



Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!

Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slate our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother.

Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain!

Illumine our consciences;

May our will not be done;

Abandon us not to our own actions!

Stop us, O Lord, stop us!

And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.

O Lord, put a halt to the violence!

Stop us, O Lord!

Amen.

Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday, 2022.



Speak, Lord, your servants are listening

Attached to this newsletter is an electronic copy of the Congregation Document: *Speak, Lord, your servants are listening* and a corresponding PowerPoint in both English and Spanish. Soon, each Brother in the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province and the Latin America Mission Area will receive a printed version (in English) of the document.



Appointments/Announcements



**Br. Ted
Dausch**

The Province Leadership Team has assigned Brother Ted Dausch to Comunidad Juan Diego in Brownsville, TX, effective July 1, 2022.



**Comunidad Jean Diego,
Brownsville, TX**



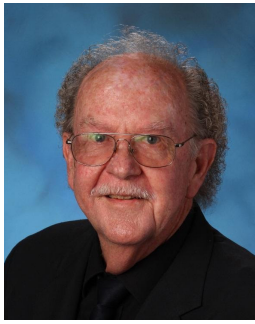
Br. Kevin Cawley

The PLT has approved Brother Kevin Cawley's request to accept a new two-year term as the Main Representative to the United Nations in New York for Edmund Rice International, effective immediately.



**United Nations Headquarters
New York, NY**





Br. Chris Burns

Congratulations to Brother Chris Burns who will be the recipient of “The Crusader Templar” award honoring his more than three decades of service to the mission of Tampa Catholic High School. The ceremony will take place on April 29, 2022.



Br. Tyrone Davis

Congratulations to Brother Tyrone Davis (Director of the Office of Black Ministry in the Archdiocese of New York) for securing a \$1 million grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. The grant will provide funding for the *Pierre Toussaint - Mother Cabrini Scholarship Program for Healthier Families, Churches and Communities*. The

monies will be used to assist scholars majoring in the sciences and preparing for careers and ministries in healthcare and social work, including medicine, nursing, mental health/counseling, physical therapy, dentistry, etc.



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OFFICE OF BLACK MINISTRY



The following is an excerpt from the *Solidarity Teacher Training College in Yambio, South Sudan Newsletter* regarding the work of Brother Jim Keane. We join in expressing our gratitude to Jim for his fourteen years of service to the African Province.

Thanks to Brother Jim Keane CFC

Solidarity Teacher Training College expresses its gratitude to Brother Jim Keane, a Christian Brother (Edmund Rice) from Chicago, US, for his wonderful service at the College since 2017. Being an obedient Brother in all his life, he had to respond to his Superior's call to return to the US for his Congregation's mission in Hawaii. Brother Jim was an outstanding teacher of English and Professional Studies and an excellent role model to trainee teachers. The students recalled what they learned from him, including lesson preparation, punctuality, classroom discipline, critical thinking, gratitude, courtesy, and impartiality. Above all, they spoke of his love for the profession of teaching as inspiring them. We thank Brother Jim and wish him best wishes in his new assignment.



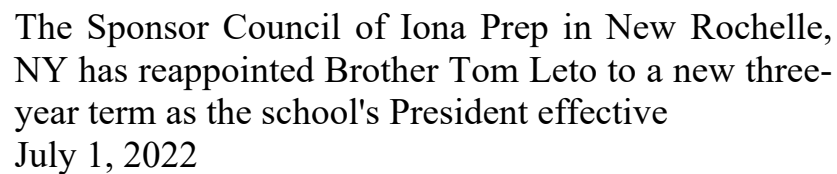
On behalf of the Province, we offer our prayers and support to Jason Ford who was officially dispensed from his vows on March 4, 2022. We thank Jason for his more than twenty years of service to the Congregation and wish him well as he begins a new phase in his faith journey.



**Mr. Mark
Donahue**

The Sponsor Council of Brother Rice High School in Chicago, IL has reappointed Mr. Mark Donahue to a new three-year term as the school's President effective July 1, 2022.





 <p>Edmund Rice International invites ALL members of the Global Edmund Rice and Misionera Cara Networks to a series of 4 Zoom Webinars (90 Minutes each)</p>	<h2>HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY</h2> <p>A Pillar of the Global Edmund Rice Mission</p> <hr/> <h3>THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CHAPTER CALL</h3> <p>"To engage in advocacy with the voiceless, the marginalised and all that are oppressed"</p> <hr/> <h3>PRESENTATIONS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be two presentations of the same webinar each Wednesday to facilitate participation by members of the Edmund Rice and Misionera Cara networks situated in different time zones across the world. 	
Wednesdays	SESSION	Presenter
30-March	Understanding the foundation of Human Rights and Advocacy	Tino D'Abreu & Kevin Mallon
6-April	ERI's Engagement with the Human Rights System	Kevin Mullon & Terry Douling
20-April	The SDGs and Advocacy	Terry Douling & Tino D'Abreu
27-April	Care of the Earth in the light of Laudato Si' and the SDGs	Kevin Cauley
<p>Recording: All sessions will be recorded and links shared. So, if participants miss a session or would like to go back over a session, they could always view it at their convenience</p>		
		<p>North and Latin America (Spanish translation) The Caribbean, Europe, Africa</p> <p>Oceania, India, Europe, Africa</p>
		<p>Time: 21:00 hrs (Geneva GMT + 1)</p> <p>Registration Link: https://us2.zoom.us/j/zoomlink?region=latam&password=6010LinkWeb%20Eri%20en%20es</p>
		<p>Time: 12:00 hrs (Geneva GMT + 1)</p> <p>Registration Link: https://us2zoom.zoom.us/j/zoomlink?region=euro&password=6010LinkWeb%20Eri%20en%20fr</p>

Register [here](#) for the training at 12.00 (Geneva GMT +1)

Action Moderators Retreat Day



ACTION team leaders and moderators gathered on Saturday, March 12, 2022, in Chicago to map out an expanded ACTION program. ACTION developed a clear direction regarding how to move students to advocate and build coalitions within the school community. ACTION will continue to focus on leadership, service, and advocacy, while the expanded program emphasizes teaching students to develop partnerships, marketing their cause, and growing in a more profound understanding of what it means to advocate. ACTION participants will then develop and implement a plan to move peers, teachers, administrators, board members, and the local community to bring about systemic change. Through regular networking, students will share best practices and network to troubleshoot, share successes and seek resources.

Thanks to the following participants: Jeff Fox of Bergen Catholic, Oradell, NJ; Jeff McGivern, Damien Memorial, Honolulu, HI; Christine Chana, Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, NY; Laura Storino, Saint Laurence High School, Chicago, IL; Lilian Vernier, Vancouver College, Vancouver, BC; Justin Pelligrino, Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle NY, Michael Dolan, Brother Rice, Chicago and John Bonomo, husband of Cristiana Ritchie-Bonomo.



**Br. Tim
Smyth**

Thanks to Brother Tim Smyth and Cristiana Ritchie-Bonomo from the Province Office of Educational Services for facilitating the meeting.



**Cristiana Ritchie-
Bonomo**

The next ACTION Leadership Workshop will be October 13 - 16, 2022, at the John Paul II retreat center in Kearny, NJ. The Office of Educational Services will send sign-up information for ACTION to schools in mid-April.

Initial Formation Reflection Day

On Saturday March 5, 2022 all those involved in Initial Formation gathered for a morning of reflection via Skype centered on the themes of the 1st Sunday in Lent and the gospel passage: *“Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the Evil One.”* (Luke 4:1-2). A lively discussion ensued around the meaning of Jesus’ struggle in the desert and the struggles that each of us face in daily living. The reflection was led by Brother Peter O’Loughlin (ERCBNA Formation Director). Included in the call were Brothers Kevin Bernard (Latin America Formation Director), Robert Droel (Annually Professed, Madison, MS), Michael Segvich (PLT Liaison for Formation), Ted Dausch (Madison, MS), as well as Mr. Martín Loayza (Residential Candidate, Lima, Perú) and Mr. Antonio Meillon (non-Residential Candidate, Guatemala City, Guatemala).

Review for Religious



Review for Religious is a Catholic, peer reviewed journal that promotes the study of Catholic religious life and its relationship to God, the Church, and the world. We encourage every Christian Brother community in the Province to order a subscription to this excellent journal. For details, please visit the Review for Religious website at:

<https://www.reviewforreligious.com/>

Religious Brothers Conference



The Religious Brothers Conference Annual Assembly will take place from July 18 – 21, 2022 at the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, CA. For more details please visit the website at:

<http://www.todaysbrother.com/>

Latin America Mission Area News



The departure of Brother Hugo Cáceres for the Congregation Leadership Team in Rome has necessitated the following changes.



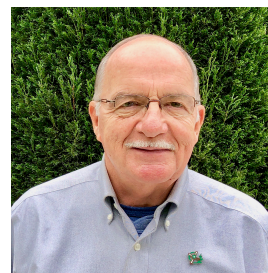
**Br. Michael
Lynch**

1. Brother Michael Lynch will serve as the LAMA delegate to the ERCBNA Province Leader.



**Br. Ricardo
Glatz**

2. Brother Ricardo Glatz and Brother Kevin Bernard will serve as the official LAMA delegates to the Province Chapter in July.



Br. Kevin Bernard



**Br. Kevin
Griffith**

3. Brother Ricardo Glatz will serve as the Mission Group Coordinator for our ministries in Perú and Bolivia. Brother Kevin Griffith will take responsibility for Argentina and Uruguay.

4. Brother Jorge Tavera will take responsibility for contact with youth groups in Latin America.



**Br. Jorge
Tavera**

5. Brother Ever Cieza will take on the role of serving as the Legal Representative in both Perú and Bolivia. He will be assisted by Brother Ricardo Glatz.



**Br. Ever
Cieza**

6. Brother Steve Casey will serve as the Community Leader for the Casa Hendricken Community in Las Flores, Lima.



**Br. Steve
Casey**

7. Mr. Elmer Hurtado (LAMA Oficina de Desarrollo y Comunicaciones) has been appointed to serve on the Mission Group.



**Mr. Elmer
Hurtado**

Farewell to Hugo



Christian Brothers and other members of the Edmund Rice Network in Perú gathered on March 4, 2022 to wish a blessed farewell to Brother Hugo Cáceres, as he joins the CLT in Rome. We offer Hugo our prayerful support as he takes on this important Congregational ministry.

Welcome Martín



L-R: Martín Loayza, Niko Raffo (volunteer), Brs. Alberto Llanos, Jorge Tavera, Kevin Bernard and Diego Glos

On March 17, 2022 the Brothers in Lima, Perú, Dermot Cregan in Cochabamba, Bolivia and Peter O'Loughlin, Elizabeth, NJ welcomed Martín Loayza into the Latin America Mission Area Residential Candidacy program. Martín will be living in the Canto Grande Community while ministering at Colegio Fe y Alegría No 26 in Canto Grande. We offer our prayers for Martín as he continues to journey with us.

Pilgrims in Peru



The Province Office of Educational Services is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been accepted to participate in this year's *Pilgrims in Perú* program from July 16 – 25, 2022.

- Shireen Cotterall, Teacher, Vancouver College;
- Michelle Rapier, Teacher, Vancouver College;
- Robert Venditti, Facility and Grounds Manager, West Park;
- Paige Callebs, Teacher, Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills;
- Jennifer Wagner, Vice Principal, Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills;
- Erica Cameron, Teacher, St. Thomas More;
- Ana Krause, Teacher, St. Laurence;
- Dylan Gray, Teacher, Iona Preparatory School;
- Deirdre Mone, Principal, Iona Preparatory School, Lower School.
- Cris Ritchie-Bonomo and Brother Stephen Casey will lead the group.

Lima Immersion

Live and virtual Lima Immersion experiences have started to take place. In February 2022, Iona Prep sent twelve students accompanied by Brother Tom Leto and Dr. Kevin Kelton.

Additionally, a number of virtual immersions have also occurred: Level 1 and Level 2 students from CBS Middleton in County Cork, Ireland and St. Laurence High School in Burbank, Illinois. Also joining the Immersion Experience is volunteer Niko Raffo from Stella Maris, Montevideo, Uruguay. Niko will be volunteering for four months. Thanks to Brother Steve Casey for his continued work organizing these experiences.

Some photos from Lima, Perú:



Iona Prep students with chaperones Br. Tom Leto and Dr. Kevin Kelton



A thank you to the Level 1 & 2 students from CBS Midleton, Cork, Ireland who fund raised to have this house built.



Volunteer Niko Raffo, from Stella Maris, Montevideo, Uruguay with some eager helpers.



Students from St. Laurence HS finishing their construction.

Calendar of Events

March 22, 2022	Province Life and Renewal Team Zoom Meeting.
March 25, 2022	Province Life and Renewal Team Zoom Meeting.
April 04 - 07, 2022	School Leaders Annual Meeting via Zoom.
April 09, 2022	Community Support Corporation Meeting – Chicago, IL.
April 10 - 17, 2022	Holy Week - Easter Sunday.
April 19 - 21, 2022	National Catholic Education Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
April 26 - 29, 2022	PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ.
April 27, 2022	Callan Foundation Meeting – Toronto, ON.
April 29 - May 01, 2022	Jericho House – Laudato Si' Retreat – Wainfleet, ON.
May 01, 2022	Religious Brothers Day.
May 02, 2022	St. Joseph's Residence Joint Board Meeting – New Rochelle, NY.
May 05, 2022	Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice.
July 15 - 20, 2022	Province Chapter in Long Branch, NJ.
July 23 - 27, 2022	LAMA Assembly in Perú.



Please Pray For

- The suffering people of Ukraine and a peaceful solution to the war there.
- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19 and its variants.
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across North America.
- Brother Peter Martin (87th Street Community, Burbank, IL).
- Brother Jim Fagan (Bergen Catholic Community in Oradell, NJ).
- Brother Harold Thorne (Mulmur Community, Mulmur, ON).
- Brother Alan Ralph (Capella House, Richmond, BC).
- Sr. Mary Jo Keane (Sister of Brother Jim Keane) undergoing cancer treatment.
- Bea Rodriguez, former Vice-Principal of Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame H.S., Miami, FL.



Repose of the Soul of ...

- † Mary MacLean, Former Secretary of the Western Province Development Office.
- † Barbara Ann McNiven, sister of Brother Paul McNiven, RIP
- † Edmundian Joseph (Edward '56) Smith
- † Edmundian Jim (Conan '60) Wells



Lenten Prayer

*Loving Creator, I know in your great love
for me, you see the deep sorrow in my heart
Hear my prayers which are offered with such trust in you
Be with me in both mind and heart as
I renew my life in your spirit
Amen*

