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All Hallows HS, Bronx, New York Chosen as One of the Top Catholic High Schools in the US



Catholic High School Honor Roll Top 50 Schools for excellence in Catholic identity, academics and civics education

Recently The Cardinal Newman Society announced the winners of the 2012-2013 Catholic High School Honor Roll competition. The Honor Roll recognizes excellence in Catholic identity, academics and civic education at Catholic high schools across the United States.

Created by The Acton Institute in 2004... ... The Honor Roll is now one more way that The Cardinal Newman Society helps Catholic families and promotes faithful Catholic education.

Catholic education at every level is getting stronger, and we hope to forge lasting bonds between faithful Catholic high schools and the colleges in our Newman Guide.

This year's top 50 schools are located in 21 states; Pennsylvania, Texas, and Michigan have the most. They are large and small... new and old... modest and wealthy.

But they have one common trait: a serious commitment to faithful Catholic education across all disciplines and in all areas of student activities.

All Hallows High School in the Bronx, New York was chosen as one of these top 50 Catholic high schools in the United States.



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Saínt Katerí Tekakwítha

"Kateri's last words, simple and sublime, whispered at the moment of her death, sum up, like a noble hymn, a life of purest charity: 'Jesus, I love you'''.

Bl. Pope John Paul II



Compassion and liberation in the spirit of Jesus and Edmund This appeared in the New York Daily News on Sunday, October 14, 2012, by CORINNE LESTCH

Former president of Ireland visits All Hallows High School in Bronx



Mary McAleese talks with students and tours All Hallows High School

Former president of Ireland Mary McAleese and about 600 African-American and Hispanic young men found common ground last week in the Bronx.

The setting was All Hallows High School, a Concourse school with a rich, colorful history that is the only inner-city school in the Archdiocese of New York continually named one of the top Catholic high schools in the nation.

Like many Catholic schools in the Bronx, it's also the site of rapidly changing demographics, from the Irish immigrants who opened the school and once populated the neighborhood to the minority students it now serves.

"It was different in the sense that when I went here, 85% were Irish and Italian, and 15% were Hispanic," said Martin Daly, a 1970 alum who is now a senior vice president at CBS. His parents emigrated to New York from County Kerry in Ireland in 1949.

"Now, it's completely flipped," he added, noting the school is now heavily Dominican. "But I see these young men who are in a place that's so special to them. It's a home away from home."

Last Wednesday, McAleese - Ireland's second female president, who served from 1997 to 2011 - spoke to the students and faculty about her humble upbringing in Belfast as one of nine children.

"My parents left school when they were 14 and 15 years old," she related to them. "They would have loved the chance to stay in school, but they didn't have the money. They did what so many of your parents did - they made the best choice for us and gave us the best start.

"Every single day when you put on that uniform, all of that is an investment in you," she added.

Senior Christian Rodriguez, 17, said he thought McAleese was able to relate with the students effectively.

"Some of the stuff she said is stuff we go through every day," he said. "We may be from different countries, but we go through the same things."

All Hallows was the first school in the United States opened by the Irish Christian Brothers, and was originally located in two brownstones in Harlem about 100 years ago. After outgrowing the space, the school moved to its present location at E. 164th St., a couple of blocks from Yankee Stadium.

It offers one of the lower tuitions of archdiocese schools at roughly \$5,700 a year. About 72% of the students receive financial assistance, said principal Sean Sullivan.

Sullivan, whose parents also came from Ireland, "dragged him" to the school as a freshman, he recalled with a laugh. He never left.

The energetic principal has spent the past 44 years there as a teacher, coach and, now, leader.

"I think for the kids to see (McAleese), and where it all started and where the roots began, is very powerful," Sullivan said.

Senior Christopher Gomez, 17, echoed, "We feel those Irish influences here every day."

Read more about All Hallows at <u>www.allhallows.org</u>.

ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME PREP Miami, Florida



Ms. Lisa Morales Early in October, students from Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep hosted a group of students from Colegio Cardenal Newman, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Colegio Stella Maris, Montevideo, Uruguay and accompanied them to the ACTION Student Leadership Workshop held in St. John's, Florida.

This year approximately 80 students from schools operated or staffed by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America and Latin America gathered to celebrate the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers. The workshop focused on leadership development, advocacy, community building, and communication among the schools. ACND participants and their South American guests were: Santiago Casella, Fernando Machado, Milagros Duran, and Milagros Hughes from Montevideo; Michael Smith (Junior), Megan Romanik (Senior), Jenny Lamy (Junior), Tiffany Ospin (Junior), Aisha Louis

(Junior) from ACND; and Martin Bruno, Diego Casares, and Diego Irarrazaval from Buenos Aires.

The ACTION program is designed for the leaders of tomorrow's Church and society. Br. Jason Ford, CFC ACND's Coordinator of Campus Ministry stated: "It was a powerful weekend experience that inevitably touched the lives of all those involved. When the students returned to ACND they were able to utilize the skills which were discussed, illustrated, and developed during the workshop."

Prior to joining ACND three years ago, Brother Ford worked for the Fe y Alegria School in Lima, Peru. He entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers formation program in 2002 and, this past summer, professed his Final Vows at Bergen Catholic High School in New Jersey.

Since 1985, the Congregation of Christian Brothers has administered Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep. This year, the school welcomed its first lay Principal, but the Christian Brothers continue to serve at ACND in administrative, counseling, and teaching roles.



Back row: (L - R) Santiago Casella (Montevideo), Fernando Machado (Montevideo), Michael Smith (ACND, 2014), Martin Bruno, Diego Casares, and Diego Irarrazaval (Buenos Aires) Front row: (L - R) Milagros Duran, Milagros Hughes (Montevideo), Megan Romanik, 2013, Tiffany Ospin, 2014, Jenny Lamy, 2014, Aisha Louis, 2014 (ACND)

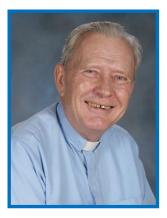
"Through the decades, ACND has been a place where young people of different cultures and ethnicities have learned to know one another in friendship as children of God. The ACND family strives to be a model of justice and harmony to South Florida, in gratitude for this gift," stated Douglas Romanik, ACND Principal. "By joining forces with the students from Colegio Stella Maris and Colegio Cardenal Newman, the ACND student leaders will have an opportunity to further develop this appreciation."

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame 6 to 12 Prep's AP Spanish Literature Teacher Wins NSU's 'Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award'

Father Daniel Robert Kent, Archbishop Curley Notre Dame 6 to 12 Prep's AP Spanish Literature Teacher has won the Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award. The award helps pay special tribute during Hispanic Heritage

Month to those members of the Miami-Dade County Schools who have made significant contributions to promoting excellence in the education of the area's Hispanic Students.

The awardees will be honored at the 15th Annual Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award Ceremony on October 30, 2012 at the Hilton Miami Airport. This event is hosted each year by Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) Fischler School of Education and Human Services and its Hispanic Advisory Board.



Father Daniel Robert Kent was born in Greenwich, Connecticut. He graduated in 1960 earning a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Teaching Minors in History and Spanish. In 1963, he was ordained a priest. A growing love for the Spanish language inspired him to pursue a Masters of Arts in Spanish and advanced studies in Spanish Literature.

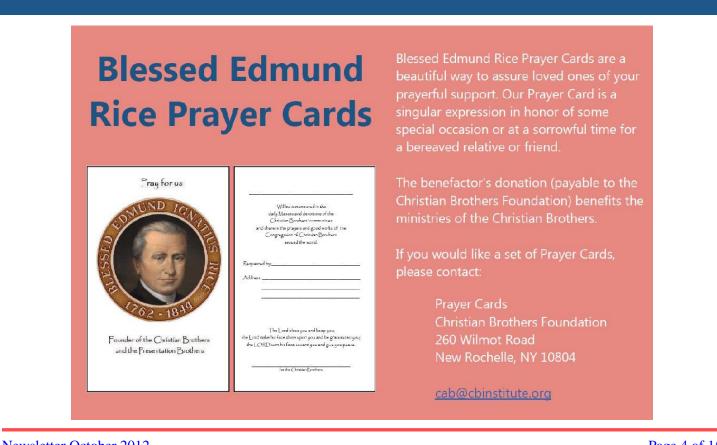
Father Kent has been teaching at ACND Prep for the past eight years. He comments, "I strongly believe that the students I teach, especially ones from Hispanic backgrounds, can grow a better understanding of the roots of their diverse histories, through learning the ins and outs of Spanish Literature."

"Father Kent has served the larger community at ACND for over 40 years and inspired generations of students" comments Douglas Romanik, ACND Principal. "He

has been a great asset to our community both spiritually and intellectually faithfully guiding students with his wit and knowledge."

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame 6 to 12 Prep offers Spanish for native speakers and non-speaking students as well as an Advance Placement college credit course. Courses are also offered in French, Latin, Italian, and recently Arabic. ACND strives to instill in their students an appreciation and respect for other cultures while giving them a firm grasp in communicative skills that will serve them in real-life situations.

More information on ACND is available at www.acnd.net



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ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL Burbank, Illinois

ST. LAURENCE STUDENTS ATTEND ACTION WORKSHOP

(Burbank, IL) Saint Laurence High School sent three juniors to the ACTION Leadership Workshop conducted by the North American Province of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers. The workshop was held in St. Johns, Florida at the Marywood Catholic Retreat Center from September 27-30, 2012. Fifty-one students and twentyfour moderators from seventeen schools traveled from as far away as Hawaii, Vancouver, Argentina, California, Uruguay, Boston, and Rhode Island for the conference. St. Laurence's representatives for this year's workshop were Chris Doherty, Billy Novak, Jerry Soukal, Br. Tim Smyth, Campus Minister of St. Laurence, and Mr. Mark Scott, director of the leadership program at St. Laurence.

The North American Province of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers includes schools in ten of the United States and two provinces of Canada. Two South American schools were also represented at the workshop. Students gathered for 3 days of leadership development focused on team-building, communication, and advocacy skills. As part of learning advocacy skills, students created their own advocacy projects that they will continue to expand once they return to their schools. Students and moderators were given opportunities to exchange ideas and ask questions about programs and initiatives at each other's schools.

Everyone gathered each day to participate in prayer services that were conducted by students from different schools. At the end of the workshop, the students were commissioned as part of a Mass to return to their schools with their new skills and a sense of purpose to help deepen Edmund Rice's vision of educating young people for service in the world.



Billy Novak, Br Tim SmythMr. Mark Scott, Jerry Soukal, Chris Dougherty, Billy Novak, Br Tim Smyth

(l to r) Billy, Chris, Jerry



IONA GRAMMAR SCHOOL New Rochelle, New York

The Annual Hunger Walk at Iona Grammar School



Br. Sean Moffett "Goodness feeds body and soul" was the theme for the recent Hunger Walk at Iona Grammar School.

A stormy day altered the plans for the traditional laps around the neighboring Iona Prep track. Students redeemed pledges of support from benefactors by completing an obstacle course in the grammar school gym and laps around the main classroom building. The event is intended to stir consciousness about world hunger issues while raising funds for a school breakfast and lunch program at a Christian Brothers' school in an challenged sector of Lima, Peru.

Last year the students raised \$8,300 for the mission. They hope to match the donation with the proceeds from this years' event.

Founded as the Iona School in 1916, Iona Grammar and Iona Prep emerged as distinct educational institutions. Iona Grammar moved to Stratton Road in 1953 and in 1968 Iona Prep moved to its current campus on Wilmot and Stratton Roads affording room for the growth of Iona College on the original North Avenue site. This year Iona Prep purchased the land and buildings of Iona Grammar as a first step in the reuniting the two entities into Westchester's only K-12 Catholic Academy for boys.

"We have worked for some time to expand our community to enhance the opportunity and impact of our programs across the curricular and extra-curricular spectrum. We have certainly found the right partner in Iona Grammar School, a K-8 program of similar Catholic heritage, academic rigor, educational philosophy and service-ethos," said Brother Thomas Leto, C.F.C, President of Iona Prep.



Both schools are currently accepting applications for the 2013-2014 academic year. Their sites on the internet <u>www.ionagrammar.org</u> and <u>www.ionaprep.org</u> provide information concerning programs and admissions.

UPDATE ON BROTHER BILL COLFORD London, Ontario



Br. Bill Colford Greetings and blessings to one and all: an update as of October 20th

I finished radiation two weeks ago and was told for two weeks I would feel some after affects. So far I have had very mild effects and am in very positive mindset. I meet with my chemo doctor on November 14th to get the results of the CT scan I will have a week before. On the 15th I will have my first maintenance shot of Chemo and on the 20th will meet the hematologist? to get off needles and on to tablets. If all that ends up positive and there is no indication that it will not, I should be free to travel the end of November of the first week of

December. Even as I write I am trying to stay focused and not look too far ahead. I do not want to be disappointed.

I have visited family in Newfoundland and have found the travel fairly easy. I still do not have full energy and once in a while a small side effect of the whole treatment but am more than 85 % on the mend.

I have been able to survive the whole experience as well as I have because of the support, encouragement and love I have received from each of you. Thank you so much and know that you are in mind and heart often.

Take care and God bless Bill

GUADALUPE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL Brownsville, Texas

GRMS Implements New House System

GRMS is implementing a new house system to energize our students and promote school spirit and pride with a focus on building community, service to others, and personal responsibility.

Familiar with Harry Potter? Our house system is similar to that of the beloved books. However, instead of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin, our Houses are named for the three founders of our sponsoring congregations.

6th graders are now known as the House of Edmundians, 7th graders as the House of Champagnat, and 8th graders as the House of Matel.

Just like the fictional Hogwarts, our Houses will engage in friendly competition and have the opportunity to interact and work cooperatively with peers and House Mentors (teachers).

There is no Forbidden Forest here, but GRMS hopes to join the schools across the country who have successfully implemented similar programs to great benefits for students, and lots of FUN!

Already, GRMS students are getting into the spirit. We have seen a jump in participation across the board. Students wear their House colors everyday - red hair ribbons, their House pins, green ties for the boys on Mass days, and the like. Plus, students can earn points for their House by going above and beyond in their everyday school behavior.







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OFFICE OF PROVINCE LIFE & RENEWAL New Rochelle, New York

The Office of Province Life and Renewal is offing the following retreat in the summer of 2013 at Jericho House in Welland, Ontario. The retreat will to open to our Brothers, other religious, and laypeople in the area of Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Toronto.

For more information contact Brother Bill Carrothes at Jericho House, <u>leadership@jerichohouse.org</u> or Brother Sean Whitty at <u>fswhitty@hotmail.com</u>.



EDMUNDIAN MEMORIAL MASS Los Angeles, California

Cantwell: That Lighthouse in Los Angeles!

True! It never rains in Southern California. *The Mamas and the Papas* were right. Another beautiful, sunny day as we gathered to commemorate the lives of four Brothers buried at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles: Brothers John DeSales Walsh, John Calasanctius Hunt, John Damascene Carr, and Marcos Capistran Chavira. Again, we were one with the East Coast, the Mid-West and Northern California.

The tradition of a West Coast reunion had begun its second year! At the cemetery we gathered and prayed for these deceased brothers who are buried side by side in the Monks' small plot. It didn't matter that many of us didn't know them. It was family: Brothers and Edmundians!

Father Mike Mandala, S.J., said the appropriate prayers and sprinkled the water of baptism on the site. Then we were off to celebrate mass at Cantwell HS. On the way to chapel in the Residence Hall there were photoportraits of so many important persons responsible for the success of the school. Edmundian Reno (Anthony '64) Frigo gave a brief history of each, also acknowledging the Edmundian contribution of the newly framed Edmund Rice portrait. Footsteps softened as we entered the chapel. Faces seemed to change as memories returned!

Father Mike's homily connected with us Edmundians, not only because he is a bosom buddy to Reno Frigo his classmate of many years, but because of his close relationship with *former* Jesuits.

The church has changed!

Then it was off to the refectory for a delicious, well-prepared lunch. How good food and a rectangular table lend themselves to "war stories!" We were about to get our annual B12 shot - filling us with laughter and precious memories. Monks we knew and Edmundians we know collectively intersected our lives more than we had realized. From Hell's Kitchen, NY, to Chimbote, Peru, stories poured out engaging us from start to finish. And, YES, Brothers Angie Lynam and Tom Perry surfaced once again in an everlasting tribute to their "uniqueness."

There were 9 Edmundians: Dick Hill, Clayton (Gerald '60) Brown, David (Philip '59(Fontes, Luis (Michael '77) Benitez, Wally (Bruno '58) Bench, John (Patrick '58) Flynn, Reno (Anthony '64) Frigo, Mike (Kelly '70) Sciaraffa, John (Conan '60) McCormack, and Father Mike Mandala, S.J.



(l to r) Reno Frigo, Father Mike, Peggy & Dick Hill, Mike Sciaraffa, David Fantes, Luis Benitez, John Flynn, Wally Bench



Clockwise: Dave Fontes, Luis Benitez, Wally Bench, John Flynn, John McCormack (standing), Peggy and Dick Hill, Father Mike, Clay (Gerald '60) Brown

It is remarkable that eight of the ten are graduates of Cantwell HS. Theirs is a sense of loyalty to the place that was to shape their lives immeasurably over a lifetime. As the saying goes – "Showing up in life is half the battle". And they did!

It is reassuring to see Edmundians gather under the umbrella of the Holy Spirit who renewed *our* spirits and revived our energies to continue with our efforts in good works. Yes, we enjoyed some of the one-hundred fold that is ours because of our connection to one Blessed man: Edmund Rice.

We offer a heartfelt thanks to Reno Frigo for organizing both the meeting and the delicious lunch on this wonderful Saturday afternoon.

Live Jesus in our hearts! John (Conan) McCormack '60





The liturgy was celebrated in the chapel at Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary HS chapel.

Jericho House, Wainfleet, Ontario

Jericho House Youth Leadership, Justice & Spirituality Center is an ecumenical and interfaith retreat center in the Catholic tradition. An ideal location for retreats, meetings, conferences, and seminars. Info: Jericho House 10845 Rathfon Road, Port Colborne, ON L3K 5V4; P: 905-834-0553, F: 905-834-5230

www.jerichohouse.org

The Jericho House Team:

Sister Jacquie Keefe, cssf, Brother Bill Carrothers, cfc, Mr. Gary Bowron

Check out ministry sites where Brothers are working:

All Hallows	www.allhallows.org
Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame	www.acnd.net
Bergen Catholic	www.bergencatholic.org
Cardinal Hayes High School	www.cardinalhayes.org
Damien Memorial School	www.damien.edu
Guadalupe Regional Middle School	http://guadalupe.schoolfusion.us/
Jericho House	www.jerichohouse.org/index.html
O'Dea High School	www.odea.org
Palma School	www.palmaschool.org
St. Joseph's Catholic School	www.stjoebruins.com
St. Thomas More Collegiate	www.stmc.bc.ca
Tampa Catholic The Murphy Center Trinity Catholic Vancouver College	www.stinc.bc.ca www.tampacatholic.org www.murphycentre.nf.net www.trinitycatholichs.org www.vc.bc.ca

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EDMUNDIAN MEMORIAL MASS Salinas, California

The Second Annual Memorial Mass in Salinas was celebrated on Saturday, September 22 in the beautiful Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel on the Palma HS campus.

Ours was a simple celebration with a commemoration of Edmund Rice, the work of the Brothers and Edmundians, not only here in Salinas, but worldwide during the Mass and Homily by Fr. Manning, Palma HS's chaplain. After the Mass, we had lunch at a local restaurant, as guests of Brother Dennis Dunne, President of Palma High School.

In attendance were Brothers Francis Murray, Dominic Murray, and Dennis Dunne, Edmundians Rick Huges ('64), Dave (Philip '59) Fontes, Joe (John '56) Kingston and his wife Rosemary, and Michael (Raphael '57) Trujllo and his wife Yolanda.



Rick Huges & Br. Dominic Murray

(l to r) David Fontes and Br. Fran Murray



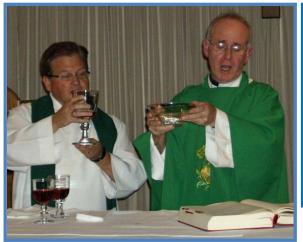
Yolanda Trujillo, Joe (John '56) and Rosemary Kingston

EDMUNDIAN MEMORIAL MASS St. John's, Newfoundland

On Wednesday, October 10th, about 25 Edmundians joined the Mount St. Francis community for a memorial mass to celebrate the lives of deceased Brothers and Edmundians. The Mass was held in the Marian Chapel of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, as the numbers were too large for the chapel in Mount St. Francis. Two Edmundians, Fathers Cecil (Dominic '71) Critch and John (David '80) Costello concelebrated the Liturgy. During the Intercessions, Brothers and Edmundians read the names of deceased Brothers and Edmundians from Newfoundland and those buried in Newfoundland.

Following the Liturgy, everyone returned to the Brothers community for some refreshment and a social gathering. Edmundian Harold (Matthew '61) Stapleton said, "The number who attended was very encouraging. I think it is important both to remember those who have passed away and to maintain some kind of periodic contact with each other." Members of the Brothers' community assisted with preparing the Mass booklet, the music, and the reception.

This was the third time during the past year that the Edmundians and the Brothers gathered together for a social; and it is encouraging that the number attending is increasing each time.





Edmundians (l) John Costello and Cec Critch



Edmundians Kevin (Edward '56) Veitch, left, and Malachy (Leo '53) Mandeville

Front L: Richard (Gerard '61 McHugh, David Dyer 2nd L: Harold (Matthew '61) Stapleton, Jack (William '60) Hurley 3rd L: Bill Hogan, Ray (Stephen '61) O'Brien 4th: Br. Hugh Slattery



(Left) Edmundian Walter (Theodore '63) White, Br. Bill (Felix) Howard

EDMUNDIAN MEMORIAL MASS Tampa, Florida

On Saturday, October 27th, the second annual Mass for deceased Christian Brothers, Edmundians, and Associates took place in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel of Tampa Catholic High School. Mr. Brian (Andre '78) Lemoi was in charge of organizing the event aided by Br. Chris Burns of the Tampa Catholic Community. This year we were honored also with the presence of the participants in the Initial Formation Retreat held the weekend of October 26-28 at the Tampa Catholic Christian Brothers' residence. Brother David Lucas (Callan Novitiate Community) was in charge of the organizing and running of the retreat and Brother Michael Colasuonno (St. Joseph's Care Residence Community) ably facilitated the sessions. On the last day the Province Leader, Brother Hugh O'Neill, answered questions and shared some insights concerning the Province.



Front Row: Mr. Robert Droll, Br. Dan Casey, Br. Jim DePiro, Mr. Michael Hajnos, Br. Tim Granzotto, Br. Paul Hennessey, Mrs. Marilu McGoldrick, Mr. John McGoldrick

<u>Second Row</u>: Br. Dominic Sanpietro, Br. Michael Colasuonno, Mr. Vincent Russell, Br. Chris Burns, Br. Ben McDonough, Mr. Brian Lemoi, Br. Jim VanKoolbergen, Fr. Desmond Daley, Br. Jim Fagan

Third Row; Br. Jim McDonald, Br. Jason Ford, Br. Hugh O'Neill, Br. Dave Lucas

EDMUNDIAN MEMORIAL MASS Chicago, Illinois

Below are some photos from the memorial Mass held recently in Chicago.



(l to r) Br. Ken Wolfe, Edmundians Larry (Kenneth '65) Hopman, Adam (Kamiamo '66) Paikai, Fred (Anthony '71) Mason



Edmundian Mark (DePaul '54) Quinn



Br. Dave Lucas





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.

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

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