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Easter Eyes

Suddenly, to my surprise,
I see things now
With Easter eyes.

And suddenly, nothing's the same,
I'm filled with joy
Instead of shame.

I see things now as ne'er before
And love exudes
From every pore.

I want to shout, I want to sing.
Glory to God!
My Risen King!

*Brother Bosco Wakeham
Mount St. Francis Community*

Easter Greetings from the Province Leadership Team Elizabeth, New Jersey

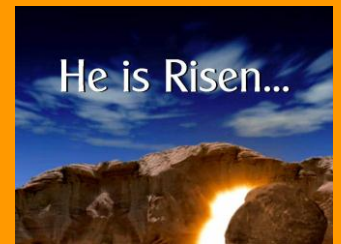
The Province Leadership Team sends Easter blessings to all of our readers. May this season in which we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection be filled with the promise of renewed life and the peace of Christ in our hearts. We take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter season. We are most grateful for your fraternal support and heartfelt prayers at this time. Be assured of our continued prayers for each of you.

Happy Easter!

Mark, Dan, Hugh, Ray, Barry, Kevin

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He is Risen...

“God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed...”

Collect of the Second Sunday
of Easter

ALL HALLOWS HIGH SCHOOL

Bronx, New York

President of All Hallows High School Honored at White House

By JULIANN DosSANTOS, *Catholic New York* magazine



Mr. Paul Krebbs, the president of All Hallows High School in the Bronx, was one of nine Catholic educators from across the nation recently honored at the White House as part of the national Champions of Change program.

Each week, Champions of Change recognizes specific groups for the contributions they are making to society. The honors for Catholic educators Jan. 25 were timed to coincide with Catholic Schools Week, held Jan. 29 through Feb. 5.

“It was much more a congratulation or an honor for All Hallows,” said Krebbs in an interview. He noted that enrollment at All Hallows, now at 660 students, has increased about 40 percent over the past 10 years. The graduation and college

acceptance rate ranges from 98 to 100 percent, he said, adding, “We hope this year it will be 100 percent.”

The ceremony was held Jan. 25 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. Government officials who commended the honorees included Joshua DuBois, head of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and Roberto Rodriguez, special assistant to the president for education.

The nine educators honored were nominated first by the National Catholic Educational Association. The White House made the final selections. A description of the honors on the White House Web site stated, “These extraordinary individuals have made a significant impact on the students, families and educators through Catholic schools and universities throughout America. Their innovative ideas and dedication to students and to the wider community demonstrate the strong commitment to ensuring that every child has an opportunity for greatness.”

Krebbs, who has been president of the boys’ high school for the past nine years, offered a simple reason for his selection. “We are a Catholic school in the inner city, as so many are in the archdiocese, and it’s working,” he told CNY. In a blog post on the White House Web site for the Champions of Change program, Krebbs wrote, “With a personal greeting and a handshake each morning and afternoon, each student knows that he is valued at All Hallows. He also knows that we will take every reasonable measure to make certain that he is physically and emotionally prepared for school.”

Read more about All Hallows at www.allhallows.org.



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ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

Burnaby, British Columbia



**Br. Owen
Cassidy**

Our senior boys' basketball team got to the championship game in the AA Provincial Tournament held in Kamloops, BC, but lost and finished second in the Province, a really good showing. Our Grade 8 girls' basketball team steamrolled every team in the Grade 8 Provincial Basketball Tournament and came home with the championship trophy.

Our Jazz choir just won a huge international competition in Surrey.

Our Outreach Projects are booming. They include handing out food to the poor in the Vancouver downtown eastside, serving meals to the needy in Vancouver and in New Westminster.

Our Missions just passed the twenty thousand dollar mark. We hit our goal of 6.1 million dollars at the end of January so that we could start building our new gym in April of this year. In early April we will have another big THINKFAST. Last year we raised around five thousand dollars for good causes and it looks like we'll hit that mark again.

The Learning Assistance Department is booming with eight SEAs and more than thirty students. SEA stands for Student Educational Assistants and they do outstanding work with youngsters who have a broad range of needs, from simple tutoring in basic academic areas to two autistic students, one at the high end of the autistic spectrum.

I almost forgot our wrestlers, who finished second in the Provincial Championship Tournament, quite an accomplishment, since we are a AA size school and had to compete against all the AA and huge AAA schools in the Province. One of our girls, Clarisse Dos Santos, went through the entire tournament (and they have to wrestle a lot of matches) without allowing her opponents to score a single point against her.

The best story of the year concerned a little grade ten girl, Tiffany Doe, a bright, gifted and good-hearted youngster. On her way to school one morning, she was hit by a truck and knocked forty-five feet. Everyone was amazed that she was still in one piece, though she was battered and bruised very badly. After a lot of novenas and a lot of superb medical care, she came back to school in graduated fashion after only one month, and flabbergasted the doctors and the whole community by performing her role in the school play, "You Can't Take It With You" superbly and flawlessly. She's not completely healed yet, of course. She complains that she doesn't yet have her old stamina!

Read more about St. Thomas More Collegiate at www.stmc.bc.ca.



**Br. Ed
Pigott**

Brother Ed Pigott (Santa Maria Community, West Park, NY) is writing the life of Brother Derm Bray. He would welcome your reflections and remembrances on Derm's life. He is especially interested in reflections from those who knew him from his Blessed Sacrament days and some of his earlier communities.

Submissions can be emailed to him at easyed2010@hotmail.com, or mailed to him at PO Box 39, West Park, NY 12493.

BLESSED EDMUND RICE ASSOCIATES Florida

Brother Jerry McCarthy, Coordinator of the Associates, writes: During my visit to Florida, both in Miami and Bonita Springs, the Associates met and prayed and made their recommitment as members of Blessed Edmund Rice Associates. The Bonita Springs Chapter was the first chapter established in 1990 with C. Menzi and E. Boomgaard (RIP) as the first members of the Society.

Bonita Springs Associates:

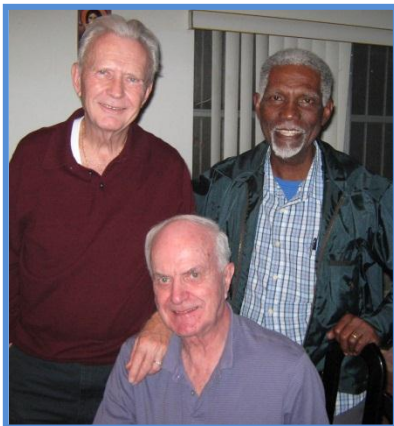


(left to right)

L. Morton, L. Boomgaard, J. Gallagher, Br. Jerry McCarthy, L. Rubio, B. Fedor, E. Fedor, J. Loughran, M. Loughran and R. Rodriquez.

Absent: J. Doyle, V. Ruiz, C. Sayegh-Cumby

Miami Associates:



Standing (l to r) Father Dan and Mr. Egbert Germain
Seating: Br. Jerry McCarthy
Missing: Beatriz Rodriquez and Medina Germain

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to the following Brothers:



Brother Gennaro Sullo (All Hallows Community) who was inducted into the Bergen Catholic High School Hall of Fame in March 2012.

<http://www.bergencatholic.org/>



Brother Thomas R. Leto (Iona Prep Community) who was inducted into the Bishop Hendricken High School Hall of Fame recently.

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



Brother Gerard M. Gaffney (posthumously) who was inducted into the Iona Preparatory School Hall of Fall recently.

<http://www.ionaprep.org/>

Congratulations are also extended to the following Brothers who are celebrating their Golden Jubilee (50 years of service) as members of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America.

Kevin J. Barry
John B. Brennan
F. Christopher Burns
Terence M. Connolly
James A. Finnegan
Francis A. Gammaro
R. William Harris

Charles R. Haynes
Michael A. Maher
James R. McDonald
Robert B. McGovern
Vincent M. McNally
Brian M. Walsh

What is a
Brother?

An Answer to
God's Call.



We connect with
the poor and the
marginalized in
our world.

We share and reflect
our experiences in
the light of the
Gospel.

We find our hearts
transformed.

We are Christian
Brothers.

*What we do with
our hearts affects
the whole universe.*



In the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder, the Congregation of Christian Brothers is an international community of vowed religious brothers living and praying in community and missioned by the church for Christian education. The men the Christian Brothers seek to join with them are Catholic men who sense a call to live in fraternal community and who wish to minister in the educational apostolates of the Church, especially to youth. They are men with the religious inspiration and dedication necessary to live a life of consecrated celibacy and who, through vows of poverty and obedience, place their gifts, talents, and possessions at the disposal of the community in order to meet the needs of God's people. Please contact one of the Brothers listed above.

Are you being called to be brother to the world?

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More information on the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers at these links:

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