

# Christian Brothers Today



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**There are signs which may indicate a call to  
Edmund Rice Christian Brotherhood.**

**A deep and abiding love for Christ  
and his Holy Church.**

**An attraction to service --  
both to the Church and  
to the entirety of humanity.**

**A willingness to devote oneself entirely  
to the service of God.**

**Know someone who might make a good Christian Brother?  
Let the Brothers know.**

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On the Cover: The iconic Cornish Celtic Cross stands 20 metres (66 feet) high in Saltash, England on the Cornish bank of the Tamar and was erected in 2013. It is constructed entirely using lightweight space-age composite materials and weighs less than 3 tonnes. (original photo by: Glamhag)

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## Message from the Province Leader



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province consists of 182 Brothers serving in a variety of school and outreach ministries across Canada, Dominica and the United States. Our Brothers take great pride in the many good works in which we are involved.

In this issue of *Christian Brothers Today*, you will encounter the profiles of several Brothers who serve with integrity and distinction throughout the Province. As you read these profiles, I invite you to pay special attention to the people of God being served by these Brothers. They are young and not so young; poor and not so poor; diverse in ethnicity and nationality; and always grateful and appreciative for their association with our Brothers.

Our Brothers continue to serve in the most challenging of situations. We continue to endeavor to teach the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. We continue to espouse to the *Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education*, and we continue to be faithful to the special charism of our beloved Founder, Blessed Edmund Rice.

*Deeply aware of the Father's providential presence in his life, Edmund Rice was moved by the Holy Spirit to open his whole heart to Christ present and appealing to him in the poor.*

This spirit of Blessed Edmund lives within the heart of every Christian Brother and calls each of us to embrace Edmund's words when he wrote:

*Each Brother is an open letter from Christ –  
a message written, not with ink  
but in the Spirit of the living God,  
with a faithful human heart to carry it!*

As you read this issue of *Christian Brothers Today* and get a glimpse into the lives of the men being profiled, I believe you will come to appreciate the many ways in which our Brothers respond with compassionate hearts to the needs of others. Please join me in expressing gratitude to these men for their steadfast commitment to making our world a better place.

*Live, Jesus, in our Hearts... Forever!*

God bless,

*Bro. Kevin Griffith*

Bro. Kevin M. Griffith, CFC  
Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America,  
Province Leader

# Mission Frère

## Edmund Rice Network Services

Edmund Rice Network Services encompasses vibrant opportunities for engagement in the building of a more just and compassionate society, being fully present to those most in need, and giving voice to the voiceless. We invite you to consider four ways you might collaborate in this graced and joy-filled effort.

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*To seek and welcome new members to the vowed life as Christian Brothers* is the eighth “call” of the most recent General Chapter of the Congregation of Christian Brothers. It is a call to action for all those who are inspired by the charism of Edmund.

Brothers, and all Christians, have been reminded by Pope Francis that the way we live our lives is what attracts others: *It is for all of us to ask ourselves if one who meets us perceives in our life the warmth of faith, sees in our face the joy of having encountered Christ.*

It is spring time in North America, a season of new life. This edition of *Christian Brothers Today* features the profiles of 21 Brothers. Each, in his unique life and ministry, is a manifestation of the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice vibrantly present among us.

Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church, the recently published Vatican Document, renews the call:

*A shared charism.* The Brother becomes aware of the wealth contained in his own foundational charism, and he shares it with other lay believers who could live it within other ways of life. He accepts being an instrument of the Holy Spirit in the transmission of the charism and takes responsibility for being a living memory of the founder. Thus the charism retains its Gospel richness for the building up of the Church, the good of people and meeting the needs of the world.

Readers are urged to share the stories, add their own, and join in proclaiming to new generations the gift and the joy of consecrated brotherhood.

Brother Sean Moffett, C.F.C.



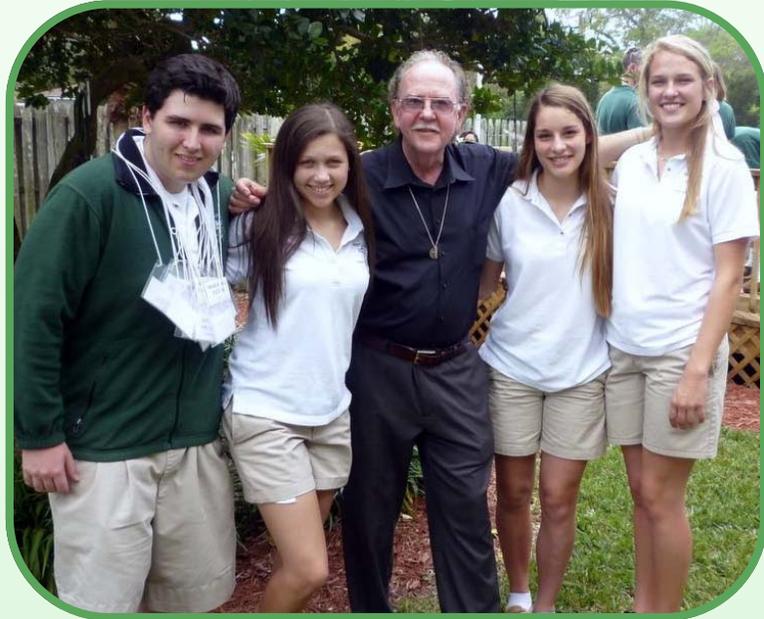
*Each Brother is an open letter from Christ*

## BROTHER F. CHRISTOPHER BURNS, CFC

William Butler Yeats once said: “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” Br. Chris Burns has spent the past fifty years of his life as a Catholic school teacher lighting the fire in the hearts of his students, reminding them of the words of Jesus that they are to be “light for the world”.

Br. Chris grew up in New Jersey, was deeply inspired by the Christian Brothers that taught him at Bergen Catholic HS, and at the young age of 17 joined the Congregation, and began the ride of a lifetime. He is currently teaching Speech at Tampa Catholic HS in Florida, as well as ministering to his students as Director of Campus Ministry.

Br. Chris claims that the Christian Brothers were responsible for bringing to light the gifts and talents that he never knew resided in him. He was asked to assist in a province wide program known as “Action”, which he joyfully did for 25 years. The goal of that program is to train student leaders to return to their schools and help their individual school community put into action the gospel teachings of Jesus, particularly by serving the marginalized. Another program that he became involved in is named “Called and Gifted”, which he has been part of for the past thirty years. The program helps the lay teachers of the Christian Brothers’ schools understand and appreciate their God given talents, and reflect on the special vocation that they have been called to as they minister as educators in their catholic school community.



*Brother Chris Burns with ACTION Student Leaders from Tampa Catholic.*

Looking back on his 50 years of ministry, working with students and teachers in the Brothers’ schools, he is immensely grateful to God for gifting him with his religious vocation.

Whenever he visits the brothers’ cemetery in West Park, New York, he realizes he is literally standing on the shoulders of the Brothers who have gone before him, and is deeply aware of his responsibility to pass on to the Brothers and lay teachers that follow him the charism of our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice. As Br. Chris stands proudly on this sacred ground, these words of the singer and song writer Neil Diamond resound in his heart; “and each one here, has one thing shared...they have sweated beneath the same sun, looked up at wonder at the same moon, and wept when it was all done, for being done too soon, for being done too soon.” Br. Chris is still enjoying the ride of a lifetime, has no regrets, and hopes for him it won’t end too soon.

## BROTHER JOHN CASEY, CFC

Brother John joined the Brothers from New Jersey. His varied career, primarily in inner-city settings, as a teacher, principal, and president brought him to the administrative offices of the Christian Brothers and then the National Catholic Education Association in Washington. Educators throughout the nation have delighted in the humor that enriches his speaking engagements, workshops and seminars. Following hurricane Katrina he gave up his Washington position to help develop a volunteer community in New Orleans. His was the dual role of providing consultation services in the re-establishment of the Catholic schools of the city while working with other Brothers to establish a community that would serve as a space for reflection on Faith and its link to Christian Service for the many students from around the country eager to lend a hand in dealing with the aftermath of the storm. The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Volunteer House in New Orleans welcomes a small group of residential volunteers who make a one year commitment to living in community, engaging in service, and sharing prayer.

The living room of the community has become a gathering point for both volunteers and their coordinators. Here they welcome Brother John's gentle, yet insistent invitation to open their hearts to what they are seeing and hearing in those they are called to serve. As the daily events are re-viewed in the context of the Gospels, the volunteers begin to make connections.

Brother John identifies the margins as the connection between what the volunteers have seen among the homeless and poor in New Orleans and what they might be able to find on the edges of their own city, town or village. He asks if the Gospel might not be a personal invitation to take home what the poor have shared with them so abundantly. He feels that he and the other Brothers can be *brother* to the emerging Church: helping others to identify, as Edmund Rice did, Christ present and appealing to them in the poor and needy. He invites the volunteers to respond genuinely with the program of the Good Samaritan, the program of Jesus, with *a heart which sees*. This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly. (*Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI)

Today, Brother John continues to serve the people of God with the Brothers' Mission Frère program in Harlem, NY.



*After a day of service in New Orleans, building houses, teaching or coaching children, visiting with the homebound, or those in senior centers or prisons, Brother Casey gathers student volunteers from around the country in the Brothers' community room. He invites them to share their experiences and then reflect on Matthew 25: "I was hungry and you gave me food, ... thirsty, ... a stranger, ... in prison and you visited me."*

## BROTHER KEVIN CAWLEY, CFC

Brother Kevin Cawley, CFC, represents Edmund Rice International at the United Nations in New York City. In his career as a teacher, high school administrator, and college professor, he became sensitized to the importance of expanding and deepening students' experience of interconnectedness with the whole universe and their role in promoting peace, justice and the integrity of creation.



In collaboration with Brothers at the United Nations Offices in Geneva and with input from the larger Edmund Rice Network, Brother Cawley lobbies for human dignity, raises awareness of the violation of basic rights, monitors efforts at sustaining the earth, and provides documentation to support the advocacy efforts of Edmund Rice teachers, students and associates, throughout the Network. As Main Representative to United Nations Headquarters in New York, Kevin works with many faith-based colleagues in civil society to keep the plight of those made poor in the forefront of conversations among member states. His monthly e-mail newsletter, Carbon Rangers, with 500+ subscribers in 25 countries, presents regular reports on the multiple challenges facing our human species and our fragile planet.

Kevin is a co-founder of The Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona College. With his colleagues at the Forum, he works to bring the insights of Thomas Berry to the college community of faculty, staff and students. In addition, the Forum sponsors events for the public on the issues of concern to those working at care of the Earth in these times. One of the great challenges has been to raise awareness of the precarious state of the planet. The Forum presents regular programs in local parishes on the encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home*. The encyclical echoes a foundational insight from Thomas Berry who for many years called on the world to develop a mutually beneficial human-earth relationship.

Kevin reports his initial attraction to the Brothers came at Essex Catholic HS in Newark, New Jersey. He found the Brothers to be enthusiastic teachers, demanding coaches and completely interested always in the success of their students. They clearly loved their work and presented a generous model of service to the world in a life committed to prayer and teaching. The vocation showed how to be wonderfully useful to a larger mission in an energized, inspiring, prayerful and challenging atmosphere with like-minded partners.

Brother Cawley notes:

*These original attractions still hold deep truths that draw grace into our daily lives. Living in community as Brothers means we have daily evidence that the Creator works in an always evolving universe. The structures of common life remind us of our dependence on others and our common prayer and meditation deepens these supports as we respond to grace.*

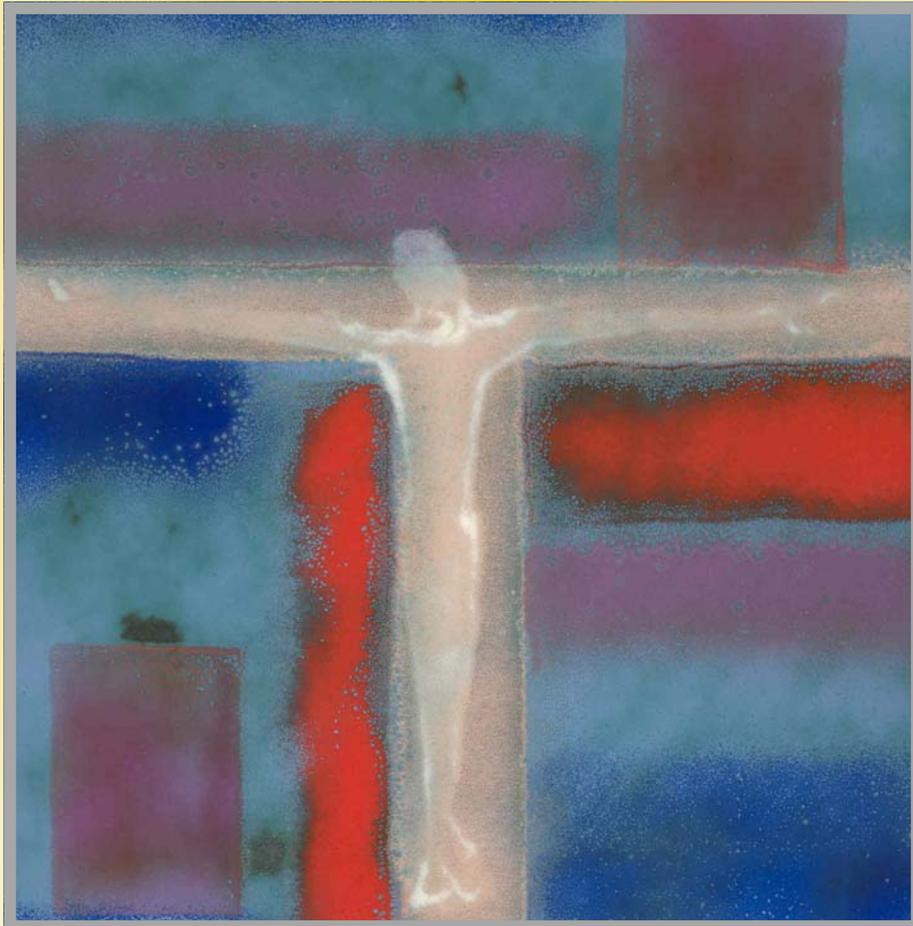
## BROTHER KENNETH CHAPMAN, CFC

Brother Ken Chapman brings to his canvases a lifetime of teaching, community leadership, spirituality, prayer, and deep sensitivity both to the joys and pains of those he has taught and served and to the splendors of the earth and cosmos. He challenged generations of high student to open

themselves to the affective realms of feelings and imagination. He delighted in the playful, the unique, the flight of fancy, the clash of colors, the explosion of light and shadow. He spent several years on the Western Province's missions to Native Americans, awakening children to the rich tribal art forms of their ancestors, cultivating skills in the making and decoration of jewelry, allowing the art and inspiration of his students to take root in his own work.



Brother Kenneth Chapman seems to locate the real margins at the edge of human creativity. There in the tension between thoughts and feelings, holding on and letting go, opening to the possible, cherishing the eternal, a child, grown adult, opens anew to the movement of the Spirit.



Crucifixion, 1999, enamel, by Br. Ken Chapman

## BROTHER EDMUND CONTI, CFC

Originally from Montreal, Brother Edmond Conti has spent most of his teaching career on the east and west coasts of Canada, in Newfoundland and British Columbia. His specialty has been the 5th grade. Currently at Vancouver College, a K to 12 school, he is recalled by a number of the graduating seniors and their finest teacher.

His classroom is a launching pad for virtual as well as actual adventures in transformation. For part of the year it may be a Native American village, with a central teepee large enough to host the regular class pow-wows. As the year progresses, it is transformed into a planetarium, a zoo, or an aquarium. Constellations appear on the ceiling, gerbils or laboratory rats run between feeding stations and play areas in transparent tubes, larvae transform into butterflies to be released into the school gardens, salmon roe is hatched and, during a class outing, rejoin the river paths of their ancestors.

As the year approaches its finale, his class becomes the Globe Theater. Senior teachers are invited to share their insights and to critique the fifth graders' recitations from Hamlet and Macbeth. And then it is time to anticipate the joys of summer.

Recently Brother Conti changed roles. He now co-teaches with each of the primary school teachers of the school, encouraging and demonstrating his clever ways of entering the rich educational realms of fantasy, curiosity, and creativity, evoking the unique giftedness of each child.



## BROTHER EDMUND “TED” DAUSCH, CFC

Jackson Mississippi was one of the places first identified for the Brothers’ project of establishing a mission in a poor diocese serving the poor. The Bishop was enthused about the opening of a Christian Brothers



*Empowering young adults to take on parish leadership roles has become a primary focus of Br. Ted Dausch’s ministry within the emerging Latino population of the Church in Mississippi.*

with Brother Bob McGovern, the Thea Bowman Spirituality Center. During this time he taught English as a second language in peoples’ homes gaining familiarity with the Immigrant reality. In the year 2000 he was hired to be the Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese. This was a completely new experience for him.

Within the first couple of years, with the help of Catholic Charities, an Immigration Clinic was established at Catholic Charities. This would help to respond to the issues that undocumented immigrants face. Becoming more aware of the issues that the undocumented face, he was one of the co-founders of MIRA (Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance) -- a voice informing the non-immigrant population and the state legislature concerning these issues. The group was able to block some of the anti-immigrant legislation now doing damage in other states.

In the diocese there are approximately 50,000 Hispanics. Many are undocumented, with limited education, and treated as outcasts. The people in ministry are limited in numbers, age, experience in this area and most are not bi-lingual. In an area of 37,600 sq. miles, there are one hundred churches and missions of which twenty seven serve the Hispanic community

In order to bridge this gap Brother Ted and his collaborators place emphasis on evangelization, formation, and lay leadership within the Hispanic communities. In cooperation with the Southeast Pastoral Institute, over one hundred people have participated or are participating in these basic courses in theology, pastoral ministry and leadership.

Brother Ted sees himself as a bridge between people and communities in the Diocese. He is an advocate and educator for social justice. Even at a “mature” age, he speaks of himself as being passionate and very grateful to accompany his brothers and sisters on this journey. “I try to be a bridge for them in this world and they are a bridge for me into the next. -- I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

The margins for Brother Ted would appear to be the many points of potential integration and mutual appreciation as the Catholic Church of Mississippi comes to know and embrace its new reality.

## BROTHER JAMES DePIRO, CFC

Jim DePiro graduated from Essex Catholic High School, then in Newark, New Jersey. His first assignments as a Brother brought him to Bishop Hendricken High School in Rhode Island and later Notre Dame - Bishop Gibbons High school in Schenectady, New York. Although an economics major with a Master's Degree in Religious Education, he soon found that his gift for teaching mathematics was most in demand. While comfortable with all levels of mathematics, he quickly acquired a reputation for reaching students who previously had decided they could not pass algebra or geometry.

In the classroom, Br. D' applied the techniques that he had developed coaching baseball, football and soccer. Students or players thrive once they know someone believes they can do what is needed and will not give up on them until they succeed. Failure is not an option.

Brother DePiro's gifts for organization were tapped in the roles of Department Chairman, Director of Athletics, Mentor of New Teachers and Principal. While a gifted leader, whenever an assignment concluded, he opted to return to his first loves of teaching and coaching.

During an extended period at Archbishop Curley – Notre Dame Prep in Miami, FL, Br. D developed a strong commitment to the Haitian teens whose families were challenged by issues of cultural adjustment and economic hardship. A short-lived voucher program had brought to ACND a number of students from failing public schools. The earthquake of 2010 swelled the Haitian population of the school. Brother had his students coach him in the Creole needed to make the new arrivals feel welcome.

He raised awareness among Brothers throughout the world concerning the plight of the people of Haiti and advocated action on their behalf. Today Brother is stationed in the Caribbean at St. Mary's Academy where again he is teaching a full schedule of mathematics and serving as deputy principal, as he continues to refine his Creole in Dominica and explore ways in which the Brothers might best work with the people of Haiti to realize the dreams of a better future for their children.



Left: Coach DePiro with the Under 17 "Football" Team in Dominica Right: With school children in Haiti

## BROTHER PATRICK DENNIS DUNNE, CFC

Starting his 48th year of active ministry in an Edmund Rice Christian Brother school, Brother Patrick Dennis Dunne is currently serving as President of Palma School in Salinas, California, a post he has held since 2008. Prior to assuming the president's position, he was principal at the all-boys school, grades 7-12, for twenty-one years. Each August he stirs the teachers, administrators, and students to a thoroughly fresh welcoming of the new school year.



Br. Dunne (right)

A native of Chicago and graduate of Br. Rice High School, Brother Dunne has served in several schools with a variety of duties and responsibilities. At St. Laurence High School in suburban Chicago, O'Dea High School in Seattle, St. Patrick's High School in Vallejo, California, Br. Rice High School in Chicago, and St. John's Indian Mission near Phoenix, Arizona, no two assignments were the same. He was given and/or took on teaching assignments (math, English, economics, geography, and theology) as well as a wide variety of after-school activities in coaching or moderating (cross country, baseball, basketball, track, golf, yearbook, newspaper, missions, parents' club, alumni, tracking service hours and student mission contributions, marketing and development).

Ever mindful of the power of practical engagement in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, Brother has made the building of community within and beyond the school a hallmark of a Palma education. Campus Ministry is well resourced to carry out its role in fostering prayer, worship and Christian service. Students willingly share the challenges and joys they have met feeding the poor, visiting prisoners, advocating for justice, and building homes for poor families across the border in Mexico.

Brother Dunne's rich experience has made his presence a welcome and vital contribution to national retreats and conferences of chief school administrators in the Edmund Rice School Network. He welcomes the opportunity to mentor those new to their supervisory role, to raise consciousness of what really matters, and to share insights on fostering a school community enriched by the essential elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education.

Brother is appreciative of the support and strength received from his Brothers in community over the years. He notes: "Common prayer and daily Mass contribute to making the work of being a Christian Brother more than just doable; they help fortify one's commitment to the vowed life and to the call to service." He often asks himself: "What would Edmund Rice do in this situation - how would he find a way of making things happen, all for the betterment of the students and the greater honor and glory of God."

## BROTHER JOHN T. HOLDEN, CFC

West Africa, and in particular Sierra Leone and Liberia have captured world attention for their struggles with the Ebola crisis. For the Brothers in this part of the world, the time of great stress stretches back to the horrors of the civil wars of the past two decades. At the end of the open hostilities few in these countries had escaped personal tragedies. One Brother was killed, all had suffered the loss of a family member or close friend. There were clear signs of post-traumatic stress syndrome among the population, including Brothers who had suffered with the people while continuing to minister among them for ten years during this horrific civil war which finally ended in 2002.

In 2000 Brother John Holden left his homeland in Canada, responding to an invitation from Congregation Leadership to come to Africa and to accompany Brothers in working through the grieving process and in developing support systems that would allow them to carry forward their ministries to others, particularly the youth of their afflicted land. John made a 3-year commitment to do so following a Congregational Cross cultural Passover Program in India in 1999. His three years have become sixteen years, ten of which he spent ministering in Sierra Leone bridged in between with five years as director of novices in Cape Town, South Africa.

Brother John feels the time is ripe now for him to move on again enabling local Brothers to use the strengths and skills he has nurtured among them to put their own stamp and creativity on programs, thus ensuring continuity into the future. This past year, with the help of generous donations sent to the District by some former Christian Brothers in Canada and a few U.S. friends, Br. John helped coordinate local Brothers' communities to respond to families in their areas that have been most affected in the wake of the devastating Ebola epidemic.

This year Brothers around the globe were invited to consider making themselves available for new "Our Way Into the Future" -- community engagement initiatives in the more marginal regions of Africa and other parts of the Developing World. Brother John Holden was one of the first in our Province to respond. In his application he suggested that his work in West Africa was now done as others are there to carry it forward. He, on the other hand, is ready for the next challenge and enthused about whatever the Lord of surprises is about to offer.



*District Personal Growth Team Members work with mentor Brother John Holden in preparing and facilitating events nurturing the personal and spiritual lives of Christian Brothers in West Africa: Brothers Charles Belmoh, Titus Kallon, and Andrew Koroma BACK: Brothers Victor Alpha, Martin Vamboi, and John Holden.*

## BROTHER FRANCIS ARTHUR GAMMARO, CFC

When the diocese of Orlando saw the need for catholic secondary education in Ocala, an area with a rapidly growing Catholic population, the Bishop and a local pastor invited the Christian Brothers to establish a new school. Noting the higher socio-economic nature of the area and the possibility of an eventual transition to lay leadership, the Brothers agreed to provide a team of experienced educators for the time necessary to establish a quality school, grounded in the faith and the strong traditions of a truly Catholic education. During the initial years Brothers assumed the roles of principal, dean of student services, and master teachers, all with extensive preparation and decades of successful experience.

With graduate degrees in Chemistry, Library Science, and Computer Science, and thirty seven years of high school and graduate level teaching, Brother Francis Arthur Gammaro had no difficulty taking on the role of master teacher. For the previous five years he had a similar role in the re-launching of St. John Neuman School in Naples, Florida. He had delighted in the warmer weather and the adventure of something new – his first experience of co-education. His earlier assignments had been in the all-male cultures of Rice HS, Power Memorial, Iona Prep, and Bergen Catholic, all in the much colder northeast of the United States.

At Trinity all was new. The building and extensive campus were being constructed around the Brothers as they welcomed the first classes. Aside from his teaching, mentoring of teachers, and moderating of student organizations, Brother Arthur became the go-to person for organizing the data bases and programming systems and developing the office of the registrar.

Gifted students sought to be in his Honors Chemistry and Honors Physics courses. Those for whom science and math were more of a challenge advised each other that Brother Arthur is one teacher who can make things simpler and is always available to help -- and he is fun.

The mission of the Brothers as the founders of Trinity High School has been successfully completed. A skilled lay staff have demonstrated their capacity to carry forward the tradition and spirit that has been established.

Brother Arthur spent a year on the faculty of St. Laurence High School in Burbank, Illinois. He was delighted to introduce fresh groups of scholars to the joys and challenges of modern chemistry and physics. He now serves again in Florida at Tampa Catholic.



Brother Francis Arthur Gammaro at Trinity Catholic HS, Ocala, FL.

## BROTHER JAMES HAMILTON, CFC

Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester was where Jim Hamilton first came in contact with the Christian Brothers. Their enthusiastic presence in the life of the school nurtured his own total



engagement in all that was Kearny: academic, athletic, social and religious. On graduation he knew he would one day be a Brother, and began what was necessary to make it happen.

Years later, it became his role as Brother Vocation Director to help other young and not so young men discern their vocations. Visiting college campuses and high schools he presented religious life as an attractive option within the universal call of all Christians to follow Jesus Christ.

He would tell his story enriched with humorous experiences of his years in formation, his first years of teaching in Boston and then Harlem, his

subsequent assignments to Florida and Newark, and his delight in coaching and umpiring baseball.

At the end of his term as Vocation Director Br. Hamilton welcomed an assignment to All Hallows in the Bronx. Here he delights in the vibrant community of the “city kids” he teaches and coaches all in the proximity of Yankee Stadium. He knows not to walk through the neighborhood wearing his preferred Boston Red Sox cap. An AH hat is a prudent substitute. It is only at graduation ceremonies, that his students learn a favorite teacher, coach, and cafeteria prankster, now in full academic regalia, holds the title of Doctor as well as Brother. He adds:

*What drew me to the Brothers was their great spirit. As a student at Bishop Kearney, I never really saw what their prayer life and community life was all about, but I saw the fruits of those gifts as they ministered to the students through teaching, moderating and coaching. I thought that I would like to try to follow in their footsteps, and so I joined the program and quickly grew to love the vocation of a Christian Brother.*

*I learned very quickly that the personal and communal prayer life plays an important role in a Brother's vocation. I also grew to love the ministry of teaching, coaching, and moderating clubs and activities. The other important factor for me is community life, where we live as "brothers", pray together and share responsibilities as we journey in our vocation. I am a teacher in my ministry, but a Brother in my vocation! I have had opportunities to live and minister in several different areas, and in all of these I found that the people and the ministries there provided me with tremendous blessings.*

*As a student at Bishop Kearney High School, I would have never imagined that I would now be in the South Bronx at All Hallows High School, but it is a tremendous experience. God's Spirit and the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice are definitely alive in the administration, faculty, staff and students of All Hallows. I continue to teach Religion, coach baseball and work with student leadership development and service programs and I am very honored and proud to minister as a Christian Brother.*

*One of the programs where I find continued inspiration is the summer camp with "Los Hermanos" and Catholic Charities in Bonita Springs, Florida. It is eye opening for me to see how our students, who come from challenging economic conditions in the South Bronx, interact so well with the children in the camp. It gives me great hope when I see our young men from All Hallows sharing the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers through their interaction with the children.*

*Our students always come away from their immersion experience in Bonita Springs with a renewed sense of God's call to service to others. I have found that God works in many varied ways in our lives and that you never know how God's Spirit will lead us in our lives. Be open to God's presence and listen to and for the Spirit who will lead us and guide us. Jim*

## BROTHER D. THOMAS LEJEUNE, CFC

Originally from New Orleans, Tom LeJeune had a tour of duty in the United States Navy before entering the Brothers. He completed his bachelor's degree at Iona College and later earned a Masters in religious education from Seattle University.

Brother Tom's assignments have brought him to schools in Illinois, Seattle, Hawaii, California, and Arizona. As a member of the Brothers' community responding to the needs of Katrina hurricane victims in New Orleans, Brother Tom began a two year engagement with Catholic Charities' Operation Helping Hands. His ministry included the hosting of volunteer groups from around the country, and hands-on participation in rebuilding homes of families left homeless by the catastrophe.

Currently, Brother Tom is a member of the Brothers' Mexico-USA boarder community in Brownsville, Texas. As a teacher, a coach, and a mentor, his enthusiasm is a source of animation wherever he serves. His rich experience is being tapped to explore new ways of accompanying the growing number of high school, college and university students who seek opportunities to become engaged in direct services to peoples at the margins of society.

His locates the margins in the daily invitations from the Lord to be present, here and now, with whomever shares his day, calling attention to the joy of living and serving each other as sisters and brothers.



*Guadalupe Regional Middle School's bus provides the backdrop for Brother Tom LeJeune (front) and Brother Dave Concannon.*

# BROTHER ROBERT BENEDICT McDONOUGH, CFC

Brother Robert Benedict McDonough's enthusiasm for the bagpipes finds roots in his Scottish-Irish family. He is a featured performer at family weddings and funerals. Brother traces his vocation as a brother and a teacher to the example and encouragement of the Sisters of Charity at Our Lady Star of the Sea School and the Christian Brothers at Monsignor Farrell High School, both schools on Staten Island, NYC.



*Brother Robert Benedict McDonough, CFC piping on the Atlantic shore.*

He recalls the impact of the times of his youth: As a fourth grader I was trained to be an altar boy along with my brother. The first week of practice was in Latin but the second week of practice was in English. By grade seven I was the official trainer for altar boys.... The nuns had us very involved in the Viet Nam War. We were writing soldiers and sending gifts. In retrospect, the war years and destruction and death had me think about the real meaning of life. In high school I tutored evening at Mount Loreto Orphanage. In senior year Father Aldo Toss (noted authority in religious education in that era) got me interested and excited about liturgy and I was part of a group which planned and set up for school liturgies. This developed a lifelong love for liturgy.

Br. McDonough's assignments as a Christian Brother have brought him to Saint Cecilia Grammar School and Saint Lucy School in East Harlem, NYC; Blessed Sacrament High School in New Rochelle, NY; Rice High School in Central Harlem; Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep in Miami, FL.; Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, MA; and Saint Patrick's School in Roxbury, MA. While the ethnic groups varied Anglo, African-American, Puerto Rican, Haitian, Dominican, Cape

Verdean, the essential formative goal of "teaching as Jesus taught" remained the constant.

Along the way he obtained a masters in remedial reading, competency in Spanish, and proficiency on the bagpipes. A creative and successful teacher, dean, principal and district chairperson, he had assumed that schools were his lifelong niche.

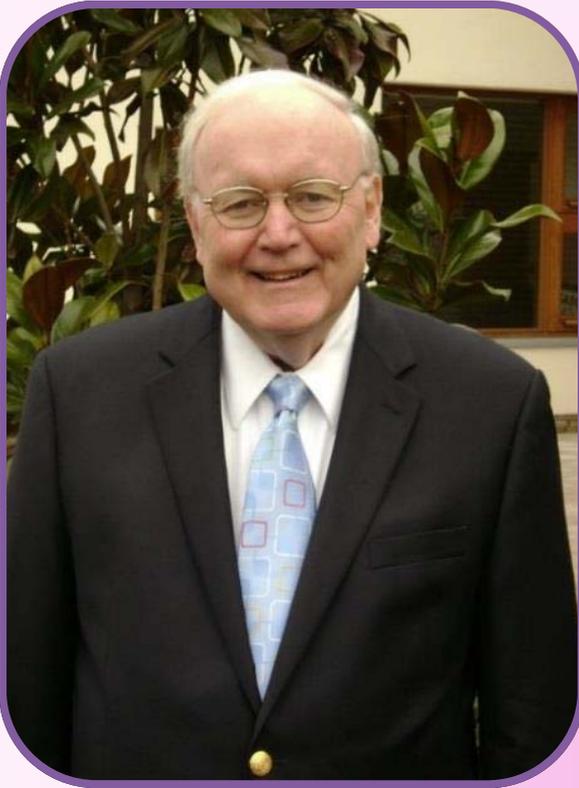
He recalls: In May of 2006, I was asked by the Province Leadership to consider moving to Bonita Springs, FL and our Los Hermanos Community. I had been involved in schools since I was a student in kindergarten. This was a shock for me. I spent some time discerning and agreed to go for a year.

For the next eight years he was intensely engaged with the Mexican and Guatemalan immigrant community of Bonita, running the Juan Diego Pantry, coordinating Christmas and Thanksgiving drives, working with church music groups, and facilitating mission immersion experiences of students from the Edmund Rice Network of schools in North America. He notes modestly: My involvement with the migrant communities here has blessed me greatly. These are God's poor struggling to survive. I truly have seen the face of Christ ministering to me in these the least of my sisters and brothers.

Two years ago Br. McDonough returned to Harlem, the area of the Brothers' original foundation in the United States. He and Brother John W. Casey are part of Mission Frère fostering community engagement and collaboration in discerning how the Brothers might best accompany the people of Harlem into the future.

## BROTHER JOHN (JACK) MOSTYN, CFC

Brother Jack began mission life in the Brothers as a high school teacher and track coach for seventeen years, some of which time was spent “on the missions” in Dominica, West Indies where he learned to coach soccer and cricket. At one point in this phase of his life Brother was appointed a local leader of one of the communities. Later, after a period of intense preparation, he transitioned into the ministry of spiritual direction.



He has been instrumental in helping create several training programs for spiritual directors and supervisors of spiritual directors on both coasts of the United States. He helped found and was president of Spiritual Directors International, an organization with more than six thousand members scattered around the globe. He was the first Coordinator of Mission Integration at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York.

In 1999 Brother was nominated and appointed to the Leadership Team of the then Eastern American Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers. His six year term was interrupted when he was elected to the Congregation Leadership Team at the Congregation Chapter in 2002. He was based in Rome, Italy until May of 2014. This position involved travelling globally visiting the various schools and ministry sites within the Edmund Rice Network.

At the Congregation Chapter in March of 2008 he was elected to the position of Deputy Congregation Leader. He continued to live in Rome and was part of the leadership team that ensures that the direction of the Congregation articulated in the Chapter Documents is followed throughout the Congregation. This team spent many days and hours crafting “A Way into the Future” for the entire Congregation. Its thrust was endorsed by the 2014 Congregation Chapter and is now in the stage of implementation.

A life “on the move” was perhaps foreseeable when, Jack Mostyn, as an eighteen year old at Bergen Catholic HS in New Jersey, gained the attention of sports writers and the nation’s major athletic programs. Local and National headlines reported: *Schoolboy runs 100 Yards in 9.3; Bergen Catholic’s Mostyn Equals World Sprint Record.* And the in the late spring of his senior year: *Latest Star to ‘Retire’ Next Month.* The New York Times explained: *Track Bids Can’t Catch Sprinter: Mostyn to Reject 15 Scholarships for Religious Life.*

## BROTHER ANTHONY MARK MURPHY, CFC

The gymnasium at Vancouver College in British Columbia, Canada, was pulsing with the enthusiasm of the whole student body. Stirred with the sense that the pep rally was coming to a climax the students' attention was directed to the opening of the side entrance. A Harley Davidson Motorcycle roared through the doors and circled in front of the packed bleachers. The driver in an Elvis Presley disguise came to an abrupt stop, dismounted and walked slowly toward the microphone in center court. As he dramatically removed his helmet the crowd erupted in sudden recognition of the school principal, Brother Anthony Mark Murphy.

Today after a series of roles as teacher, administrator, and elected member of province governance, Brother, who is President Emeritus, serves as the Chairman of the Boards of Trustees or Members for nine of the separately incorporated schools in the Consortium of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Schools in North America.

Brother Mark sees the margins as the horizons of excellence in scholarship, spirituality, and community service to which each of these schools is called. He delights in his journeys throughout North America. While his entrances are usually less dramatic, he continues to find joy in encountering the dedicated faculties and enthusiast students who advance toward these horizons.



**BROTHER ANTHONY MARK MURPHY, CFC**

## BROTHER ROBERT NOVAK, CFC

Brother Robert Novak, has been on the Iona College Faculty since 1976. Originally from Newark, NJ, where he attended Essex Catholic High School, he joined the Christian Brothers in 1967. After graduating from Iona in 1972 with a major in Physics, he went back to Essex Catholic where he taught Physics and coached soccer. Meanwhile, he pursued a Master's Degree in Physics at Stevens Institute of Technology. After completing that degree, he began teaching part-time at Iona College while studying for a doctorate at Columbia University. Upon receiving a Ph.D., he became a full-time faculty member at Iona in 1980 and is currently Chair of the Physics Department.

In addition to his teaching, he has been the faculty moderator of Iona's Men's and Women's Rowing teams. He has also been active in scientific research. For the past twenty years, he has been a collaborator with NASA's Astrobiology Institute located at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt Maryland. They study the composition of comets and the atmosphere of Mars using ground-based telescopes. Br. Novak, along with several of his students, has made several trips to the NASA telescope located on Mauna Kea on the Big Island of Hawaii. These trips have resulted in over forty scientific publications where Br. Novak is either the primary author or a co-author.

In the early 1990's, he became an active member of "Cosmos and Creation," a group of active scientists who are also very active in their religion. Their pursuit of science is seen in the larger picture of obtaining a better understanding of God's Creation, and likewise, a better understanding of God. In 2008, Br. Novak and twelve other members of this group took an eight day trip to Beijing China where they visited location where the Jesuit Paleontologist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, lived, worked and wrote. His writings are among the most influential spiritual writings of the twentieth century.

Br. Novak was attracted to the Christian Brothers while he was a student in high school. As a high school student, he became very aware of his talents, especially in science and mathematics. His family and parish inspired him to use those talents in a way to help others. He noticed that the Brothers at Essex Catholic were very joyful people. He also noticed that they either had higher degrees or were pursuing higher degrees. Br. Power, who taught at Essex, had a Ph.D. in Biology. It gradually dawned on him that by joining the Christian Brothers, he could both pursue his God given talents and use them to help others.

In the 1980's, the Brothers at Iona College established a fund to support Brothers from other Provinces to study at Iona. Ten years ago, the Brothers Community decided to direct these funds to support the education of Brothers from Africa to attend Iona and finish their Bachelor's degrees and possibly stay for a Masters degree. Since then, eight have returned to Africa and one is currently studying at Iona

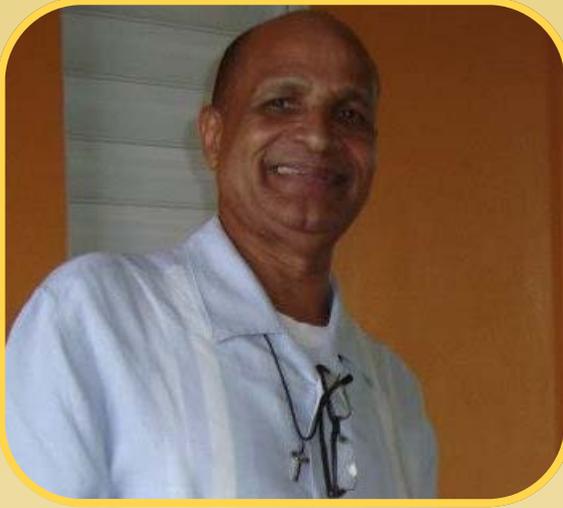
College. Br. Novak has been coordinating this program for the past ten years.



Br. Novak and Iona College students on top of Mauna Kea, Hawaii with telescopes in the background.

## BROTHER RAYMOND E. PHILOGENE, CFC

Dominica in the British West Indies is rich in natural beauty. While its citizens struggle with poverty, they cherish a culture characterized by joy and neighborly concern. They welcome educational opportunity and have been most appreciative of the decades of service of the Christian Brothers. Brother Raymond Philogene is one who seems to be known to everyone on the island.



Brother has spent most of his years as a Christian Brother in Dominica. Studies and teaching assignments had brought him to the United States and Canada, from St. John's, Newfoundland to Vancouver British Columbia. Once back in the West Indies, he briefly served at St. Joseph's Academy in Antigua, and then began an extended commitment to the families of Roseau, Dominica.

As principal of St. Mary's Primary School, he had a major role in opening a world of educational opportunity to generations of students. Their achievements have enhanced the reputation of the school and contribute significantly to the development of the country. In 2004, Brother Raymond, after several terms as principal, was delighted to pass on the responsibility for the school to one of his former students.

"What next?" was the subject of his discernment during a sabbatical in San Antonio, Texas. Where might he now best direct his energies in response to his call as a disciple of Jesus Christ and follower of Blessed Edmund Rice?

Brother Ray returned to Dominica to assume responsibilities in the Diocesan Family Life center. Here he became fully engaged in the activities of the Alpha Center, providing educational experiences for children with mental disabilities and supporting their integration in the society. The Dominica Minister for Social Services, the Honorable Gloria Shillingford, recently noted that, "Traditionally children with special needs were neglected, hidden and deprived of the opportunity to attend school and socialize with their peers. It is institutions such as the Alpha Center which have opened doors for them and paved the way for their integration into society and a corresponding acceptance of them by said society."

Mindful of the loving care Blessed Edmund Rice dedicated to his challenged daughter Mary, Brother Ray is one of a number of Brothers and Edmund Rice Associates throughout the globe who have enthusiastically accepted leadership roles in promoting special education characterized by Presence, Compassion and Liberation.



BROTHER RAYMOND E. PHILOGENE, CFC

## BROTHER B. SEBASTIAN SAMP,CFC

“That far???” was not the comment Brother Samp anticipated. An accomplished cross-country coach, he had just finished presenting what he considered an easy, break-in, practice route to the cross country team at his new assignment, Damien Memorial School in Honolulu, Hawaii. He realized he had work to do to bring these young athletes to potential. Teachers and coaches are ever starting anew. Some face the challenge reluctantly, others, like Br. Samp, delight in tapping a reservoir of spirit that ignites the enthusiasm and confidence of each new generation of students and athletes.

At Brother Rice High School in Chicago and Palma School in Salinas, California, Brother Samp honed his skills as an educator, a coach, and IT specialist. Damien Memorial asked him to lead the faculty in the complicated process of mapping the school curriculum aligning it with regional and national educational content, skills, and achievement levels. Side-stepping oft-repeated invitations to use his organizational and technological skills in the administration of the school, Brother requested and received a full schedule of mathematics classes. He experiences direct interaction with students as the most appropriate expression of his vocation. And so, it was in his spare hours that he gathered the information and mapped the master curriculum of the grade 7 – 12 school.

In helping teachers to identify the content and competencies sought in each subject and at each level, Brother strove to keep the faculty mindful of the larger mission of the school. At Damien Memorial, the curriculum map goes beyond state criteria to encompass the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Education. Gospel values, global awareness, social consciousness, and advocacy on behalf of those on the margins of society, are to inform and animate the life of the school.

He believes that a life of prayer, community, and service, nurtures the presence and compassion that liberates the talents and energies of a new generation of leaders. Asked what animates his vocation today, Brother Samp became uncharacteristically effusive, sharing the following:

*True, I cannot do many things as I could years ago, but I keep myself in good shape. I teach five classes of Algebra to freshmen and am the head coach of the Cross-Country team. I still run with the team, but not in the front. I am also the head coach of the Track and Field team. I mainly coach the distance runners and hurdlers and have a hand in all the other events. I work hard at everything I do and I am mostly in the back background. I am just the average kind of guy who likes to help where I can. I would not hesitate to assist others. I am sort of a handy man around the house, thanks to my father who taught me many things. I am decent cook if there is a recipe I can follow it. I am a neat freak and like things organized.*

*Typical day:*

*5:45 get up*

*6:15 Meditation and Spiritual Reading*

*6:45 Breakfast*

*7:10 Head to school*

*3:15 Start Practice of my own workout if not in season*

*4:30 – 5:30 (when not in season) Reading, Make-up work*

*5:30 prayers*

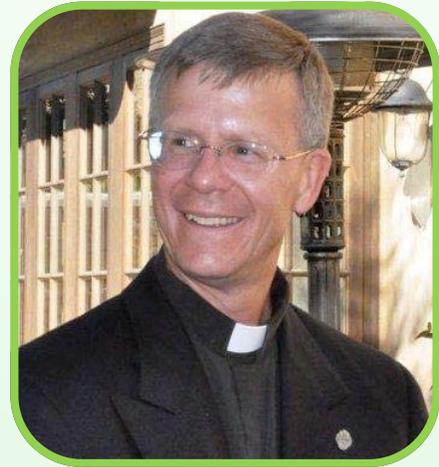
*6:15 Dinner – we each cook I have Wednesday and Saturday*

*7:00 – 9:00 classwork, watch television*

*9:00 retire*

*Weekends: Track and cross country meets, chores around the house, help at ACT and SAT testing, see a movie now and again, visit a Brother in a care facility, and do shopping for the week ahead. When there is time I relax, read, watch DVD from Netflix with the community, watch television; Summer time – teach summer school, visit family and friends in Chicago and Salinas, do bigger jobs around the house Hobbies: golf, weight lifting, walking, running, reading and watching science fiction, computer games, Star Trek and Star Wars fan, and like going to Renaissance Fairs Favorite Sport Teams: All Chicago teams Cubs, Bears, Bulls, Blackhawks. Couldn't believe it when the Cubs won. Have been listening to them on radio and television all the time when growing up as a kid.*

Other trivial facts: I am the first of 8 children. Worked in a circus before joining the Brothers (Circus Vargas). Was one of the hosts of a radio show program called the SixSiders. The show specialized in science fiction and fantasy. We did movie reviews and interviewed authors and actors and actresses from movies and television shows.



## BROTHER WILLIAM SHERLOG, CFC

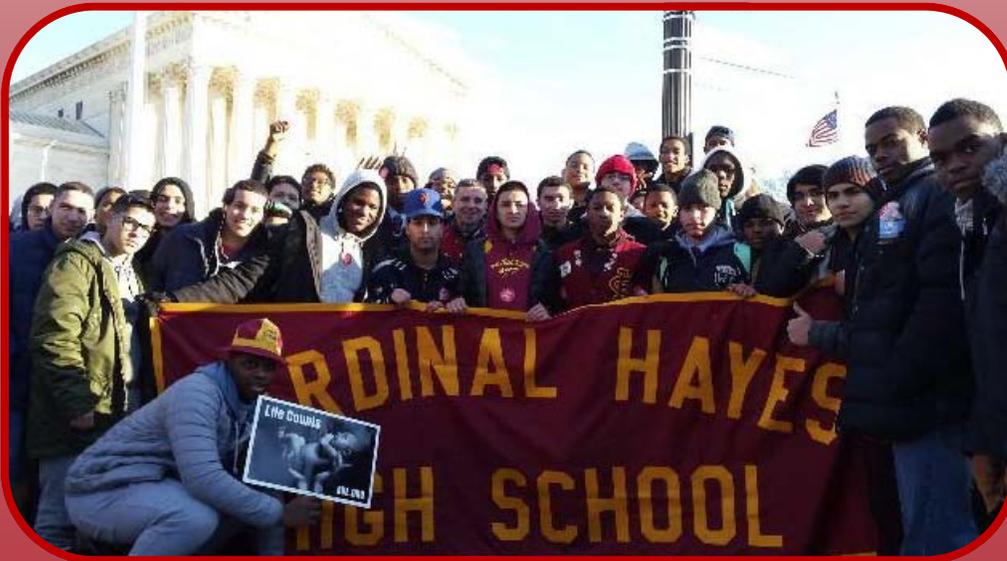
A Bronx boy, relocated to Washington Township, New Jersey, Bill attended Bergen Catholic High School. On graduation he entered the postulancy of the Brothers and attended Iona College majoring in History and secondary school education. His first teaching assignment was a fourth grade class at Iona Grammar School in New Rochelle. Subsequent assignments brought him to the inner cities of New York and New Jersey as a teacher and community leader.

He is a passionate teacher, ever ready to accept the classes that others might find challenging. He is also passionate about coaching baseball. He found himself fully alive at Rice High School in Harlem. The teaching, coaching, mentoring of new teachers, intervening and advocating on behalf of students facing family and neighborhood crises – all came together to fulfill what he understands as the particular mission of a Christian Brother. The closing of Rice touched the core of his life and vocation.

He worked diligently on placing the Rice students in other Catholic schools. He moved with a large group of Rice students to the very welcoming Cardinal Hayes High School. Having once served on the Hayes faculty, Brother Bill's talents and dedication were well known and immediately tapped. In addition to picking up the classes others might have avoided, he was asked to take on the role of interim director of athletics. The next year saw him accepting the roles of chairman of the religion department and director of the religious activities of the schools.

While at Rice, Brother Bill had devoted his Sunday mornings to the preparation of teens for the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. To the delight of the Parish, the student and several generations of his former students, Brother Bill has been able to continue this commitment. The South Bronx location of Hayes is a short walk across the 145th Street Bridge to Harlem.

His sense of the margins is the gap between real and perceived capacity for success. He seeks to attune youngsters to their personal excellence as children of a loving Father. He affirms their willingness to stay in the batter's box, eyes open, to take the harder course, make better choices and to turn away from the voices that suggest they are reaching beyond their destiny.



*In the center of the picture, above the N and A, is Brother Bill Sherlog, accompanying a group of students from the South Bronx, New York, Cardinal Hayes High School at a pro-life demonstration in Washington, D.C..*

## BROTHER F. SEAN WHITTY, CFC

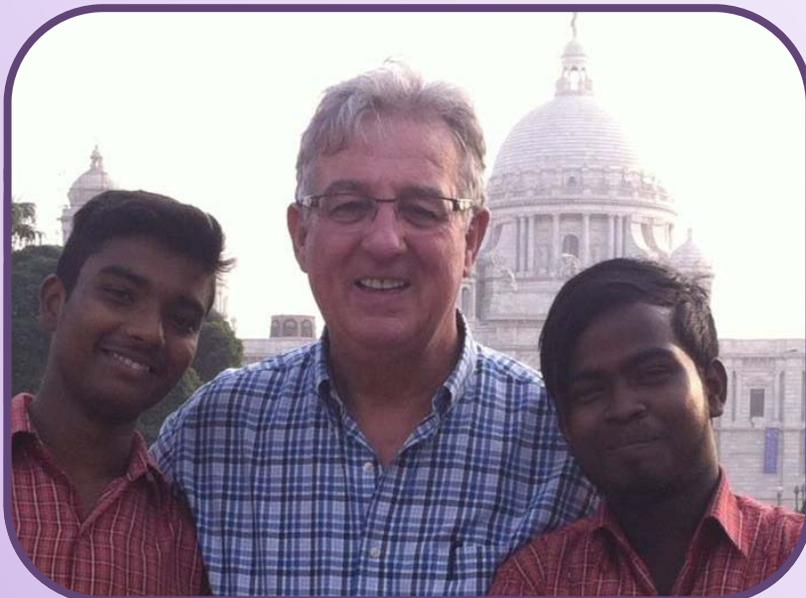
Francis Sean Whitty attended Brother Rice High School in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada where he met the Christian Brothers for the first time. He was so impressed with the Brothers who taught him that he made a decision to join the Congregation in September, 1966 in Lakewood, New Jersey. After finishing his novitiate in West Park he was one of the first group of student Brothers to return to Newfoundland to finish his academic training.

He graduated in 1969 with a B.A (B. Ed) in French and Religious Education and was assigned to teach at St. Bonaventure's School. For the past forty years Sean has been teacher, administrator and counsellor in many of the Brothers' schools across Canada. He has earned Masters' degrees in Religious Education (St. Michael's College), Pastoral Studies (Loyola University) and School Counselling (University of Ottawa) – all of which have found expression in his various ministries over the years.

In 2005 Brother Sean had the privilege of being a member of the first international Brothers' community at Mt. Sion in Waterford, Ireland, the founding house of the Christian and Presentation Brothers and the resting place of Blessed Edmund Rice. While at Mt. Sion he conducted high school retreats, introduced the Kairos retreat program to local high schools, and encouraged the practice of Taize Prayer in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel. His work continues to bear fruit for the local people and the many international visitors to this Edmund Rice Heritage site.

Since his return to North America in 2010, Sean has served as Chair of Province Life and Renewal, organizing yearly summer retreats for Brothers in various parts of the US and Canada. He also has compiled prayer services and spiritual book reviews for the Brothers' communities to help Brothers grow spiritually and prayerfully.

Brother Sean is now headed to New Orleans, Louisiana. He will be one of three brothers who share their home and life with lay volunteers – young women and men, recently graduated from college, who have decided



*Brother Sean Whitty with two students from St. Mary's Dum Dum alternative school established by the Christian Brothers in Calcutta. They ably served as guides when, earlier this year, Brother directed a mission immersion group of Iona College students in India.*

## BROTHER PETER ZAWOT, CFC

Brother Peter Zawot is a member of the Leadership Team of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North American Province. He shares a bit of his story as a Brother:

*My first encounter with a brother was at Bergen Catholic High School. Even as a freshman, I could see that the brothers were good teachers and had our success foremost in their minds. But there was more than just academics. They were around before and after school and readily engaged in conversation, showing a genuine interest whether you were in a particular brother's class or not.*

*Early in senior year, as I approached the decision of where to go to college, the idea of joining the brothers became more clear. I came because I could truly see myself doing what the brothers did, being present to youth during a significant time in their lives. I proceeded with applying and was accepted.*

*That was 41 years ago! As I look back on those years, I realize I have been truly blessed. I became a successful teacher and later an administrator. I have served in ten locations in different parts of the country and have made many friends. I have made "I refuse to be unhappy" my personal motto.*

*So, I've worked at deepening my spiritual life and working at relationships with God and within community and ministry. I stay because I really enjoy what I do and who I continue to become: a brother in every sense of that word. Knowing what I know, would I do it all again? The answer is simple, yet profound, "YES"*

Brother Zawot began his teaching career in Sacred Heart School in Hell's Kitchen, NYC. He continued at Bergen Catholic, Iona Prep, Bishop Hendricken and Tampa Catholic. While his preferred engagement is that of teaching biology, Bro. Z, has been the go-to person for administrative roles in the schools of the Edmund Rice Network. He has been principal at St. John Neumann High School in Naples Florida, Blessed Sacrament-St. Gabriel High School in New Rochelle, NY, Trinity Catholic High School in Ocala Florida, and Damien Memorial High School in Honolulu, Hawaii. Having served throughout the United States, he expresses particular enthusiasm for warmer climates and island ministries.

Recently elected by the Brothers to the Province Leadership Team, Peter is now based in the Province Center in Elizabeth New Jersey. As trustee of each of the separately incorporated schools of the Edmund Rice Network in North America, he is often on the road. He delights in the opportunity the summer offers to take a break from board meetings to interact with the student volunteers. He will be introducing them to some of the culture and foods he learned to appreciate in Hawaii, sharing stories of his days as a teacher and principal, and picking up student stories to share at professional workshops and conferences.



**BROTHER PETER ZAWOT, CFC**

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## **Brother Edward Benedict Boyle, CFC** **1932-2016**



Brother Edward Benedict Boyle passed away on October 20, 2016. Brother Boyle was born on July 18, 1932 in New York City, the son of John and Alice McGovern Boyle. He received a BA in English from Iona College and his MA in History from Gonzaga University.

Brother Boyle entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on September 24, 1950 and pronounced his final vows on June 27, 1959. His ministry took him to many positions including Iona Grammar School, Palma High School in Salinas, CA, Briscoe School in Kent, WA, O'Dea High School in Seattle, WA, Cardinal Farley School in Rhinecliff, NY, Power Memorial Academy, Essex Catholic High School, St. Cecilia's School, Manhattan, All Hallows High School, Bergen High School and Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ. Br. Boyle also served as Superior at Essex Catholic and on the staff of St. Joseph's Residence as a Physical Therapist and Director of Plant and Property.

## **Brother James Gabriel Carr, CFC** **1927-2016**



Brother James Gabriel Carr passed away on October 4, 2016. Brother Carr was born on October 7, 1927 in Astoria, Queens, the son of Bartly Carr and Anna Hogan Carr. He received a BA in History from Iona College, his MSA in Mathematics from St. John's University and his MA in Mathematics from Rutgers University.

Brother Carr entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on September 11, 1949 and pronounced his final vows on September 8, 1953. His ministry took him to many positions including Mt. St. Francis Community, St. Patrick Hall School and Mt. Cashel Home in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. Brother Carr also served at Iona Preparatory School, All Hallows High School, Cardinal Hayes High School, Palma High School in Salinas, CA, St. Laurence High School in Burbank, IL, Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady, NY and Rice High School. Most recently Br. Carr was at Iona College as a Professor in Math and Computer Science. Brother most recently resided at the Brothers' Community at St. Joseph's Residence.

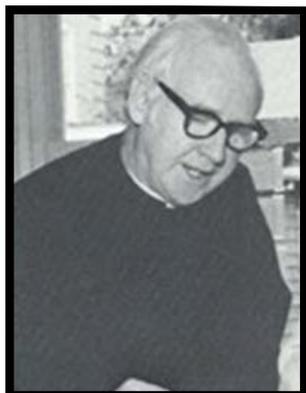
## **Brother Herbert Basil Heaphy, CFC** **1919-2016**



Brother Herbert Basil Heaphy passed away on December 31, 2016. Brother Heaphy was born on October 30, 1919 in the Bronx, NY, the son of John Heaphy and Helen Brink Heaphy. After graduating from St. John's Elementary School he attended Power Memorial Academy and graduated from St. Joseph's Juniorate, West Park, NY. Brother received a BS and MS degrees in Physics from Fordham University. Br. Heaphy also earned his MA in Natural Science from Columbia University and his MS in Natural Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Brother Heaphy entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on August 27, 1935 and pronounced his final vows on December 25, 1944. His ministry took him to many positions including All Hallows High School, Iona Prep, Cantwell High School in Montebello, CA as Principal and Superior, Vancouver College in Vancouver British Columbia, Iona College and Community where he taught for over thirty years and most recently St. Joseph's Residence in 2009.

## **Brother John Laurence Heathwood, CFC 1928-2016**



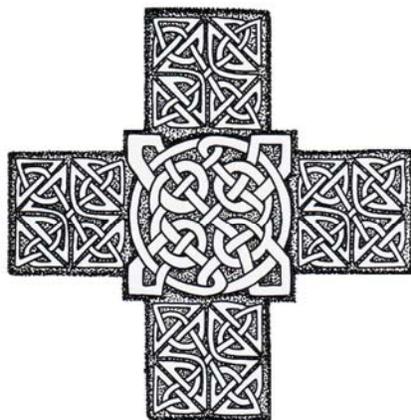
Brother John Laurence Heathwood passed away on December 7, 2016. Born on December 31, 1928 in New York City, the son of John and Sarah McKinney Heathwood. He entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on September 13, 1943, taking his first vows on September 8, 1947 and final vows on September 5, 1954. After attending St. Peter and St. Paul Elementary School, Power Memorial High School and St. Joseph's Juniorate, he received his BA in English from Iona College, an MA in Math from Fordham University and an MED in Education from Columbia University. His ministry took him to many positions including Holy Cross School and St. Bonaventure College in Newfoundland, Canada, All Hallows High School, Cardinal Hayes High School, Bishop Kearney High School, Iona College, Bishop Henricken High School, Guadalupe Regional Middle School, Brownsville, Los Hermanos Community and Centro Juan Diego- St. Leo Parish, Bonita Spring, Christian Brothers Central Harlem Community, Christian Brothers, West Park and St. Joseph's Residence.

## **Brother Robert Baptist McGovern , CFC 1944-2016**

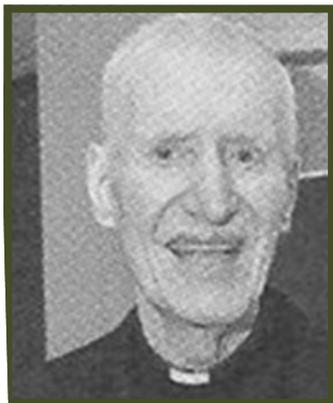


Brother Robert Baptist McGovern passed away on October 12, 2016. Brother McGovern was born on May 17, 1944 in Pottsville, PA, the son of Francis and Anna McGovern. He received a BA in History from Iona College and his MA in Theology from Manhattan College.

Brother McGovern entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on July 5, 1962 and pronounced his final vows on June 27, 1969. His ministry took him to many positions including All Hallows High School, Blessed Sacrament High School, St. John's Indian Mission, Essex Catholic High School, St Mary's Parish, Louisiana, Rice High School, Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Bronx and Holy Child School, Mississippi. Brother McGovern also served as Superior at All Hallows and St. Joseph's Residence, New Rochelle where he was the Director of Pastoral Care. His most recent assignments brought him to Chicago where he died.



## Brother Eugene Berchmans O'Brien, CFC 1928-2017



Brother Eugene Berchmans O'Brien passed away on January 20, 2017. Brother O'Brien was born on March 9, 1928 in New York, the son of John and Agnes Greaney O'Brien. After graduating from Sacred Heart Elementary School, Queens, he attended Power Memorial Academy and the Christian Brothers' Juniorate, St. Joseph's, West Park. Brother received a BS degree in Education and his MS degrees in Classical Languages from Fordham University. Br. O'Brien also earned his MA in Guidance from Seton Hall University, a BRS and LRS in Theology from the Lateran Pontifical University Rome and a PhD in Counseling Education from Fordham University.

Brother O'Brien entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on August 30, 1942 and pronounced his final vows on September 8, 1953. His ministry took him to many positions including Iona Grammar School, Blessed Sacrament High School, Rice High School, Santa Maria Novitiate, Mary Immaculate Novitiate, Essex Catholic High School, Iona College, Archbishop Curley-ND High School, Miami, and Trinity Catholic High School, Ocala. After retiring in 2003, Br. O'Brien resided at Iona College Community and most recently at St. Joseph's Residence. He was an active member of the Holy Family Choir, New Rochelle .

## Brother Robert Jogues Roepke, CFC 1936-2016



Brother Robert Jogues Roepke passed away on October 19, 2016. Brother Roepke was born on April 8, 1936 in New York City, the son of Edward and Anna Nagle Roepke. He received a BA in English from Iona College, his MA in Religious Education from Fordham University and his MS in Health Service Administration from Iona College.

Brother Roepke entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers on September 13, 1950 and pronounced his final vows on June 27, 1961. His ministry took him to many positions including Sacred Heart, Manhattan, Catholic Memorial, Boston, All Hallows High School, Cardinal Farley Military Academy, Blessed Sacrament High School and Bergen Catholic High School. Brother Roepke also served as Principal at All Hallows High School and Blessed Sacrament High School as well being Superior and Administrator at St. Joseph's Residence, New Rochelle. His most recent assignment was at Iona Prep until his retirement in 2010.

