese Tobin (mother of Joseph Cardinal Tobin – Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ).
† Mr. Stephen Samp (brother of Brother Sebastian Samp).
† Mr. Christopher Locantro (uncle of Brother Peter O’Loughlin).
† Mr. Ed Herman (long-time supporter of St. Ann’s Academy in Kamloops, BC).
† Mike Brown, basketball coach at Rice HS in the sixties.