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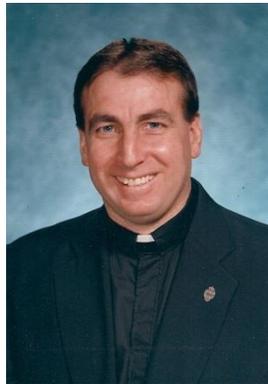
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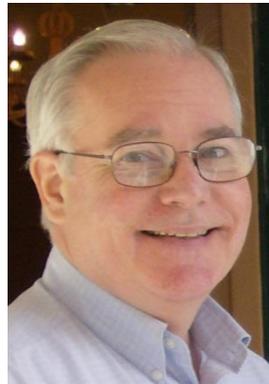
New Province Leadership Team Announced

The Congregational Leadership of the Congregation of Christian Brothers has announced the new Leadership Team for the North American Province.

The new Province Leadership Team of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America is:



**Province Leader:
Br. Kevin Griffith**



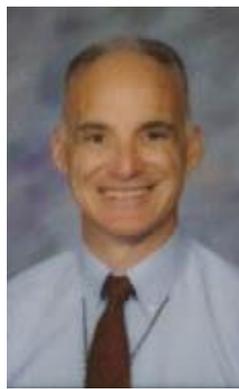
**Deputy Province
Leader:
Br. Michael
Colasuonno**



**Leadership Team
Br. Ray
Vercruyse**



**Leadership Team
Br. Sean Moffett**



**Leadership Team
Br. Peter
O'Loughlin**



**Leadership Team
Br. Peter Zawot**

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The feast of Christ the King seems at times to be out of place in democratic societies. If a king is understood to be one who rules with absolute power, this image runs counter to what we consider the ideal government.

The gospel scene that proclaims the kingship of Jesus is, surprisingly, the crucifixion. Only on the cross is Jesus proclaimed king. This is neither a scene of power for himself nor glory from a human perspective. It is in his utter helplessness that Jesus is recognized as king, and in this moment Jesus thinks not of himself but of another.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE Jacksonville, Florida



**Br. Seán
Whitty**

On Friday, November 8, 2013 thirty-eight Christian Brothers Community Leaders gathered in Jacksonville, Florida for the biennial leadership conference. On the first evening after greeting one another and sharing a meal, we assembled together in the conference room where Brother Hugh O'Neill, Province Leader, shared words of welcome to all the Brothers and outlined the aim and objective of the gathering. The evening concluded with a Prayer Service invoking God's Spirit and blessing on our time together.

The following three meeting days were filled with various presentations on the three vows given by the leadership team. On the first day, after a period of time for Morning Prayer and reflection, Brothers Hugh O'Neill and Mark Murphy presented a theological reflection on the vow of obedience and what it means for us today in the 21st century. The Brothers did have ample time for reflection and sharing in small and large groups on what it actually means to be obedient to hearing and carrying out the voice of God speaking to our hearts today.

On the second day, Brothers Barry Lynch and Kevin Griffith focused attention on the vow of poverty. Barry did a magnificent presentation on the vow of poverty centering on our call to let go and allow ourselves to be vulnerable. This was very apropos in light of the recent challenges of Chapter 11. Barry suggested that as brothers and as a province we were at a threshold being called forward into something new and unknown but first we have to be able to let go which is not easy unless we have faith and hope. Kevin focused his attention on the personal, communal and province practicalities of living the vow of poverty after Chapter 11 using sections of our own Constitutions. Again, time was given for reflection, small table talk and large group sharing.

On the third day Brothers Dan Casey and Ray Vercruyse focused attention on the vow of chastity. Ray did an excellent presentation on the theology of the vow and what it means for us today as religious brothers. He pointed out five pathways to celibacy:



**(l to r) Brs. Sean Moffett,
Michael Colasuonno, and Jim DePiro**



**The Commissioning Ritual, (l to r) Brs. John
Dornbos, Charles Avendano, Barry Lynch, Tony
Quinn, Sebastian Samp**

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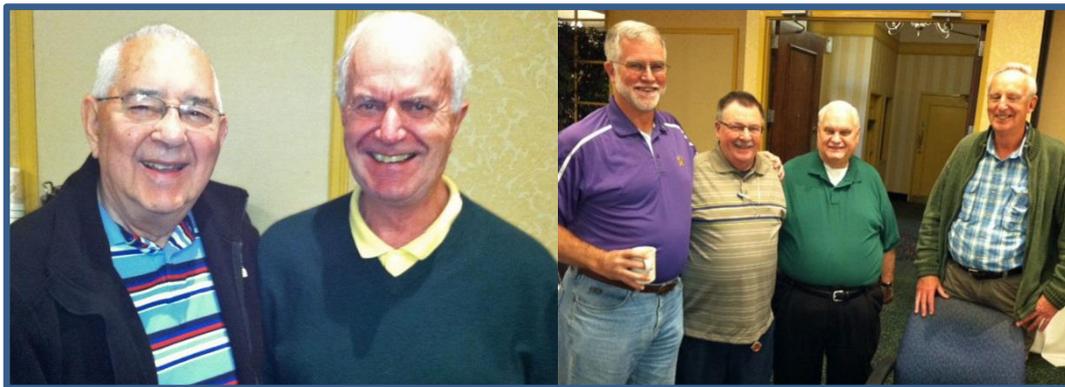
- Live close to God,
- Build and nurture broad and deep relationships with others,
- Ask for love, nurture others and negotiate separation and letting go,
- Cope with distress and recognize destructive patterns of behavior,
- Celebrate well and often the "holy" within you and within others.

He reminded us not to hide from our humanity for our holiness is in our humanness. Be who we are! Dan challenged us to love ourselves and one another and not be afraid to tell people that they are loveable and loved. He used the scriptural words of Jesus to Peter after the resurrection: "Peter, do you love

Sister Deborah Cerullo SSND, a civil and canon lawyer, gave a presentation on “A Way into the Future: Canonical Power of Governance” which simply put is a way to preserve our Edmund Rice Christian Brother charism in our schools into the future. This presentation will be given again at the Province Chapter in July, 2014.

In the last session Brothers Hugh O’Neill and Kevin Griffith shared their personal feelings on what they heard from the survivors of sexual abuse at the recent meetings they have had throughout the province. Their openness and their honesty moved all deeply.

The Community Leadership Conference ended with a simple Commissioning Ritual prepared by Brother Sean Whitty. Afterwards we celebrated with a social and dinner.



**Brs. Charles Avendano (left) and
Jerry McCarthy**

**(l to r) Brs. Hugh O’Neill, Rick Fowler,
Brian Walsh, John Buckingham**



2013 Community Leadership Conference, Jacksonville, Florida



**DRAWN BY MYSTERY
DESTINED FOR LIFE**



Facing Choices About the Future

Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province Chapter
Jacksonville, Florida – July 12 – 20, 2014

ACTION STUDENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP – 2013



**Sr. Ona
Bessette,
CND**

ACTION 2013 was held September 26th – 29th and gathered sixty student leaders from eighteen Christian Brother schools from across North America (US and Canada) and South America (Argentina, Peru and Uruguay) at Marywood Catholic Retreat Center in St. Johns, FL. The program was led by a team of eight hearty veterans: Sr. Ona Bessette, CND (OES); Br. Jason Ford, CFC (ACND); Mr. Carlos Freire (Vancouver College); Mr. Thane Hall (Br. Rice HS – MI); Br. Jim Hamilton, CFC (All Hallows HS); Mr. Douglas Romanik (ACND); Br. Tim Smyth, CFC (St. Laurence HS); and Mrs. Francesca Tambone-Puzio (Bergen Catholic HS).

Introductions and icebreakers quickly connected strangers and friendships rapidly developed as students learned that companions from all over the ERCB network shared their beliefs and hopes.

Over the three days, participants engaged in skill building sessions, community building tasks, journaling exercises, times of prayer and reflection, and recreation. These activities further strengthened leadership skills in the students.



Ready for ACTION!



Getting to Know You!

Students and moderators were challenged to see how they are called to be advocates for the voiceless in the world. Every Christian Brother school collects mission money. Br. Stephen Casey, CFC shared information with the student leaders how their contributions are utilized to support the Brothers' work across the globe in fighting poverty. They wrestled with the reality that many of their global brothers and sister live on less than \$2 a day. Br. Kevin Cawley, CFC connected the student leaders with Edmund Rice International and its work of advocacy and education. Participants reflected on the need to become strong defender of the Earth. They considered how their actions locally can impact the global needs of the planet.

By the end of the weekend a new community formed among the students. There are no boundaries in the Edmund Rice Christian Brother Network of Schools as email and Facebook page addresses were shared and the promises of staying connected were exchanged. Many students left the ACTION Workshop feeling changed, strengthened, and challenged to engage their schools in projects that will make a difference. They were affirmed in their gifts as leaders and strengthened in their commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of the poor. They will walk squarely in the footsteps and spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice and continue the Gospel mission of Jesus to be the voice for the poor and bearers of the Good News.



Luis (Warwick, RI) and Angie (Lima, Peru)



ACND Student Leaders (Miami, FL)

Student Leader Reflections:

- ACTION is an emotional and spiritual experience that challenges you to be confident and to begin conversations with strangers in a matter of hours. It also allows you time to search and learn more about yourself.
- The ACTION Workshop was an empowering experience. It challenges you to set out and do God's Will in your own individual community. Through conversations with other students in similar situations, we became close in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice.
- My experience at ACTION Leadership Workshop was truly life changing. Not only did I meet amazing kids from all over the world that shared the same values that I do, but I left feeling strengthened by the Holy Spirit to make a change in my school and community.
- ACTION changed the way I see many things, now I'm more concerned about helping others and much more focused in my role as a leader.
- I got the chance to meet and make many new friends that are linked together in one person, Blessed Edmund Rice.
- It was an eye opening retreat that demonstrated to me the potential in each of us to be effective leaders in our schools and communities by following the morals of Blessed Edmund Rice.



Sister Ona Bessette, CND is the Director of the Office of Educational Services.



Drawn by Mystery Destined for Life

**Christian Brothers
Congregation Chapter
March 2014
Nairobi**

School Leaders consider “Way into the Future” on retreat



Sr. Grace
D'Amico,
SSND

Presidents and principals from 16 Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools gathered for their annual retreat in Henderson, Nevada, Oct. 14-17, 2013. The 23 leaders came from as far as Boston, Honolulu, Buenos Aires, and Vancouver to listen, reflect, pray, and share their thoughts and feelings about “Walking the Way—as Partners of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers—into the Future.” The theme, introduced during the prayer at the opening session by Brother Dan Casey, CFC, was based on the proposition put forth by the Congregational Leadership Team for consideration by Christian Brothers all over the world “to go to the margins” and serve the materially poor.

Concluding his reflection on the Emmaus story and his introduction to the retreat theme during the opening prayer, Dan asked the participants “When did you sense your heart burning?” After time for reflection, the leaders and staff shared their experience as well as their hopes for the retreat.

During the Tuesday morning session, “Together for Mission,” Brother Ray Vercruysse, CFC, asked the school leaders to contemplate the Face of Christ in the form of a 6th century icon. “Who do you say that I am?” was the question he posed for reflection and sharing. Along with the icon was a photo of Edmund Rice from the sculpture “To Do and to Teach” installed at Iona College.



Mich DesLauriers & Maureen Kiers



Br. Ray Vercruysse

Ray spoke about how Edmund Rice’s life experiences formed him and influenced his spirituality and ministry. Brought up in a devout Catholic family, Edmund’s faith provided him with a lens through which he viewed the sufferings of people around him. He was moved by compassion and responded with action. As he recounted specific incidents in Edmund’s life, Ray proposed “The Essential Edmund Rice,” a list of 15 of Edmund’s virtues which are connected to the *Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education* which characterize our schools.

In the afternoon, Brother John Casey, CFC, director of governance, presented the context of the proposition, “Walking the Way into the Future.” He began by noting that the heads of schools do not walk alone. They walk together. He asked them where they see themselves in this plan. He noted that all are called to work on behalf of the materially poor in different ways, and how we work with students is very important. For example, immersion experiences are most effective when they are accompanied by good reflection sessions. John emphasized that “We have the opportunity for internationality, built on brotherhood, not domination.



Br. John Casey

For more information
www.edmundriceschools.org



Sr. Ona Bessette, CND

During the Wednesday morning prayer introducing, “Walking *Our Way*,” Sr. Ona Bessette, CND, Director of the Office of Educational Services, used the story of “The Pearl Diver” from the Sufi mystic Rumi. She invited everyone to think about what keeps them grounded and supported as school leaders, and what gives them energy to walk courageously into the future. In her presentation she distributed statistics indicating the inequities of various populations in the world, and enabling us to position ourselves among the most privileged.

The leaders contributed their reactions and ideas for concrete response, particularly in a school context. One observed that “Guilt is a waste of time. We need to accept the responsibility that goes with privilege.” Another suggested, “We need to create an alternative society in the school, with fairness, inclusion, and tolerance.

Everyone has a place at the table.”



Tim McElhinney, Roberto Bouzada, & Patricia Ponce de León



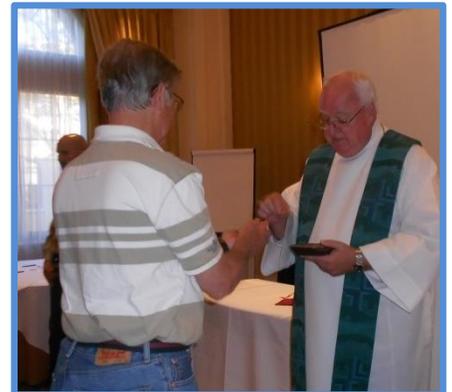
Julie Locey, Br. Mike Segvich, & Br. Peter Zawot



Br. Tom Leto & Br. Dennis Dunne

In the end, however, it was not entirely clear how the schools will participate in the spirit of the Way into the Future proposition. Leaders mentioned challenges, e.g., that it is “hard to sell to families and the school community.” One person articulated a perception that “the Brothers are moving away from us,” and another asked, “What are you Brothers going to do to help us?” Another third asked whether there would be an impact on the *Essential Elements*, and whether there needs to be a shift. Clearly the leaders were engaged, and important questions remain. Returning to the Emmaus story, the retreat concluded with Eucharist presided over by Father Robert M. (Mick) Egan, a former Catholic school leader himself, provided final inspiration for the group.

From the written evaluations it was evident that participants appreciated the opportunities that the retreat afforded them to learn, to pray, to reflect on important questions, to have some leisure, and to enjoy the company of colleagues. One response summed it up, “I thank you...for a terrific retreat – the best one yet! I found the talking points to be very moving in that all the laity have been included and invited to share in the way of the future of the Brothers in very powerful and utterly genuine ways.”



Fr. Mick Egan at closing liturgy

The retreat was held at the Hilton Resort and Spa, formerly Ravella, on the shore of Lake Las Vegas. It was sponsored by the ERCB Office of Educational Services.

Sister Grace D’Amico, SSND is the Associate Director, Office of Educational Services.

Edmund Rice Educators attend Called and Gifted Retreat



Sr. Grace
D'Amico,
SSND

Eighteen teachers and staff members from ten Edmund Rice educational institutions gathered in Rhinebeck, New York, for the annual Called and Gifted Retreat, Oct. 22-25, 2013.

The retreat was an opportunity for the participants to reflect on their call to mission in the tradition of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers. The Called and Gifted Program, begun in 1984, focuses on the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers, and how that charism affects all who work in the ministry of education. Brother Chris Burns, CFC, and Mrs. Melanie Anchukaitis, the program facilitators, reminded participants that they are called to serve the Church, and have been gifted with the blessings of God to complete that service.

The program included presentations about Blessed Edmund Rice, schools in the Edmund Rice tradition, and about giftedness. Each presentation was followed by time for reflection and sharing among colleagues. In response to a guided meditation from Henry Nouwen's *Heart Speaks to Heart*, participants created crosses, beads, hearts, and other symbols in clay, and explained how these unique creations will remind them of the blessings of the retreat.



During a visit to the Brothers cemetery in West Park, NY, the graves of Brothers who had contributed in particular ways to the growth of the congregation in North America were pointed out. "When we serve in the spirit of Edmund in our schools, we stand on the shoulders of these Brothers," remarked Brother Burns.

The three days included a variety of communal prayer times, including the Prayer of the Four Directions, a Candlelight Prayer Service, and Eucharistic Liturgy. Participants had time to get acquainted and build relationships during a visit to the Beekman Arms Inn, where George Washington stayed, and optional excursions to Rhinebeck Village or to the FDR estate in Hyde Park.

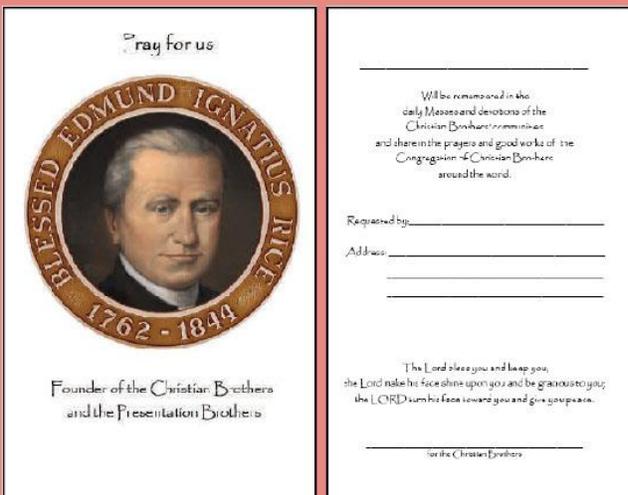
Retreat participants came from the following schools: All Hallows H.S., Bronx, NY; Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame H.S., Miami, FL; Bergen Catholic H.S., Oradell, NJ; Brother Rice H.S., Chicago, IL; Brother Rice H.S., Bloomfield Hills, MI; Iona College and Iona Prep, New Rochelle, NY; St. Thomas More Collegiate, Burnaby, B.C.; Tampa Catholic H.S., Tampa, FL; and Vancouver College, Vancouver, B.C. The retreat was held at the Linwood Retreat Center, Rhinebeck, NY, overlooking the Hudson River.

The retreat was sponsored by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Office of Educational Services, and was co-facilitated by Sister Grace D'Amico, SSND, associate director.



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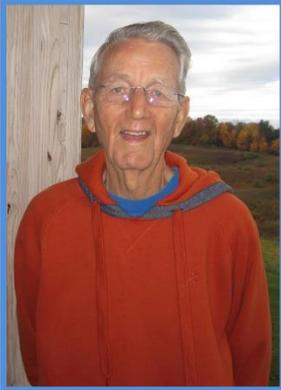
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GREENFAITH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Asbury Park, New Jersey

Not too long ago, Brother Kevin Cawley became involved with the GreenFaith Fellowship program and since that time our Province has greatly benefited by his knowledge and leadership in bringing to the attention of the Edmund Rice Family the serious environmental issues of our day. The GreenFaith Fellowship Program was initiated by Rev Fletcher Harper, an Episcopalian Priest in Highland Park, NJ, in 2008 to prepare lay and ordained leaders from diverse religious traditions for environmental leadership.



Brother Bill Stevens, cfc who resides in Asbury Park has been accepted into the Fellowship class of 2014 along with twenty-two other interested students from Hindu, Muslim, Evangelical, Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant and Unitarian Universalist traditions. One hundred and fifteen lay and ordained leaders have completed this training for environmental leadership.

The Program runs over a sixteen month period and consists of three residential retreats, monthly seminars, extensive reading, and focused training on eco-theology, “greening” of religious institutions, along with environmental advocacy, and environmental justice. All participants write their own eco-theological statement and carries out a leadership project in relation to an environmental issue. Upon graduation, they then join a network of other graduates to help mentor future leaders in this field.

To learn more about the GreenFaith Fellowship program visit <http://greenfaith.org/programs/fellowship>.



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Promoting social justice and eco-justice



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The Jericho House Team:

Sister Jacque Keefe, cssf, Brother Bill Carrothers, cfc

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS FOUNDATION OFFICE New Rochelle, New York



Brother Hugh O'Neill, Province Leader, on behalf of the Board of Members of Christian Brothers Foundation, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Colleen Noonan as Director of Development, effective November 18, 2013. Colleen brings with her an extensive background in capital campaigns; annual appeals; corporate, individual and foundation giving; and planned giving. Her experience in Catholic fundraising, coupled with her exceptional organizational and management skills will serve the purposes of CBF to support the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America. On behalf of the Foundation we extend congratulations and welcome Colleen to her leadership role in our stewardship ministry. She can be reached at cfn@cbfoundation.org.

HOLY SEPULCHER CEMETERY Worth, Illinois



On Saturday, October 12, 2013 Edmundians, Brothers, and Associates gathered at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Worth, IL for the annual Memorial Mass and gathering for deceased Edmundians and Brothers.

After the cemetery service a Mass was held at Br. Rice High School, coordinated by Father Trela, Brother Jay Toole and Brother Austin Driscoll.

Other guests were Edmundians Jack O'Keefe, Ray Mackey, Ray Hopman, John McGraw, Marty McLaughlin, Bill Kramer, and Mark Quinn. And Brothers Raph McDonald, Jerry Messick, Tom Collins, Sean Hayes, Pat Varilla, Owen Carty, Louis Stanich, and Ken Wolf. Also attending were Associates Nancy Quinn, Pat Fowler, Marian and Bernie Pepping.

Special thanks to Brother Jerry Messick who ran the graveside service and to Edmundian

Mark Quinn who gave an excellent talk on Brother Rupie Finch, RIP.

Thanks to Edmundian Bob Kman and Brother Jerry McCarthy for funding the supper.

ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Miami, Florida



**Ms. Lisa
Morales**

At the end of October, Brother Jason Ford, CFC, Campus Minister at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep was honored at the 2nd Annual Campus Ministries Alumni Reception at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York. The event recognizes commitment to faith, service, and justice and also helps raise funds in support of Iona's Karios retreat, as well as the leadership and service work of Iona Student Ministers.

Jessica Velasco, Sanjay Singh, Roger Rojas, and Heli Montoto, all graduates of ACND Prep, presented the award to Brother Ford.

"To receive the award from four past students was an incredibly humbling experience," commented Brother Ford. "To hear these young men and women express their gratitude for receiving a good Catholic education rooted in the call to service of Edmund Rice was in itself a reward."

Two students from this group were selected by Iona College's Office of Mission and Ministry to participate in Iona's annual trip to Zambia. Participants in the Zambia immersion program act as servant-learners and immerse themselves in the African culture and customs, while working alongside the Christian Brothers and community partners on educational initiatives in Mazabuka. The team also travels to Livingstone to visit wildlife game parks and Victoria Falls -- the world's largest waterfall.

"Recently, Iona College added the slogan 'Move the World' to all of its admissions materials," remarked Brother Ford. "The ACND graduates that are at Iona are clearly taking that message to heart. Jessica and Roger's choice to go to Africa is an example of the service they began to practice while at ACND, as members of the Edmund Rice Community, and have continued at Iona. They are truly listening to the message of Christ as lived by Blessed Edmund Rice."



The Friends of Iona's Office of Mission and Ministry, Homecoming Reception honored Brother Jason M. Ford, CFC, '01 and Liz DeCecco, '02



ACND alumni present Brother Jason Ford, CFC with his award. Pictured from left to right: Heli Montoto '13, Roger Rojas '12, Brother Ford, Jessica Velasco '10, Sanjay Singh '11

This year marks the 29th year of service by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers at ACND Prep. The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America (ERCBNA) have had a presence in North America since 1876 first arriving in Newfoundland and, by 1906, in New York City. In 1940, Iona College (the only University founded by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers in the world) opened its doors.

Brother Ford notes the similarities between the two schools: "Today Archbishop Curley Notre Dame and Iona College have a lot more in common than one would first expect: both are small communities able to stay well connected with alumni; both are student centered where faculty knows the students personally; and both have a sense of being a second home for their students. These reasons help to explain why so many ACND graduates have gone up to Iona and have been successful."

BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

BROTHER RICE FACULTY AND STAFF HONORED FOR YEARS OF DEDICATION



On Saturday, October 26, 2013 five Brother Rice staff members were honored during festivities at this year's Annual Catholic League Prep Bowl Day. Brother Ross Wielatz, CFC, Brother Arthur Arndt, CFC, Wendy Nuss, Ken Kandt, and Jenny Cherocci have served over 140 academic years in Catholic education. Scott Kuschel is not able to attend the festivities but will also celebrate a milestone.

The success of Catholic Schools is due in large part to the dedication and service of countless teachers and administrators. These impressive teachers and staff members were recognized on the 50 yard line at Ford Field during halftime of the CYO Championship game. They received a plaque and the well wishes of Archdiocesan officials from the education office. They were saluted and thanked for their many years of sacrifice and commitment.

“Brother Rice is pleased to be able to honor these dedicated servants,” said Brother Rice Principal Brother Michael Segvich, CFC. “Our faculty and staff are the heart and soul behind the success of our fine school. We are proud to say that many of their years of service have been served right here at Brother Rice (79 years).”

*Brother Ross Wielatz, CFC/Guidance Counselor – 40 years (15 years with Brother Rice)

*Brother Arthur Arndt, CFC/English Teacher – 50 years (19 years with Brother Rice)

*Wendy Nuss/English Teacher – 15 years (10 years with Brother Rice)

*Ken Kandt/Chairman of the Engineering & Architecture Department – 15 years (15 years with Brother Rice)

*Jenny Cherocci/Bookstore Manager – 5 years (5 years with Brother Rice)

*Scott Kuschel/Chairman of the Social Studies & History Department – 15 years (15 years with Brother Rice)

Following the on field festivities, the honorees enjoyed a luncheon in their honor on the club level of Ford Field.



(l to r) 1st row: Brother Ross Wielatz, Brother Arthur Arndt,
back row Scott Kuschel, Wendy Nuss, Jenny Cherocci, Ken Kandt

Brother Rice High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school for young men. Inspired by the Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education, the school fosters the spiritual, intellectual, cultural and physical development of its students. The Brother Rice Community promotes excellence through an environment conducive to life-long personal growth, responsible moral choices and critical thinking.

For more information please visit www.brice.edu.

ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Burbank, Illinois

VIKING PRIDE DINNER

Thanks to your support and attendance, this year's Viking Pride Dinner was a successful event. There were several new changes to the event, including a live pledges auction, where we raised more than **\$8,600** for our Viking Pride Scholarship fund. We also exceeded our overall fundraising goal by 33%. This money will have a positive impact on families who want to make a Viking education a reality. The event was also held in the gymnasium, which hopefully brought back many fond memories for alumni, teammates, and coaches.

We look forward to continuing this tradition of a great Viking Pride Dinner in the future. Click on the link below and see Bill Miller '78, founder of the William Miller Scholarship and father of two recent alumni, announce the success of the live pledges auction.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbV38HOaJ5g&feature=youtu.be

CAREER CLASS

We are looking for alumni in a variety of professional fields to come speak with our career class. The class will be made up of current juniors and seniors. This is a great opportunity for you to reconnect with St. Laurence students, while also providing them an idea of how to get involved in a specific field and learn some day-to-day responsibilities. The career class will run on **Wednesdays** from **January 8th to February 26th at 2:45-3:15**. If you can take the time out of your busy schedule to speak at one of these sessions, that would be greatly appreciated. To reserve a date, or if you have any questions, please contact Adam Lotus at alotus@stlaurence.com or 708-458-6900, ext 237.

ST. LAURENCE STUDENTS COLLECT THOUSANDS OF CANS FOR NEEDY

St. Laurence students collected several thousand cans and food items for those in need this holiday season during their annual Food Drive, sponsored by the Student Council. Several Student Council members delivered the food to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Burbank, which will distribute the items. Thanks to all the students and their families for their generosity!



GUADALUPE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Brownsville, Texas

University of Notre Dame Coming to Brownsville



Mr. Michael
Motyl

In March of 2014, The University of Notre Dame and their Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) will be rolling into Guadalupe Regional Middle School (GRMS) in Brownsville on their cross-country celebration of Catholic schools to mark ACE's 20 years of service to under-served children and to the Church's mission of educating hearts and minds. GRMS students, faculty, parents, representatives from fellow RGV Catholic schools, along with community members will greet the bus with a colorful on-campus celebration.

"Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Schools" is the message from the Notre Dame campus this fall, when ACE leaders, faculty and staff will travel by bus to events in nearly 50 cities, advancing their mission to sustain, strengthen, and transform Catholic schools.

Spanning the 2013-14 academic year, the bus tour will be part of a 20th anniversary campaign highlighting the contributions that Catholic schools make to the rich education landscape in America and to civic society. A Notre Dame bus will visit communities where ACE has been privileged to send forth faith-filled teachers and school leaders, as well as enter into a variety of innovative partnerships, since it was founded in 1993 by Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., and Rev. Sean McGraw, C.S.C.

"We want to express our gratitude to the teachers, leaders, students, and families that enable Catholic schools to develop the God-given talents of each child, and we hope to draw greater attention to the amazing legacy and bright future of these schools that form engaged citizens and advance the common good," Father Scully said. "After 20 years of providential growth that has allowed the Alliance for Catholic Education to work with so many communities, dioceses, schools and partners, we want to stand alongside them to renew our commitment to serve more children and families through Catholic schools."

KAIROS CANADA

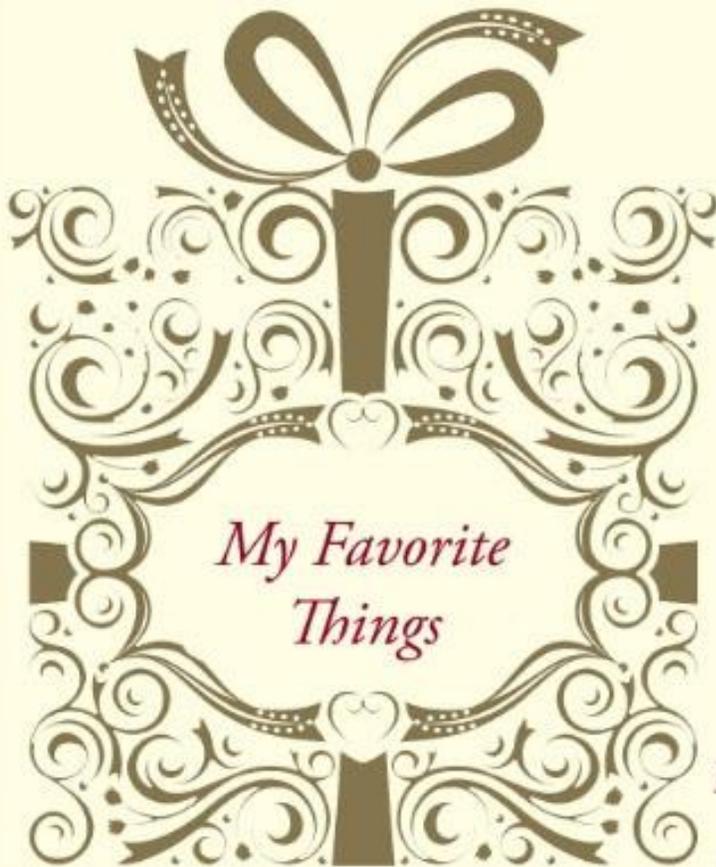
2013 Advent Resources.

Advent programs are linked closely to their Strategic Plan 2010 – 2015, "Growing Justice".

Advent Resource 2013 focuses on four justice themes:

1. Gender-Based Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo/HIV-AIDS in Africa;
2. International Human Rights/Right Relationship;
3. Ecological Justice; and
4. Justice Discipleship.

For more information go to www.kairoscanada.org/reflections-worship/advent-2013/



Saturday, December 7, 2013

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*Iona College's Winter Auction
& Christmas Celebration*

Honoring

J. Kevin Devlin, CFC, Ed.D. '61 and
Trustee Emeritus
Charles H. McCabe '68MBA, '88H

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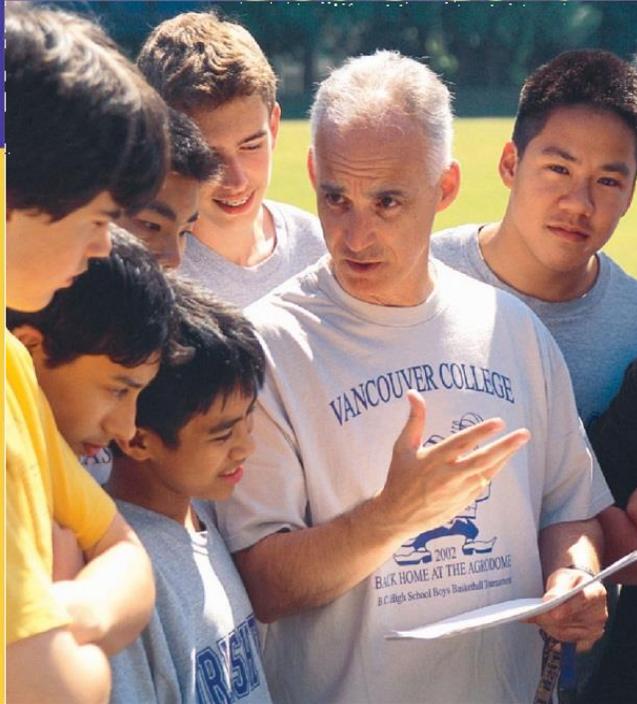
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