



# PROVINCE NEWSLETTER

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### The Brothers Leave O’Dea High School Seattle, WA

*The following tribute to the Brothers at O’Dea High School appeared in the Bulletin of St. James Cathedral in Seattle on Sunday, May 25, 2014.*

Dear Friends,

St. James Cathedral and O’Dea High School have a very strong relationship, one that goes back to the very beginning of the school. Did you know that the Cathedral actually built O’Dea? It’s true.

Under the leadership of Monsignor James G. Stafford, Pastor of St. James Cathedral from 1919-1935, the Cathedral School experienced phenomenal growth. Not only did Monsignor Stafford offer free tuition and free books, he arranged for three daily busses so that children of outlying districts could enjoy the benefit of a Catholic education. By 1923 there were more than 600 students and the school was bursting at the seams.

But this wasn’t enough for Monsignor Stafford or for the Cathedral parishioners. Recognizing the great need for a Catholic boys’ high school in the area, he purchased property on the block east of the Cathedral. Eight houses were torn down to make way for the high school, while two houses became residences for the Holy Names Sisters, who taught at the Cathedral School, and the Irish Christian Brothers, who were invited to undertake the management of the new O’Dea High School.

The parish undertook these projects with extraordinary vision and generosity. As the Cathedral’s 1929 Yearbook reported: "With the determination that this great parish should offer our young men an institution of learning equal to anything in the country, he planned a structure of outstanding beauty and usefulness. He did this in spite of the burden of over a quarter of a million dollars which the whole undertaking would place upon him and upon his people." The new high school opened in September, 1923, and the building was dedicated March 16, 1924, by Bishop O’Dea. After a ceremony in the Cathedral, a procession of prelates, priests, altar boys, students, and teachers made their way to the school. "There, his Lordship blessed the portals and rooms. The public was then invited to inspect the structure." (1929 Yearbook)



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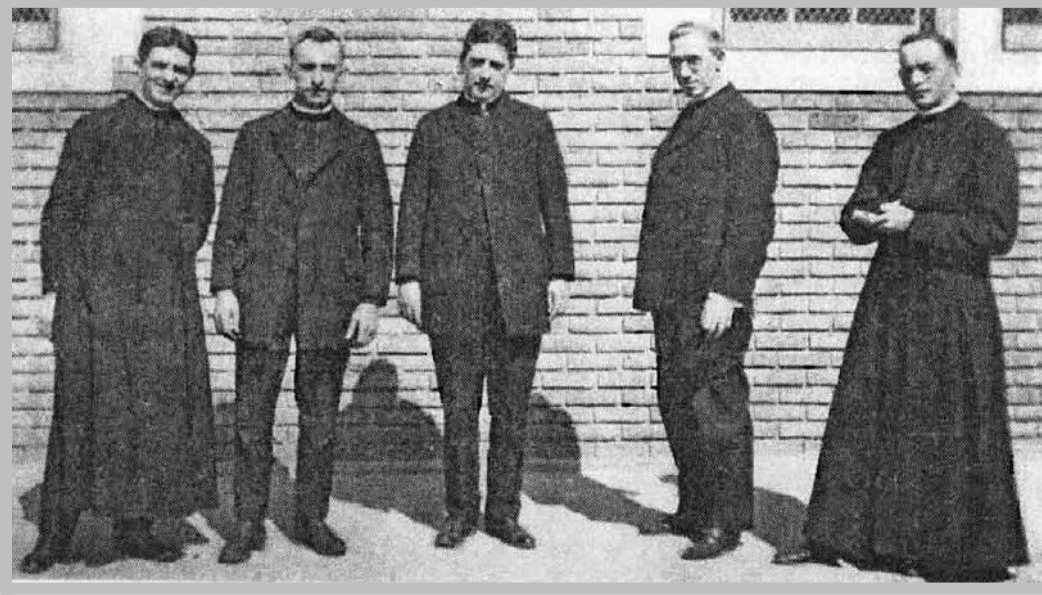


Almighty ever-living God, who, while the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying your Son in her womb, inspired her to visit Elizabeth, grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spirit, we may magnify your greatness with the Virgin Mary at all times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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Compassion and liberation  
in the spirit of  
Jesus and Edmund



**The first staff of O'Dea High School  
 1 to r) Brothers Gualbert Breen, Bonaventure Walsh, Father Stafford,  
 Sebastian Curtis, Angelus Lynam**

After its first year, the Christian Brothers reported: "In the domain of athletics, which at present is considered a very important part of the American school system, the name of O'Dea is becoming favorably known. We were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. A. Schuss, captain of the University of Washington basketball team of 1927. Under his direction, our football and basketball teams have met with a good measure of success. This is important in the 'Wild and Woolly

West,' where students must be attracted to a Catholic School by means other than a thirst for knowledge."

Following in the footsteps of their saintly founder, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, the Christian Brothers of Ireland had a holistic vision of education as an opportunity to form young Catholic men in body, mind, and spirit. Generations of "O'Dea Gentlemen" have become leaders in our community, thanks to the example and dedication of the Christian Brothers.

For decades, until the mid-1970s, the Cathedral Parish ran O'Dea High School as well as the Cathedral School, taking care of the finances, upkeep of the buildings, and staff salaries. In the 1970s, in response to changing needs at O'Dea and the Cathedral, an agreement between the Christian Brothers, the Archdiocese of Seattle, and St. James Cathedral parish regarding the staffing and operation of O'Dea High School was drafted and adopted. As a result, the Christian Brothers assumed responsibility for the operation, including all related expenses, of the school. Actual ownership of the school property and the Brothers' Residence remained with St. James Cathedral.



**Farwell to the Brothers, May 25, 2014  
 (1 to r) Brothers Tom LeJeune, Chuck Gattone, Father Ryan (pastor),  
 John Dornbos, Donatus McCormack, Hughie Greenan**

In the last few years, the role of the Christian Brothers at O'Dea has gradually lessened owing to a decline in vocations among the Christian Brothers. In 2012, Mr. Jim Walker became the first lay principal in the school's history. Earlier this year, the Congregation of Christian Brothers made the difficult decision to transfer the last three remaining Brothers to other institutions of the Christian Brothers.

Happily, the Cathedral will continue to have a strong relationship to O'Dea and to the great vision of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice. But the Brothers' departure this summer is a melancholy milestone in the history of O'Dea. They will be missed not only at the school but also here in the parish, where they have long been faithful and involved parishioners. This weekend as a parish we give thanks for the Irish Christian Brothers - for their witness of faith, their generous service, and for all the ways they have helped form "O'Dea Gentlemen" for ninety-one years.

Father Michael G. Ryan  
Pastor

## OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES New Rochelle, NY

### *School Leaders gather in Salinas for Annual Meeting*



**Sr. Grace  
D'Amico,  
SSND**

The Palma School in Salinas, California, hosted the Edmund Rice School Leaders Annual Meeting, April 7-11, 2014. Presidents, principals, and board chairs from 17 Edmund Rice schools and members of the Provincial Leadership Team enjoyed four days of presentations, discussion, networking, and socializing with their colleagues from Argentina, Canada, the United States, and Uruguay. The meeting included time for inspiration, prayer, learning, sharing, problem-solving, networking, and planning for the future.

The meeting opened on Tuesday with a lesson on "How to Make Mustard," as Dr. Tom Powers, Executive Director of El Retiro San Inigo, Los Altos, California, spoke on the New Evangelization, and how deepen our response to our call to bring about the Kingdom of God.

On Wednesday, for the first time, presidents/heads of school and board chairs had a whole day devoted to their issues, while the principals met separately to focus on their issues. At their session, the presidents and board chairs listened as the Rev. Steve Katsouros, SJ, Director of the Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership at



**Dr. Tom Powers  
"Making Mustard"**



**Jim Walker, principal of O'Dea H.S.,  
and David Sullivan, principal of Palma  
School**

the University of San Francisco, presented "Best Practice in the Board Room and Using Metrics Effectively." Prior to the meeting, 14 ERCB school boards and administrators had taken surveys on board competencies and school performance, and the data had been analyzed by Fr. Katsouros and compared with his other research on Catholic schools. During the course of his presentation, Fr. Katsouros distributed each school's results and guided the leaders in their interpretation of it. Later, they had an opportunity to discuss the findings and devise strategies for improvement.

At the same time, the principals listened to a presentation, "Technology: Road to 1 on 1 at Palma," by Palma Principal David

Sullivan, and Thomas Hugo, Director of Technology. They traced the path that had brought Palma to a decision to use iPads, i.e., the research, training, and preparation necessary. They noted the many considerations and decisions that needed to be made along the way, and how they rolled out the project. This session illustrated the great value of being in a school network, where schools can share experience and learn from each other about major educational initiatives. From there the discussion turned to topics generated by the principals, ranging from energizing veteran teachers, to summer programs, to liturgical practices in schools.

On Thursday, Sister Grace D'Amico, SSND, the Associate Director of the Office of Educational Services, challenged the group to consider how to entrust future generations with "Carrying on the Legacy of Edmund Rice." Michael Maron, a Bergen Catholic graduate and now CEO of Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, New Jersey, spoke via Skype about his experience of ensuring that the founding congregation's charism is embodied at Holy Name.

Br. Dan Casey followed with a media presentation on Catholic identity in Edmund Rice schools. Many school leaders were proud to recognize on the screen examples of how Catholic identity is proclaimed in their schools' communications with the public: from letters to parents, to electronic signboards and social media.



**Br. Dan Casey**

During the three days, the Brothers updated the school leaders on several issues. A panel reported on the Christian Brothers' Congregational Chapter which had just concluded in Nairobi. The panel's members - Br. Hugh O'Neill, Provincial Leader; Br. Kevin Griffith and Br. Ray Vercruysse, PLT members; Sister Ona Bessette, CND, OES Director; and Alberto Olivero, Director General of Colegio Cardenal Newman - shared their experience and insights. Br. Griffith updated the group on Province reorganization and presented the need for assistance in funding the retirement needs of the Brothers.



**Mich DesLauriers, principal of St. Thomas More Collegiate, and Patricia Ponce de León, Director General, Colegio Stella Maris**

On Tuesday and Thursday meetings, participants joined roundtable discussions on a variety of issues. The branding/marketing committee met; two other groups also met to generate ideas for the next *Essential Elements* cycle and the upcoming faculty faith formation workshop. The meeting concluded with a liturgy celebrated in the beautiful Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, with Monterey Bishop Richard J. Garcia presiding.

In their evaluations, participants cited sessions that were of particular value to them; for example, the board effectiveness report or the technology presentation. Many mentioned the value of meeting and networking with colleagues. As one principal put it, the most

helpful part was "being with fellow administrators of Edmund Rice Network Schools - once again, I have come to realize that we are not alone!"

After working hard during the meeting sessions, the participants enjoyed their leisure time, especially in and around the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa where they stayed. Highlights included the strolling dinner on the



**Mercedes Carrau, board president, Colegio Stella Maris, and David McKenzie, president of Trinity Catholic**

terrace overlooking the Pacific and the VIP tour and dinner at the Monterey Aquarium. Everyone was extremely grateful to Palma President Br. Dennis Dunne, Principal David Sullivan, Board Chair Don Chapin, and Board Member Shirley Lavorato for hosting the meeting and arranging the splendid accommodations and delicious meals. Gratitude was also expressed to Sister Ona, Sister Grace, and Connie Barbarotto for organizing the meeting. The meeting was sponsored by the ERCBNA Office of Educational Services and will be hosted next year by Bishop Hendricken High School, Warwick, Rhode Island, March 23-27, 2015.

### *Reflections on my experiences in Nairobi, Kenya*



**Sr. Ona  
Bessette,  
CND**

Today is my last day in Kenya, as I sit and reflect on the experience of the past three weeks, I have been blessed with an encounter of great power. The invitation to attend the General Chapter as a member of the Edmund Rice Network has been a privilege and a profound opportunity for personal reflection and growth. A few images and a bit of the story will help to capture some of the moments of grace and challenge that I have experienced and which will continue to deepen in my heart.

The Chapter theme, *Drawn by Mystery – Destined for Life*, is an invitation to look with eyes of faith and a contemplative heart into the future. The mystery of God’s call heard in the depths of the heart and in the faces of the Zambian and Kenyan people is a wordless expression of profound love and great resilience. As the Chapter participants gathered on the first day, we were invited to consider how we hoped to walk the journey together:

“Are you a tourist or a pilgrim?”

To be a pilgrim means  
to be on the move slowly,  
to notice your luggage becoming lighter  
to be seeking for treasures that do not rust  
to be comfortable with your heart’s questions  
to be moving toward the holy ground of home  
with empty hands and bare feet ... (Macrina Wiederkehr)



was enjoyed one night as well.

Traveling to Livingstone and an adventure at Victoria Falls meant two full days of traveling the roads of Zambia and “calling in for tea” at Brothers’ houses along the way. Once outside of Lusaka, traffic disappeared and endless kilometers of country side stretched before us. Then out of nowhere, people would appear walking along the road or riding a bicycle overloaded with charcoal destined for an unseen market. Children came out



of the bush and headed to schools; others sat along the road and waited. No one was in a hurry, some stopped for water left roadside. As we passed through small towns, vendors lined the roadsides with produce and products to sell. I marveled at the cloud formations and endless vista of grass, shrubs, and low trees. Occasionally a dirt road would open onto the paved road and a small compound of house and huts could be seen.

I arrived in Nairobi on March 1<sup>st</sup> and slowly became acquainted with Brothers and Network members from across the globe. The Edmund Rice family gathered from Kenya, Zambia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, India, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Ireland, Peru, Argentina, Canada, and the US.



What is this mystery of being a global community – a community of the Earth walking in the spirit of Jesus and Edmund Rice? Early Chapter time was devoted to forming a discerning community – taking our individual hopes and listening to the deep desires of God moving in the hearts of all participants. Calling on the blessings of the ancestors of the Congregation – Edmund Rice and Brothers who have shaped the life of the community, we prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bring courage and daring into our assembly, **Drawn by Mystery – Destined for Life.** A candle was lit by each Provincial and Regional Leader and together we were drawn into prayer for the Chapter and the movement of the Holy Spirit in the coming weeks.

Following a report from the current Congregational Leadership Team, each province and region presented their report so that all participants gained a view of the current reality of the congregation. The presentation from North America reflected the lived reality of moving through the past 33 months of Chapter 11 and reorganization.



In word, song, and movement, the members of the ERCBNA delegation embody the movement from death – life – vision. In the shadow of the cross, we have come to know a rising from the dead. Life shoots are evident in the growing immersion programs; volunteer community in New Orleans; renewal programs for the Brothers. The movement into the future is marked by a growing relationship with our sisters and brothers in the Latin American region; with a deepening of the personal conversion evidenced in immersion experiences and the strengthening of the Consortium of Edmund Rice Schools.



After all the hard work of the first week, Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> was a free day to explore some of the nearby attractions of Kenya. Since that day was my birthday, I found a way to celebrate that delighted my heart. A large group of Chapter participants attended a presentation of Kenyan dances at a cultural center. The rhythms of the drums and the colorful costumes provided for an enjoyable afternoon. A birthday party that night for Br. Joe Johnson (India) and me was fun and a great way to close the day.

Members of the wider Edmund Rice Network presented the morning sessions on March 11<sup>th</sup>. We shared the concerns of the various networks operative in the Edmund Rice

family and shared a vision for increasing the effectiveness of all efforts to carry the charism of Edmund Rice into the future. It is our hope that the growing network of Edmund Rice followers walking with the Christian Brothers will increase collaboration to bring the vision of Edmund Rice to a wider world.

As I depart from Nairobi, I have listened deeply and have been challenged to “see in a new way.” Visiting schools in Kenya, I have learned that “ona” in Swahili means “to see.” Seeing with the eyes and heart of a pilgrim requires a great deal of letting go of assumptions that the powerful have all the answers. So many in our world have been made poor by structures and policies that alienate and hoard resources. Experiencing, even in a small way, the life of Kibera, I cannot be the same – how am I called to share the goods of the earth in a more just way? How are the schools of North America challenged to partner with our Christian Brother schools in Kenya, Perú, Sierra Leone or Zambia? The Mystery of God calls us beyond the narrowness of our neighborhoods, our states and our country to embrace a bigger world, to foster Life.

Live JESUS in our hearts, forever. Amen.



**Edmund Rice Network**

**Top: Alberto Olivero, Cate Livingston, Jessica Dewhurst, Paul Kelly**  
**Bottom: Ona, Shaun Clarke, Lynne Moten, Cynthia D’Souza, Wayne Tinsey**

**Delegates from North America and the Latin American Region**



## **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

# ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME PREP

Miami, FL

## Students Welcome Auxiliary Bishop Peter Baldacchino to his first Mass since Ordination



**Ms. Lisa Morales**

On Monday April 7, 2014, students from Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep, welcomed Miami Auxiliary Bishop, Peter Baldacchino to his first school Mass since ordination. April 7<sup>th</sup> was the Feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, Patron of All Teachers of Youth.

“We are privileged to have welcomed the Auxiliary Bishop,” commented Mr. Douglas Romanik, ACND Principal. “Bishop Baldacchino once said that he fell in love with the missionary aspect of the Church. Fittingly, our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year has highlighted our students, past and present, who have been called to serve. Not just to the priesthood, but those who have felt an innate desire to serve their community.”

Bishop Baldacchino shared a great deal about his own life journey, but focused on his time in the Turks and Caicos where he labored to build up the Kingdom of God among the people of that island nation. In his reflections on the Gospel, he reminded the students of the strength and courage of Jesus in a trying situation. He encouraged students to put into practice the wisdom and knowledge they gain at school and spread the message of the Gospels and the love of Christ.

Bishop Baldacchino also talked about the importance that men like St. John Baptiste de La Salle and Blessed Edmund Rice have had on the spreading of the Catholic faith. Both men, Founders of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (or De LaSalle Christian Brothers) and the Congregation of Christian Brothers, respectively, responded to the needs they saw before them to educate the youth of their era in new and exciting ways.

Following the Mass, the bishop waited in the breezeway to greet students. He asked for the name and spent a few minutes talking to each student who came up to him.

“This day is significant because of the influence and ongoing presence of the Congregation Christian Brothers at ACND,”



**Tiffany Felsing** 10th grade greets Auxiliary Bishop Baldacchino. Pictured in the back are (l to r) Br. Jason Ford, CFC (Campus Minister) and Ralph D'Ovidio (Music Teacher)



**Miami Auxiliary Bishop, Peter Baldacchino** speaks to 7th grade student **Malaika Saint-Juste**.



**On April 7th, the Feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, Patron of All Teachers of Youth, Miami Auxiliary Bishop presided over his first school Mass in Miami following ordination.**

concludes Romanik. The Founder, Blessed Brother Edmund Rice, strove to provide the poor and marginalized access to quality, Catholic education. The Christian Brothers at ACND have worked to continue this mission at ACND



and their influence on our students and teachers has been invaluable. This day celebrates their achievements as well.”

### **Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Valedictorian Receives Miami Shores Outstanding Student Award**

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep Senior and recent graduate, Michael Smith, has received the *Miami Shores Outstanding Student Award*. The award was presented at a breakfast held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Miami Shores Country Club.



“Michael has followed the family tradition of attending both St. Rose of Lima and Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Schools,” remarked Mr. Douglas Romanik, ACND Principal. “To receive this award signifies that we are both united in faith and community values. We are proud of his achievements and this recognition from Miami Shores.”

Michael’s parents, David and Nancy, are graduates of ACND; siblings, Kevin and Kaitlin, have graduated from both schools, and younger brother, Sean, is finishing his junior year at ACND.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Michael graduated as Valedictorian with a Grade Point Average of 5.01 and earned Summa Cum Laude Honors. He was actively involved with the Miami Shores Recreation Center. At ACND, he was a Student Ambassador, a part of the Community Leadership Partnership within Miami Shores, a member of the Edmund Rice Community, a Retreat Leader, and participated in the Action Leadership Workshop.

Michael also participated in the ACND Athletic program. With four years of Cross Country (one as captain), three years playing baseball, track and field, soccer and wrestling, Michael was named the Male Scholar Athlete of the year.

College acceptances include The University of Florida, Florida State University, Iona College, Loyola University, the University of Connecticut, Xavier University and Northeastern University. Scholarship awards amounted to approximately \$175,000. He plans on attending the University of Florida where he will study Business with an interest in Sports Management.



### **Jericho House, Wainfleet, Ontario**

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# BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Bloomfield Hills, MI

## FORMER BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER WRITES BRIEFCASE ABOUT FRACASSA



Ms. Megan  
Parks

Paddy Lynch, a 2002 graduate of Brother Rice High School, has written a briefcase (a small book of prayers and reflections) about Coach Al Fracassa and what it was like to play for him and coach alongside him. "I played three seasons for Al Fracassa and served as one of his captains in 2001. To say those early years with him were some of the most influential of my life would be an understatement," said author Paddy Lynch '02.

The book, entitled "WARRIOR," was written in the fall of 2013 during Al Fracassa's 45th and final season as the head football coach at Brother Rice. In the book, Lynch shares 40 days of reflections.

"I wasn't interested in trying to summarize Al's life or explain his astonishing coaching career; plenty of others will take the time to do that. I wanted to communicate something deeper and less predictable, something only Al's inner circle has known, something difficult to articulate and impossible to define," said Lynch.

Much of the book is based on the season of 2012. It had been 10 years since he played for Brother Rice. After a few years of experience coaching the freshman team, his old coach asked him to join the varsity coaching staff to work with the linebackers. Just as the summer workouts were getting underway and the team was gearing up for the season, one of their players, Cullen Haffey, took his own life. Now Lynch, player, graduate, coach and friend, would become something more. As a member of the Lynch family of Lynch and Sons Funeral Homes, author Lynch was instrumental in assisting the grieving family and friends navigate the days that followed.

The shocking and sudden death of one of their own tested the Warrior program and their legendary coach. "So many people see coach as someone who dedicated his life to football. He was made famous by winning," Lynch continued, "but to me what is most important to remember is that he is someone who understands defeat. He knows that at times we are faced with sad situations, at times we grieve." The season of 2012 proved this beyond measure.

The book is meant as a conversation starter. It may provide an opportunity for young men to be able to talk about what happened to their friend and teammate.

The book costs \$10 and all proceeds will benefit the Cullen Haffey Memorial Fund at Brother Rice (Paddy wrote the book in memory of Cullen). The fund supports the *Band of Brothers Scholarship* which is awarded annually to a Brother Rice sophomore who displays leadership, good character and great camaraderie with his classmates. It also supports the Brother Rice High School Guidance Department and their education efforts on suicide prevention. As of May 12th, copies of the book are also be available for purchase at the Brother Rice Bookstore or online at [brrice.edu/warriorbook](http://brrice.edu/warriorbook).



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# ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

Burnaby, BC



**Br. Owen  
Cassidy**

STMC has had a remarkable year in academics, sports and good works.

In the academic world, STM once again outranked all the Burnaby high schools by a wide margin in Government exam results and finished in the top twenty of the approximately 300 high schools in British Columbia.

It was another banner year in sports. The boys' track and field team won the Provincial Championship and the girls finished third, missing first place on a highly questionable disqualification. Both the girls' and boys' wrestling teams won the Provincial Championships, quite a feat considering that it was an open contest against schools that were, in some cases, four times the size of STM. The boys' basketball team won the AAA Provincial basketball championship while the girls' basketball team finished third in their Provincial tournament. Finally, the Grade Eight boys' football team and the JV football team both won Provincial Championships, competing in the top divisions in the Province.

Edmund Rice is surely proud of the many good works the STM students are doing. Dave Mattiazzo, our pastoral minister in the school, with the enthusiastic backing of the administration and all the STM extended family, led the way in organizing a dazzling array of good works. STM students helped deliver breakfasts and lunches to street people in the poorer areas of New Westminster and Vancouver and Burnaby. They collected clothing for the homeless and ran numerous fund-raising ventures for other good causes. Just one of these projects raised over six thousand dollars for the "Right to Play" movement that provides basic sports equipment for children in the Third World. Dave Mattiazzo also brought 20 students to Peru to visit our schools there and build some houses for the people. The students and religion teachers also raised over \$20,000 for our Mission efforts. The STM Mission money has helped Br. Louis Bucher keep his ground-breaking project of helping single aboriginal mothers in the Vanderhoof area of British Columbia.



We shouldn't forget the Band, the Choir and the Drama Departments. All of them have thrived since Br. John Gale established them on firm ground during his tenure as Executive Administrator from 2000 to 2006. All in all, the spirit of Edmund Rice is alive and well in this happy school in Western Canada.

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# TAMPA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Tampa, FL



**Br. Chris Burns**

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the TC school community gathered to celebrate Mass in honor of Blessed Edmund Rice, Founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, and the patron of Tampa Catholic. The Mass began with Mr. Clark Bokor leading the choir in the singing of “The Litany of the Saints,” as the first class relic of Blessed Edmund was carried in procession to the main altar.

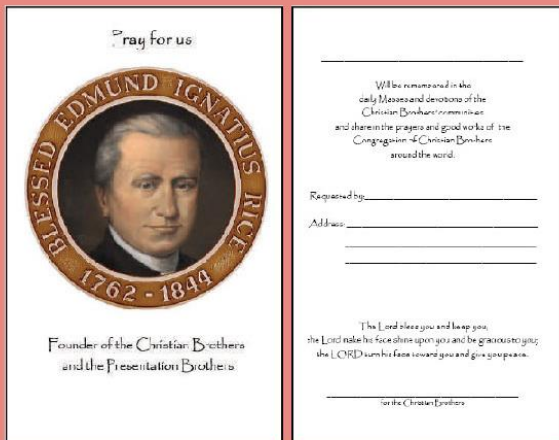
Father Carl Melchior, Director of Vocations for the Diocese, was the main celebrant and offered an inspirational homily citing the virtues of courage and faithfulness that Blessed Edmund displayed in his lifetime. During the Mass prayers were offered for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Menhart, our beloved Registrar for the past 40 years, as well as for the Lord’s blessings on a former faculty member studying for the priesthood, and a recent graduate who is discerning her call to the religious life as a Sister.

Principal Reidy concluded the service by mentioning the valuable contributions of the Christian Brothers to Tampa Catholic over the past 25 years, and cited recent awards won by prominent members of our student body. He concluded his remarks by saying that this prayer gathering exemplified our school’s signature motto of “faith, excellence, and family”.



**left of statue, Br. Dominic Sanpietro, right of statue, Br. Chris Burns**

## Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer Cards



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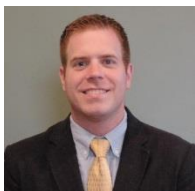
The benefactor’s donation (payable to the Christian Brothers Foundation) benefits the ministries of the Christian Brothers.

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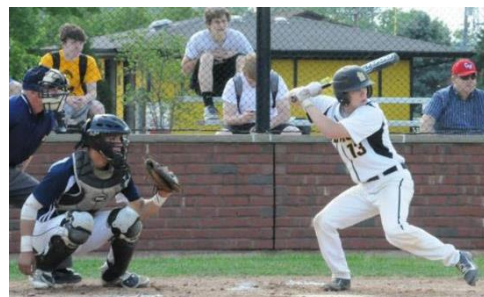
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## ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL Burbank, IL



St. Laurence recently named Jeff Clemens '00 as their new Director of Leadership. To read more about Jeff, including his vision for the program and his previous experience, go to <http://www.stlaurence.com/news/q-a-with-new-leadership-director-jeff-clemens>

Congratulations to the Viking baseball team on winning the Chicago Catholic League Blue Championship! This is widely considered the toughest conference in the Midwest, and this championship is their third in the last four years. The team would like to thank you for your support throughout the season.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Final 4 event this year and made it a success. Thanks to your help, we had a great attendance and increased the money we raised for the school. We introduced several new changes by holding the event in the gym, and had 11 craft brewers participate. The STL Rock Club band played and there were still opportunities to gamble.

The proceeds from this event help fund our faculty and student programs and activities, including academic enhancements such as StL STEM, our new schedule, and Team of Teams. We look forward to building on the success of this year and increasing attendance and participation in next year's Final 4.

## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS FOUNDATION New Rochelle, NY



Mrs. Colleen  
Noonan

A grant award from SOAR! (Supporting Our Aging Religious, Inc.) has been announced for St. Joseph's Care Residence in New Rochelle, NY. The grant in the amount of \$9,387 is for the installation of a computerized medical records system. This system can maintain brothers' medical information, scheduling of medical appointments, personal identification for medical benefits, past and present medications and any allergies. The Brothers' medical information can be sent electronically to healthcare providers, labs, and pharmacies. Having an electronic medical records system can provide seamless medical care when a Brother's health issues requires transfer to a health care facility.

The successful proposal was submitted by the Christian Brothers Foundation with the collaboration of St. Joseph's Care Residence Board and Staff. Congratulations to all!

If you would like to learn more about the Christian Brothers Foundation, go to here <http://www.ercbna.org/Donate%20Here/Index.php>

## ASSOCIATES OF BLESSED EDMUND RICE

St. John's, NL



**Br. Bosco  
Wakeham**

The Associates of Blessed Edmund Rice of St. John's, Newfoundland, met at Mount St. Francis Community on Thursday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Blessed Edmund's feast on May 5<sup>th</sup> was recalled and all were reminded of the anniversary of his birth on June 1<sup>st</sup>. May 31<sup>st</sup> two days later, would be the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady, and it was suggested that a visit to the "elderly or abandoned citizens housebound," if possible, would be one way of following in the footsteps of Mary and of Edmund.

Vespers for the Feast of Blessed Edmund was recited and there was some sharing on the Scripture passage. The prayer session was followed by a little social which all enjoyed.



**Front (l to r) Sister Marilyn Costello, PBVM,  
Sister Sarah Hynes, PBVM,  
Janet Hannaford, Maureen Veitch, Mary Power  
Back (l to r) Brother Harry French, John  
McGrath, George Dalton, Bob Quigley, Kevin  
Dormody, Brother Bosco Wakeham**

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION CONFERENCE

Washington, DC



The Religious Formation Conference (RFC) located in Washington DC, has initiated a search for the next Executive Director to serve the Conference. This position reports to the RFC Board of Directors. The Search Committee will be accepting applications through July 15, 2014.

**Is it you? Is there an individual(s) you would highly recommend for this position?**

Without exception, RFC is seeking a visionary and strategic leader with experiential knowledge of religious life who has a well-grounded operational theology of apostolic life in the 21st century. RFC seeks a leader with a passion for advancing the mission of religious life and proven expertise in leading organizations forward strategically while ensuring solid operational performance daily. The Conference is in search of an individual with readiness for immediate impact, high level of visibility and full engagement on a local and national level with RFC constituents, key stakeholders and membership.

**RFC's goal is to announce this opportunity and broadly disseminate the information among members of Congregations, partner organizations and Schools of Theology**

To learn more about the Executive Director search and application process, go to [www.relforcon.org/EDsearch](http://www.relforcon.org/EDsearch)



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.

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