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The Office of Educational Services of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers of North America has launched a new [Edmund Rice School Network](#) website and wanted to make sure you all see it!

IONA COLLEGE New Rochelle, New York

On May 18, 2013, Iona College held its 69th commencement at Radio City Music Hall, New York City, where it conferred three honorary degrees.

SISTER DANIELLE MARIE BARAN, C.R. Retired Principal, Maria Regina High School



Sister Danielle was principal of Immaculate Conception School in Watervliet, N.Y., for five years prior to joining Maria Regina, first as assistant principal for five years and another 21 years as principal. In addition, she has served as assistant provincial superior of the New York Province, directed spiritual retreats, and facilitated spirituality days for Catholic schools throughout the New York Archdiocese.

Sister Danielle's contributions have been widely recognized, including by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence/Westchester, which named her as outstanding educational leader, and the St. Augustine's Ladies Auxiliary and the Sts. John and Paul Women's Guild in Larchmont, N.Y., which presented her the Silvia Muldoon Woman of Spirit Award.

*Read more
about Iona at
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Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. On Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of our Church born in the Spirit promised by Jesus himself. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes for us the diversity present in the first members of the Church and how that diversity became a source of unity.

LAWRENCE DePRIMO

Officer, New York City Police Department



In November 2012, a tourist in Times Square saw a shoeless man asking for change. She later wrote: "Right when I was about to approach, one of your officers came up behind him. The officer said, 'I have these size 12 boots for you, they are all-weather. Let's put them on and take care of you.' The officer squatted down on the ground and proceeded to put socks and the new boots on this man. The officer expected NOTHING in return and did not know I was watching."

Lawrence DePrimo became internationally known for his generosity. His image was widely circulated on social media and the story was later covered by major news outlets. According to The New York Times, emblematic of the leadership and service of Blessed Edmund Rice, the 25-year-old officer has kept the receipt for the boot in his pocket since to remind him "that sometimes

people have it worse." Officer DePrimo, who joined the department in 2010 and lives with his parents on Long Island, was shocked at the attention. He was not warned before the photo went online; the department had not learned which officer was in the picture until hours later. "It was freezing out and you could see the blisters on the man's feet," DePrimo said in an interview. "I had two pairs of socks and I was still cold."

LT. ANDREW KINARD

USMC (Ret.), Wounded Warrior Project Board Member
2013 Undergraduate Commencement Speaker



First Lt. Andrew Kinard, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, was deployed to the Al Anbar province of Iraq in 2006 as an infantry platoon commander. While leading a team of U.S. Marines on a routine foot patrol, an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded directly under his feet. The damage resulted in the amputation of both of his legs at the hip. He suffered massive wounds to his abdomen and was in a coma for a month. In all, he endured more than 70 surgeries, as well as a year and a half of physical rehabilitation. It was during his lengthy recovery that he resolved to overcome his difficult circumstances and impact the world in a meaningful way. "I have to choose not to think about what I've lost, but instead be very thankful for what I've still got."

While waiting for medical retirement from the Marine Corps, Lt. Kinard interned in the Office of Legislative Counsel at the Pentagon and served as a military fellow in the office of a United States Senator. Since retirement, he has served on the board of directors of Wounded Warrior Project, a national charity that seeks to honor and empower veterans disabled in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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Miami, Florida



**Ms. Lisa
Morales**

Students from Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep's Diversity Action Team (DAT) are "brewing hope for Haiti" through a three way partnership between the students, St. Thomas University and the Miami Coalition of Christians and Jews (MMCJ.) As part of an ongoing project, the team is cleaning out and separating Haitian grown, damaged coffee beans from the good ones. A Miami-based proprietor then roasts the beans for sale in the United States.

This project has given students a valuable lesson about the direct Fair Trade relationship that empowers rural Haitian Farmers, reforests the land, and supports a sustainable socio-economic infrastructure for Haiti's future. It allows farmers in Haiti to increase their earnings from \$0.65 per pound to \$4.16 per pound.

"Mr. Vinciguerra swept the Curley students off their feet," commented DAT moderator Christian Travieso, about a presentation by Anthony Vinciguerra, the [Café Cocano](#) project director and the director of the Center for Justice and Peace at St. Thomas University. "His presentation provided our students with information regarding free trade, social justice, and helping the less fortunate."

The Diversity Action Team is a small group of ACND students that seek to identify issues that cause division among individuals in society. The DAT Program is one of the many opportunities offered to students in Miami-Dade by the MCCJ. Ms. Courtney Berrien, the Program Coordinator for MCCJ, put ACND into a working relationship with Mr. Anthony Vinciguerra. The group's goal is to remedy specific causes of division through projects that promote awareness within the school community and beyond. Apart from the *Brewing Hope for Haiti* project, other DAT endeavors have addressed bullying and providing relief to struggling communities.



(l to r) Front Row: Elizabeth Pineer and Jocelyne Rosales. Back Row: Isaacson Innocent, Kerwins Mathurin, Christopher Arroyo, Schnidyne Pierre, Mr. Steven Gideon, and Mr. Anthony Vinciguerra. Group members not in photo: Bryan McDonald and Marvin Marcel



Diversity Action Team member Elizabeth Pineer helps to sort good from bad coffee beans as part of the group's Brewing Hope for Haiti project.

"St. Thomas University has generously paved a way for our students to have a direct influence on rural farmers in Haiti," concluded Travieso. "The project is essential because it gives the students a hands-on approach to the meaning of fair trade; it gives the students a chance to participate in something greater than themselves. They are given an opportunity to live out the Gospel in word and deed through the practice of virtues like compassion, sacrifice, and solidarity. This project is life-changing."

Read more about ACND at www.acnd.net

ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Burbank, Illinois



St. Laurence crushes Brother Rice, claims outright Catholic Blue crown

By Tim O'Brien

St. Laurence racked up 15 hits and Zach Lewis was dominant on the mound as the Vikings cruised past Brother Rice, 10-0, on Saturday to claim the Catholic League Blue baseball crown outright.

The path to the Catholic League Blue title was laid out for St. Laurence Saturday. Win, and the Vikings claimed the division crown outright. Lose, and they would have to share it. Having lost a share of the conference title last season in similar fashion, St. Laurence's Brad Wood wanted nothing to do with déjà vu. "Last year, we came into that game tense and hyped up," Wood said. "This year, we were loose, and we didn't want to press too much."

With Wood and the Vikings lineup racking up 15 hits and Zach Lewis dominant on the mound, St. Laurence cruised to a 10-0 win at Brother Rice to claim the Catholic League Blue title outright. "It was a whole new year with a whole new team," Lewis said. "We've got a great group of guys who play together." Wood set the tone immediately Saturday, hitting a double to left on the game's first pitch, scoring on Lewis' groundout three batters later.

St. Laurence (22-6, 14-2) tallied four more runs in the second, Ryan Rybakowski (two RBI, run) starting things off with an RBI single. Wood added a two-run double and came home on Nate Tholl's RBI groundout. "After we scored, we wanted to keep going and not let them hang in there," Wood said. "Zach is a horse, and he'll go the whole way if he wants to. Once you get him a couple runs, you're pretty safe." Wood finished 2-for-3 with three runs, two RBI and two walks.

Working with a five-run lead, Lewis was dominant in his six innings of work, surrendering just three hits and two walks while striking out eight. "[The runs] helped put me in a comfort zone and pitch my game, stay ahead and attack the zone," Lewis said. "I was a little wild so I had to stay focused and try and throw strikes." Lewis (two RBI) pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth. T.J. Marik (3-for-4, two runs, RBI), Mike Kornacker (RBI, run) and Roger Wilson (RBI, run) contributed for St. Laurence.

"Win or lose, we wanted to play our game," St. Laurence coach Pete Lotus said. "Our guys did a great job of that. All year, we've battled and played really well, came up with big hits when we needed." Brian Musielak had a double for Brother Rice (17-13, 9-7).



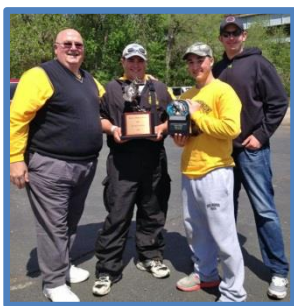
Track and Field

Congratulations to Mike Hyc on his first place discus throw on May 11, 2013! He threw 180 ft., 10 in. to set the school, meet, league, and stadium records. He also had a first place shot put throw of 61 ft., 3.5 in. to set the school, meet, and stadium records



Click on the link below to get the latest news from St. Laurence:
www.stlaurence.com/may-e-newsletter-517

Bass Fishing



Congratulations to Santo Munizzi, Zac Marcolini, and Coach Barry Shaw for winning the overall Bass Fishing Championship in the District 230 tournament! Zac also won the Bass of the Day on with a 3.43 lb. fish.

Pictured are Coach Barry Shaw, Zac Marcolini, Santo Munizzi, and John Marcolini (their boat driver)

COLEGIO FE Y ALEGRIA Lima, Peru

Improving Reading and Mathematics at the most appropriate age



**Br. Hugo
Caceres**

Returning to Fe y Alegria Christian Brothers school in Canto Grande (Lima, Peru) has been a great satisfaction for me because the sand and dust I left fifteen years ago now have very green trees, there are healthy students, most classrooms are well lit and we have a team of very committed teachers and administrators in the education project of Blessed Edmund Rice. The Christian Brothers mission is present with five Brothers involved in the school, carrying on the ministry of education for the poorest in Peruvian society. Fortunately one of the notable improvements is that national education authorities have demanded that education quality standards should be proved by means of an annual review for children aged 7 years.

In international quality measurement tests, Peru scored very poorly in exams for students in the final year of secondary school. In these tests called PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment), fifteen years ago, we got last place among 65 countries and in 2009 we were 62nd. Improved government investment and the diverse efforts of education authorities suggest that this result is improving very slowly. But mainly because it has created a culture of assessment that promotes national examinations and not only quality tests on the last year of secondary but during the early stages; education specialists believe that what students fail to attain at seven year of age substantially determines final educational outcomes.

I found in 2011 that Fe y Alegria teachers had made a real effort to stand out among the best results in the extensive and poor district of San Juan de Lurigancho with more than one million inhabitants, but I thought we might improve with the help of ongoing assessments where children read short texts and respond to simple questions that involve making inferences about the characters and plots in short stories, and Math tests to check their knowledge of the decimal system, addition and subtraction. We have also strengthened reading programs with parents and volunteer senior students who read simple stories with the children with most problems. US\$350 in aid in 2011 and 2012 from the Callan Fund for Christian Brother's projects in Latin America served to setup a small reading room and purchase books and materials. The results have been extraordinary; in 2012 we got the first place in the District in Reading and Math. In these tests the grades are 2 (objectives achieved), 1 (in process) and -1 (no obvious achievements).



Reading			
	Fe y Alegría Christian Brothers	San Juan de Lurigancho District	Peru
2	76,9%	43,2%	30,9%
1	23,1%	49,3%	49,3%
-1	0,0%	7,5%	19,8%

The results in mathematics are also good but we still have the task of ensuring that no student reaches eight years old on level -1.

Math			
	Fe y Alegría Christian Brothers	San Juan de Lurigancho District	Peru
2	53%	40,1%	12,8%
1	43%	42,7%	38,2%
-1	3,7%	17,2%	49%

Thanks to the enthusiastic involvement of the team of second graders teachers (Luz Sousa, Celinda Bautista, Isabel Marchand and Mirtha Jara) and to the Regional Leadership Team who entrust us with the administration of financial assistance for the project.

BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

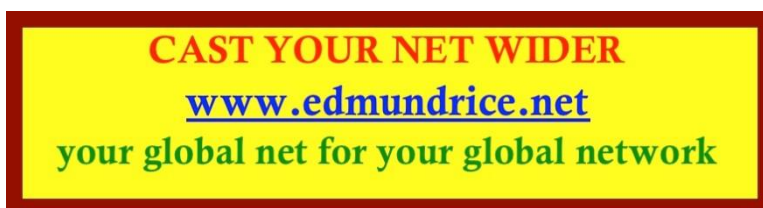


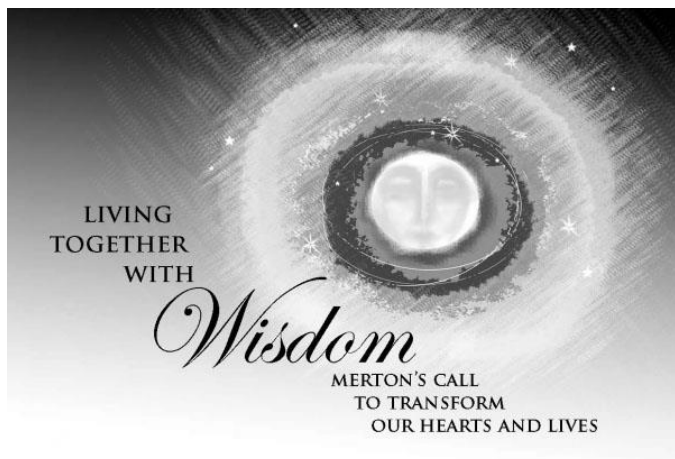
MAY eNEWS IS OUT and includes stories, photos and video that highlight excellence in the classroom, a preview of our upcoming 50th graduation ceremony, the Hall of Fame induction for a longtime teacher/administrator, a look at a graduating Senior who is taking a road less travelled, a preview of our summer camp offerings, and more. [Follow this link to read May eNews and catch up on the latest news and events in the Brother Rice community.](#)

The 2013 Brother Rice Golf Outing will take place this Friday, June 7 at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club in Clarkston. Shepherd's Hollow is consistently ranked in the top 10 by Golf Digest for public courses in Michigan and is typically ranked in the top 50 courses in the country.

Proceeds from this event will support the following The Deceased Parents' Fund that provides tuition support in the event that a primary caregiver passes away, and The Alumni Association Fund that provides tuition assistance to families-in-need.

To access further details regarding Friday's outing and to make a charitable contribution, please click on the following link: www.brrice.edu/golfouting.





The Thirteenth General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society will be held on June 13-16, 2013 at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut

Good News for those who want to share a day or two at the International Thomas Merton Society Meeting at Sacred Heart University this June - there is a special Day Rate for unlimited access to all the events and programs of this rich gathering.

\$60 (meals not included, but available at good cost)

Register soon! For registration and information click this link: <http://merton.org/2013/>

EDMUNDIANS

Chicago:

On Saturday May 4, 2013 St. Laurence High School hosted a party in honor of Blessed Edmund Rice. Brother Tim Smyth (Callan Novitiate Community) gave a stirring homily. Afterward we had pizza and pop. Among the attendees were: Brothers Mike Driscoll, Jerry Messick, and Patrick Hayes (87th Street Community), Dave Lucas (Callan Novitiate Community), Lou Stanich and Tom Collins (Br. Rice Community).

Associates Pat Fowler, Bernie and Marian Pepping, Tom Collins' brother and Kathy Hynes.

Edmundians Jim (Pius '60) Kielty, Jim (Leo '57) Collins, John (Patrick '59) McGraw, Mark (DePaul '54) and Nancy Quinn (Mark did much of the organizing), and Jack (Denis '59) and Phyllis O'Keefe.

Newfoundland:



On Thursday May 9, 2013 the Mount St. Francis Community in St. John's, Newfoundland and the Edmundians and Associates celebrated a liturgy in honor of the feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice. A liturgy was celebrated in the Marian Chapel of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist with Edmund Father Cecil (Dominic '71) Critch presiding. After the liturgy, all returned to the Mount St. Francis community for a social. As well as the members of the community, the celebration was attended by Associates Kevin Breen, Kevin Dormody, and Bob Quigley. The Edmundians were represented by Harold (Matthew '61) Stapleton, Garry (Cyril '61) Bambrick, James J. Byrne, Dave (Roderick '62) Fowler, Arden (Alphonsus '62) Hall, Bill (Edmund '60) Hurley, and Derm (Alphonsus '63) Penny.

Pictured at left (l to r) Associate Kevin Dormody, Edmundian Harold Stapleton and Brother Raph Bellows.

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BLESSED SACRAMENT-ST. GABRIEL New Rochelle, New York

The following was sent by Bob Kman (Coordinator of Edmundians) and John B. Murphy (BSHS Class of 1979).



Mr. Bob Kman

The faculty, students and alumni of Blessed Sacrament-St. Gabriel high School in New Rochelle couldn't save it from closing, but the former students can certainly find a way to relive their days there. Some alumni have set up a reunion of the students in August at the [VIP Country Club](#) in New Rochelle. "It will be something nice to do, because there's nothing more you really can do than celebrate the memory of the school at this point," said Valeria Girardi, who is organizing the festivities. It will start at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16 at the club, 600 Davenport Ave. in New Rochelle. Alumni can buy tickets on the reunion's [Facebook page](#), or by contacting Girardi at (914) 309-6563.

Up to 850 alumni can attend. That's more than four times the current enrollment of just over 200. But Girardi said almost 50 people have signed up already, some from places as far away as Virginia and Florida. And they have a long history from which to draw. Girardi's mother, who graduated in 1949 from St. Gabriel, when it was an all-girls school, plans to attend, she said. St. Gabriel joined with Blessed Sacrament in the 1980s, while Girardi was in high school, she said.

Many people were upset, even devastated, when the Archdiocese of New York announced in January that the school would close at the end of this school year. Those saddened included students and recent alumni who said they had been struggling in their academics elsewhere and turned themselves around when they were welcomed in to warm, family-like atmosphere in the school. One after another, they praised Principal Edward Sullivan as a school leader who knew all their names and helped them with their problems.



One student started an on-line petition at Change.org. More than 1,200 people have signed it, most from the Westchester - New York City region, but some from places as far-flung as Miami, Sherman Oaks, Calif., and St. Paul, Minn. But the school had been running a deficit, and the archdiocese weighed other factors in demographics when choosing to close the school.

On Saturday, June 22nd, 12:00 - 5:00, Blessed Sacrament HS will host a BBQ (Hot dogs/burgers) for all alumni and former faculty. It is free to all. Everyone will be welcome to tour the school for one last time.

The school's website is <http://www.blessedsacstgabhs.org/>



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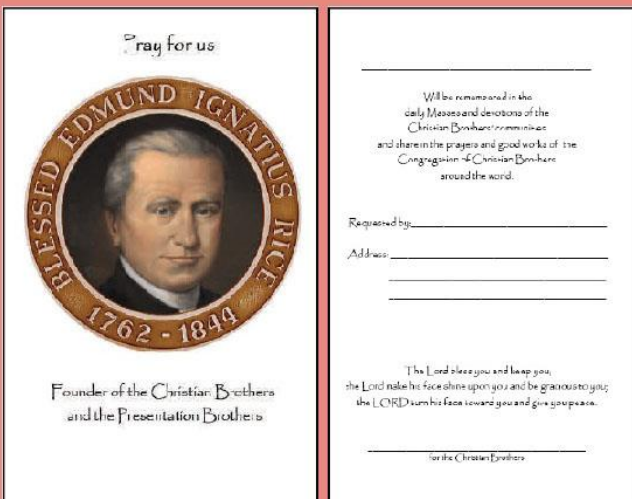
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our hearts affects
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In the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder, the Congregation of Christian Brothers is an international community of vowed religious brothers living and praying in community 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.

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Guadalupe Regional Middle School	http://guadalupe.schoolfusion.us/
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