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ACTION 2014

Student Leaders Are Advocates for the Poor



What happens when more than sixty (60) Edmund Rice high school students gather in one place for three days? Energy and enthusiasm rock the walls and set the world on fire with compassion and service! ACTION 2014 was a prime example of this phenomenon. In the 1989 film, *Field of Dreams*, Kevin Costner stated, "Build it and they will come." A parallel is also true of ACTION, "Gather the student leaders and they will work to build a better world!"

Students from 15 North American schools – All Hallows – ACND – Bergen Catholic – Bishop Hendricken – Bishop Kearney – Br. Rice (Bloomfield Hills) – Br. Rice (Chicago) – Catholic Memorial – Damien Memorial – Iona Prep – Palma – St. Laurence – St. Thomas More – Tampa Catholic – Trinity Catholic joined with 4 South American schools – Cardenal Newman – Fe y Alegría No. 26 – Mundo Mejor – Stella Maris.

The opening prayer challenged the student leaders to walk in the way of Jesus as *servant leaders* who are willing to wash the feet of the poor and proclaim by their lives that they are ready to practice hospitality and genuinely love others. Brother Stephen Casey, CFC, invited the leaders to consider deepening their acts of service and become advocates for the voiceless in their schools and communities.

Collectively, the leaders recognize that a hallmark of an Edmund Rice Education is service to the poor. They identified their role as being champions for the poor and that their faith is shared in the works of solidarity and action that they offer. They desire to become "Leaders that advocate – serve – and love."



Br. Steve Casey, CFC

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O God, by whose gift Saint Francis was confirmed to Christ in poverty and humility, grant that, by walking in Francis' footsteps, we may follow your Son, and, through joyful charity, come to be united with you.



Bergen Catholic HS participants

Over the course of the workshop, students and moderators attended sessions that helped them increase their leadership skills and become better communicators and presenters. Students from Bergen Catholic High School sponsored a session entitled, *Let the Students Establish Their Church*, which invited others to design and implement a Christian Leadership Program in their school.



ACTION 2014 Participants



**Super Seniors
Dorie, Peter, & Luke**

Another session was offered by the three Super Seniors (participants from ACTION 2013 who were selected by their peers to return and share their skills and spirit) entitled, *The Here and Now!* In this session, the Super Seniors urged the student leaders to be fully engaged and present to those that they serve. While social media is a vital way of communicating, it can build barriers and inhibit the development of strong interpersonal skills needed for leadership.

A favorite activity at ACTION was the *Community Build Exercise* held on Friday night. Students experienced the struggle to accomplish a series of tasks when members of their group were restricted from seeing, speaking or moving under their own power. How does the group move forward when only a blinded person can build a puzzle or a paralyzed member must negotiate an obstacle course? It takes a community to overcome these obstacles! Creativity abounded as groups worked out solutions to their obstacles. After the exercise, students and moderators spent time reflecting on the experience and sharing their feelings and insights.



Team work needed!

The weekend was marked with times of prayer and play. Morning prayers were prepared by Br. Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills and St. Thomas More Collegiate. Students from Bishop Kearney and ACND joined voices to lead the music during the final liturgy. Students and moderators wrote letters of affirmation to one another. Participants received letters of support and love from family, friends, and teachers. All felt the power of prayer supporting them as they made the ACTION journey.

Br. Jim Hamilton, CFC, led the annual ACTION Olympics. By the end of the event, students had run sack races and relays, tossed balloons, used water guns and danced under the limbo pole! All were winners in these games and the spirit of fun ruled the afternoon.



Bishop Kearney students prepare for Liturgy with Trinity Catholic moderator.



ACTION Olympics

Team members and moderators took advantage of quiet moments throughout the weekend to reconnect with one another and share ideas for further developing leadership and service in their schools. Connections made at ACTION among the adults each year builds a support network and strengthens the expression of the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Each school prepared a display that highlighted how their school community live and foster *The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education*. New ideas and projects were shared among the schools during this Essential Elements Fair. Don't be surprised to see an idea developed at Damien Memorial in Hawaii being executed in Buenos Aires or West Roxbury!



Cardinal Newman students share ideas with Br. Rice – MI moderator.



Stella Maris lives their *Carta Magna* in all school activities.

The ACTION participants were commissioned at the end of the workshop to bring the light of Christ to their schools as leaders alive in the spirit and heart of Jesus and Blessed Edmund Rice. The impact of the workshop is captured in following student reflections:

- **ACTION was the beautiful realization of the community of love and friendship founded by the work of Blessed Edmund Rice in all Christian Brothers schools**
- **Entusiasmo, felicidad, amistad y conocimiento fue lo que experimente en ACTION.**
- **ACTION gave me relations with fellow Edmund Rice students from across the Americas, confidence in my leadership ability, the greatest weekend of my life, and if there was ever a chance that I would be able to go through that experience again I would take it in a heartbeat.**
- **ACTION has taught me so much about myself, about leadership, and about how I can relate the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice to my everyday life because of the amazing time I had and the amazing friendships I developed.**



New connections made across the Americas to bring the message of Edmund Rice to all!

Edmund Rice Educators attend Call and Gifted Retreat

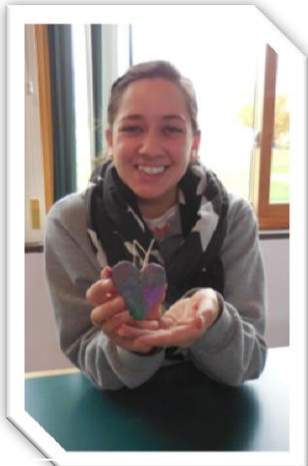


Ten teachers and staff members from six Edmund Rice educational institutions gathered in Rhinebeck, New York, for the annual Called and Gifted Retreat, Oct. 21-24, 2014.

First row: Br. Chris Burns, Tommy Van Cleave, Charles Costello, Kelly Katz, and Mike Venos.

Second row: Marta Carbol, Mary Kay Strahman, Shannon Norden, Susana Caruso, Margarita Esteban, and Marie Theroux.

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. Br. Chris Burns, CFC, the program facilitator, reminded participants that they are called to serve the Church, and have been gifted with the blessings of God to complete that service.



Marie Theroux shows her heart creation.

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 morning prayer on God's molding human beings out of clay, 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.



Retreatants pray the "Prayer of the Four Directions" facing west over the Hudson River.

For several retreatants, the visit to the Brothers' cemetery in West Park, NY, was a highlight of the retreat. Having received from Br. Burns short biographies of some of the brothers buried there, retreatants told stories about "their" brother, highlighting his unique personality. Shannon Norden, a teacher at Tampa Catholic High School, wrote on her evaluation, "The cemetery visit was my favorite--getting to know the brothers who had passed and made in difference in the lives of so many."

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 learned about Edmund Rice schools and ministries in North America and around the world. They had time to get acquainted and build relationships during a visit to the Beekman Arms Inn, where George Washington stayed, and optional excursions in the Rhinebeck area.



Shannon Norden and Susana Caruso told stories about a Brother buried in the cemetery in West Park.



Marta Carbol and Mary Kay Strahlman at the Apple Bin

SSND, Associate Director, co-facilitated the retreat.

After visiting the cemetery, the group stopped at the Apple Bin, a country store just north of the cemetery. Kelly Katz, of Br. Rice High School, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, commented, “This retreat was an amazing journey for me. It revitalized my spirit and reaffirmed my mission as an Edmund Rice teacher.”

Retreat participants came from the following schools: Bergen Catholic H.S., Oradell, NJ; Bishop Hendricken High School, Warwick, RI; Brother Rice H.S., Chicago, IL; Brother Rice H.S., Bloomfield Hills, MI; Iona College, New Rochelle, NY; and Tampa Catholic H.S., Tampa, FL. The retreat was held at the Linwood Retreat Center, Rhinebeck, NY, overlooking the Hudson River and was sponsored by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Office of Educational Services, New Rochelle, New York. Sister Grace D’Amico,

School Leaders learn spiritual practices of administration and conflict at retreat

School Leaders, mostly presidents and principals of Edmund Rice Schools in Argentina, Canada, Uruguay, and the United States, participated in their annual retreat, titled “Redeeming Administration.” Ann M. Garrido, D.Min., Associate Professor of Homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, Missouri, conducted the retreat at the Dolce Atlanta Peachtree, in Peachtree City, Georgia, October 13-16, 2014.

On the first day, the prayers, presentations, and activities focused on the “Spirituality of Administration,” and the practices that administrators are called to, including breadth of vision, trust, humor, humility, courage, forgiveness, “death,” and hope. Ann, who was an extremely engaging presenter, concluded her presentation by emphasizing that administration, is a Christian vocation, a Paschal vocation, in which death—to ego, to control, to productivity—is followed by resurrection. Sr. Ona Bessette, CND, and Sr. Grace D’Amico, SSND, from the Office of Educational Services, then presented each participant with a copy of Ann’s book, *Redeeming Administration: 12 Spiritual Habits for Catholic Leaders*.

On the second day of the retreat, Ann introduced “conflict as a spiritual practice of administration.” Building on the reality that conflict was present in the early Church and in the life of Blessed Edmund Rice, Ann asked the participants to explore their experience of conflict in their ministry as school leaders. She asked, e.g., how they reacted to feedback, and then explained how certain triggers can lead us to disqualify feedback and not use it to



Ann M. Garrido, D. Min., introduces school leaders to spiritual practices of administration.

improve our performance. Through personal reflection, group work, taking a stand (Is corn a grain or a vegetable?), and role playing, participants learned skills and strategies to deal with conflict constructively in a Christian manner. These activities afforded the opportunity to laugh while figuring out how to approach “difficult conversations” which are inevitable in administration.

On their evaluations, many people commented very favorably on the speaker, the relevance of the topic and the value of the material presented. In answer to the question what was most helpful, one participant replied, “All of it! Ann was wonderful! I resonated with nearly everything she said, and having her book to revisit again and again will help me to commit some of these strategies into my daily practice.” Another person wrote about Ann, “She was passionate, sincere, had a great personality, was incredibly knowledgeable, and she interwove Jesus and the Church into her presentation beautifully.”



Ed O'Neill, new principal of Iona Prep, makes a point.



Jim Walker, principal of O'Dea High School, cites authoritative sounding (but totally fake) data on the spot to convince the opposite camp that corn is a grain.

The school leaders were joined by the new Provincial Leader of the North American Province of Christian Brothers, Br. Kevin Griffith; the Director of Governance, Br. Anthony Mark Murphy; and member /trustees, Br. Ray Vercruysse and Br. Peter Zawot. It was an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with new members of the leadership group and to network with colleagues.



Vin Mancuso from Bishop Hendricken High School, presents an equally compelling (to some) argument on why corn is a vegetable. The exercise forced people from opposite sides to delve into their own reasons for taking a position while listening to others' points of view. A few people, upon hearing various reasons, changed sides.

2014 MEMORIAL MASS

Deceased Brothers & Edmundians

West Park, NY

On September 27, the annual West Park Memorial Mass was held. Edmundian Fr. Steve Norton presided at the liturgy. Over 160 people attended the Mass and luncheon. Brothers, Associates, Edmundians and family members of the deceased Brothers attended the Mass and luncheon.

Tampa Catholic HS, Tampa, FL



Front - Mary Anne McGoldrick, Jimmy Knowles, Chris Burns

Back - John McGoldrick, Vinny Russell, Tom Draney, Dom Sanpietro, Ben McDonough, Msgr Desmond Daley, Brian Lemoi

Palma HS, Salinas, CA



We were a small group celebrating the annual Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers and Edmundians. Pictured left to right, Br. Dennis Dunne, Michael Trujillo, Michael's wife Yolanda, and Frank Sherlock. Our celebrant was Father Henry, semi retired. We were guests of Br. Dunne for lunch after the Mass at a restaurant, a favorite among local residents.

Mount St. Francis, St. John's, NL



Photo of the group who attended the Memorial Mass and Social in St. John's, NL, on October 9th, 2014. The names are as follows:

Front row, left to right: Edmundian Bill English, Br Bert Darcy, Br Raph Bellows, Associate John McGrath, Br George Fitzpatrick, Edmundian Pete Oliver, Edmundian JJ Byrne, Br Harry French, Br Bosco Wakeham, Edmundian Gerry Duggan.

Back row: Edmundians Tim Turner, Frank Galgay, Richard McHugh, Fr John Costello, Harold Stapleton, Fr Cecil Critch, Garry Bambrick, Kevin Rumsey, Bill Hurley, Gerry Fallon, Associate Kevin Dormody, Br Rick Fowler, Edmundian Phil Fitzgerald.

Missing from photo: Rudy Singleton (who took the photo), Br Ben Spurrell, and Br Joe Manning.

Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer Cards

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**Founder of the Christian Brothers
and the Presentation Brothers**

Edmund Rice was born in 1762 in Calfan, County Kilkenny, Ireland. After completing his education, he moved to Waterford and was apprenticed to an uncle, a supplier to the many ships visiting its growing port.

Edmund eventually took over the expanding business and it prospered. In 1785 he married Mary Elliot, but soon after the birth of their only child in 1789, she died. The girl, named after his wife, was raised by Edmund with the help of his sister.

Because Catholic education was at the time denied to Ireland's poor, Edmund decided to right the wrong. In 1802 he began the ministry of educating and caring for young boys, a mission that continues today. Two congregations, the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers, developed from the foundation laid that year. Edmund guided both, watching them grow in size and stature, until his death in 1844.

The first Christian Brothers arrived in North America in Newfoundland, Canada, in 1876. Thirty years later, the first community in the United States was established in New York City. Today, more than two hundred years after Edmund began his work, Christian Brothers serve on six continents. Among our ministries:

- Teaching and administering in schools and colleges
- Facilitating youth ministry programs
- Performing missionary work
- Educating adults
- Supporting parishes and dioceses
- Ministering to migrant workers
- Caring for the infirm and elderly
- Serving the homeless

In 1996, Edmund was declared "Blessed" by the church - a major step in the Catholic Church towards sainthood.

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St. Joseph's Residence – Over Nineties Club



Back (l to r): Dennis Wright (93),
Damian McCullagh (90)

Front (l to r): Rudy Younghans (90),
Mike Delaney (91), Basil Heaphy (95)
(Oldest man in the Province)

Mount St. Francis – Over Eighties Club



Standing (l to r): Bosco Wakeham
(85), Harry French (81), George
Fitzpatrick(84)

Sitting (l to r): Bert Darcy (94) (2nd
oldest in the province),
Raph Bellows (89)



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VIKING PRIDE DINNER



Coach Jim Delach, '72, will be this year's emcee, and Mike Tomasek, '77, will be our Viking Pride speaker. Last year's dinner raised over \$9,000 for the Viking Pride Scholarship. Our goal this year is to raise an additional \$10,000 to assist families in need through the Viking Pride Scholarship. If you are unable to make the dinner but would like to donate to the scholarship, click here, <http://www.stlaurence.com/donation>, and designate "Other" under the Giving Levels. Specify "Viking Pride Scholarship" in the Comments box.

ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME PREP

Miami, FL



**Ms. Lisa
Morales**

Last week, Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep honored a group of alumni who represented the ACND's past State Championship Tennis teams at a tennis court dedication ceremony. The school was able to renovate its existing courts through a grant awarded by the United State Tennis Association (USTA), private donation, and funds raised by the Booster Club.

Representing the USTA were ACND Alums Jean Desdunes '79, USTA Senior Director in Diversity and Inclusion; and Rick Davison, USTA Georgia Junior Competition Coordinator. Both men played for Archbishop Curley and Desdunes was a Doubles State Champion in 1979. Many other members of the Curley tennis team were in attendance, including team coach Ed Matallo and Blaine Willenborg '78, who won three high school state championships (1976-78) and was part of UCLA's national championship teams (1979 and 1982) before turning pro.

Willenborg, Vice President of Wealth Management and Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley in Aventura, organizes the company's Doubles Tennis Challenge every year; \$1,000.00 of the event proceeds from this and subsequent years will benefit the ACND Prep tennis program.

Other players honored were: Chris Kelley, '68, Mark Hurd '76, George Oyarzan '76, Leon De Leon '76, Cory Waldman '77, Derrick Davison '78, Egan Adams '78, Gary Pappas '79, Ken Kleinfeld '80, Joe Frechette, Jr. '80, Carl Cascio '80, Albert Mora '83, Tamara Sutton '98, and the late Tim Charles '78 and Don O'Brakta.

"It was such a thrill to go back to my high school and visit with some of my lifelong friends and fellow tennis buddies, and a few surprise guests that made the day even more special," commented honoree, Carl A. Cascio '80, "It surpassed my already high expectations in being able to visit and reminisce with all of the Archbishop Curley/Notre Dame friends and family. I only hope we can do this again and more often."



(l to r): Douglas Romanik '84, ACND Principal; Jean Desdunes '79, USTA Florida Senior Director in Diversity and Inclusion Programs; Derrick Davison '78, USTA Georgia Director of Competition; Jean Pierre '87 President ACND Booster Club. Both men played for Archbishop Curley's State Championship team and Desdunes was a Doubles State Champion in 1979.

The \$5,000.00 in USTA Facility Funding will be used to purchase six benches and aluminum bleachers to complete the resurfacing of the school's five existing 78-foot tennis courts. The essence of the USTA initiative is to assist communities, leveraging their tennis facilities to promote lifelong healthy activity, and to improve their programming by advancing the latest tennis innovations for all program types.

"We are pleased to receive this endorsement by the USTA as we move forward with our goal to enhance our middle and high school tennis program, plus offer a community tennis summer camp accessible to low-income families," remarked Mr. Douglas Romanik, ACND Principal. "It is a great honor to credit improvements to our 14-acre, urban campus through grants awarded by national associations such as the USTA for tennis and also the MLB's Baseball Tomorrow Fund used to assist with the completion of a baseball field renovation in 2010."



Back Row (l to r): plus grades Janelle Forbes (10th) Kaila Merrill (12th)
Front Row (l to r): Alexandra Laroche (11th), Eddy Rochez (12th), Esperanza Cadena (11th)



Past tennis team State Champions were honored at the Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Tennis Court Dedication Ceremony

Back Row (l to r): Allan Kelley, Rick Davison, Alex Gregory, Kyle McLaney, Jean Desdunes, Gary Pappas, Cory Waldman, Dr. Juan Salazar, Ken Kleinfeld, Carl Cascio, Joe C. Frechette, Jr., George Oyarzun

Front Row (l to r): Coach Ed Metallo, Chris Kelley, Leon Deleon and Blaine Willenborg



(l to r) Naika Imbert, Briana Gaspard, Melissa Gabriel, Maniola Mompremier, Ashley Savain and Samantha Jean.

On Saturday, September 13th, students from Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep's French Honor Society and TEEM Clubs volunteered for an event held by the Women's Breast Health Initiative.

Students went into the North Miami community and scheduled free mammograms and heart screenings for low-income women. The moderator for the French Honor Society is Ms. May Wassaf, French Teacher and for the TEEM club is Lorena Rosero, Science Teacher. The TEEM club is a science club where students who are interested in medicine, environmental science, technology, and engineering are able to volunteer and do projects based on their interests.

The Women's Breast Health Initiative is an outreach organization dedicated to educating women about the importance of breast and heart health while providing them with the resources to beat diseases of breast and heart.

GUADALUPE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Brownsville, TX

*The following appeared recently in The Brownsville Herald
Written by Christina R. Garza Staff Writer*



Students at Guadalupe Regional Middle School arrive Tuesday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral after walking down 12th Street from their school at 12th and Lincoln streets in a Pro-Life Silent Day of Solidarity walk. The students walked with their mouths taped shut and didn't make a sound. They ended the walk by celebrating Mass.

Catholic education is to aid students in faith formation. While abortion is a controversial issue, it is against the teachings of the Catholic Church, she said.

Guadalupe Regional Middle School is a Catholic learning institution.

"Middle school is a critical time in their development and the more they understand the more they can take an active role applying these teachings to the rest of their lives," Stapleton said.

Eighth-grader Amalia Espinoza, 14, carried a large white sign that read "Pray for the unborn," which had had a drawing of a rosary on it. Espinoza said she was happy to participate in the walk and take part in making the community aware that abortion is a problem that needs to end.

Students at Guadalupe Regional Middle School in Brownsville on Tuesday walked several blocks with red tape across their mouths for the national Pro-Life Silent Day of Solidarity walk for the unborn.

The students walked from their school at 12th and Lincoln streets to the Immaculate Conception Cathedral on East Jefferson Street without making a sound.

School Principal Kathy Stapleton said this is the first year the students have participated in the walk in silent solidarity. Stapleton said all 77 members of the student body, from ages 11-14, participated in the walk.

By wearing the tape across their mouths it symbolizes the silence of the unborn that can't have a voice," Stapleton said.

Stapleton said it is important to involve the students in this event because the purpose of

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CARE OF THE EARTH



**Br. Bill
Stevens**

I will be submitting a brief message periodically in order to share some of the things of which I have been made aware during my studies with the Green Faith Fellowship Program this past year. I look upon it as giving back, for what was given to me by this opportunity.

There is a beautifully made documentary on You Tube which you can easily access by typing HOME into the search box. [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqxENMKaeCU>] It is an hour and half long and you can pick up where you left off, if you cannot watch it all in one sitting. It was on television about a year ago and received good reviews. It is about us and our relationship with the earth. Scientists tell us that we have ten years to change the way we live, avert the depletion of natural resources and the catastrophic evolution of the Earth's climate. This film gives us a better understanding of the urgency behind the Peoples Climate Walk in New York City and the upcoming Global Climate Talks in Paris in December 2015.

There is an 18 minute TED talk given by Michael Dowd which is available on You Tube by typing "Reality Reconciles Science and Religion" in the search box. [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QeTWVw9Fm4>] He and his wife Connie Barlow have become itinerant speakers these past ten years, crisscrossing the United States speaking about environmental issues from both a religious and scientific perspective. I highly recommend his talk.

...human destiny and the destiny of Earth are inextricably linked. If we can know in our bones that everything we have emerged through billions of years of evolution and that no species can live in isolation from others, then we can finally grasp that the future of our species depends upon the future of this planet - no less a child in the womb depends upon the mother.

["Thanks be to God for Evolution" - Michael Dowd]

"The human community and the natural world will go into the future as a single, sacred community, or we will perish in the desert together." [Thomas Berry]

Bill Stevens, cfc [for comments or suggestions wastevens@aol.com]



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our experiences in
the light of the
Gospel.

We find our hearts
transformed.

We are Christian
Brothers.

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



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

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