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#### New Essential Elements Process Presented



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D'Amico,  
SSND

The new process for the next cycle of [Essential Elements Evaluations](#) was presented by Jim Muting at the School Leaders Meeting, March 26, 2015. Speaking for the Essential Elements Task Force, Jim, principal at St. Laurence H.S., Burbank, explained the features similar to the last cycle and highlighted some of the new features. School Leaders responded very favorably to the new plan and offered useful suggestions, for example that the new process be called the "Essential Elements Validation."

As in the past, the new process will take a year, include a self-study, plans for the future and visit by a team. But schools will be asked to involve not only faculty and administrators in the process but also parents, alumni, board members, and especially students. The new process will rely less on detailed written reports and on-site interviews and more on student-centered activities and presentations.

The self-study will begin with a review of progress toward or completion of the objectives articulated in the School Growth Plan of the previous Essential Elements Evaluation. Then, rather than choosing from among all seven Essential Elements for study, all schools will be asked to

focus on EE III, "Stand in Solidarity with those

marginalized by poverty and injustice," and IV, "Foster and invigorate a community of faith." The rationale for this decision is to strengthen the spiritual bonds between each school and the Christian Brothers and to foster relationships in the Consortium and with Edmund Rice schools and ministries all over the globe. Schools will be asked to use the Congregation's Chapter calls and tagline



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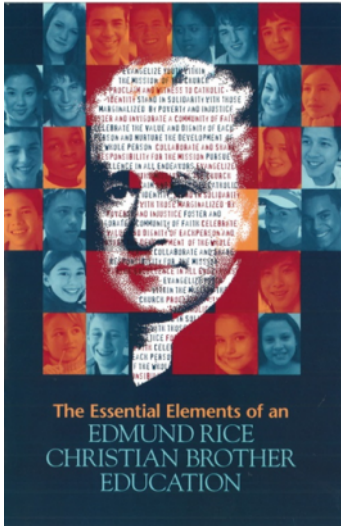


I will not mistrust God,  
though I shall feel  
myself weakening and  
on the verge of being  
overcome with fear. I  
trust God shall place a  
holy hand on me and in  
the stormy seas hold  
me up from drowning.

St. Thomas More



“Compassion, Presence, Liberation” as lenses for viewing their practice of these two Essential Elements and plans for the future.



Lastly, each school will be asked to draw on all the Essential Elements and their own school's experience of their graduates' attitudes, behaviors, and competencies to produce a "Profile of an Edmund Rice Graduate." In the future, these profiles will be integrated into a network wide profile.

For the new cycle, the emphasis of the Team Visit will shift from the study of long reports and focus group interviews to a showcase of how the Essential Elements are alive in the school. The OES will provide templates for a brief written report, and visitors will still meet with focus groups. They are, however, hoping for more variety, e.g., meetings with mixed groups of parents and students, or ACTION or immersion student and teacher participants.

Visitors will look forward to a real experience of how EE III & IV are alive in the school through classroom visits, presentations, and assemblies or liturgies. They hope that students will be prominently involved and use all the technology and media available to them, e.g., video clips of students at service, use of social media, and radio or television productions to demonstrate their commitment to the EE's or what it means to be an Edmund Rice Graduate.

Once the team has reported their recommendation for validation to the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Provincial Leadership Team, the school will receive a Letter of Affirmation and a Proclamation as a Christian Brother School to display.

Lastly, the school will be expected to evaluate progress toward their plan annually and set goals for the following year. OES will provide a template for a brief written report to be submitted to the Office.

As in the past, schools will be guided in the process by personnel from the Office of Educational Services, beginning with a conversation with school leaders approximately a year before the scheduled visit. Then either Sister Ona Bessette, CND, Director, or Sister Grace D'Amico, SSND, Associate Director, will conduct a workshop for the school community, including administrators, faculty, and representatives of other constituencies, including parents, board members, and especially students. The Sisters will foster reflection on the Christian Brother Chapter Calls and "Presence, Compassion, and Liberation" as well as introduce the new Essential Elements Validation process. They will provide templates for the various reports and provide guidance along the way as needed.

School Leaders received a calendar showing the 2015 - 2020 cycle of Edmund Rice Validation processes in the same sequence as the 2009 - 14 cycle. They were, however, given the option of requesting a change, e.g., if they wanted to align the EE process with or separate it from a regional or other accreditation. Once the calendar is confirmed, it will be posted on [www.edmundriceschools.org](http://www.edmundriceschools.org) along with other relevant documents.

Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, R.I., where the School Leaders Meeting was held, and Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, N.Y. have expressed their readiness to begin their EEV in the 2015-16 school year.



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# BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan



The Brother Rice High School (Bloomfield Hills MI) Hall of Fame was instituted in 1999 to honor those who epitomize the “Brother Rice Spirit”. This spirit is reflected in the people who have shown extraordinary dedication, leadership and enthusiasm for Brother Rice High School. Induction into the Hall of Fame is our institution’s highest honor.

On May 5, 2015 Br. Benjamin Favero CFC was inducted into the Brother Rice High School Hall of Fame

Brother Benjamin Favero was born in Butte, Montana in 1938. He attended the Christian Brothers’ School, Boys Central High School, and graduated in 1956. Brother Favero joined the Christian Brothers in August, 1956 where he began his Novitiate Year in West Park, New York. Brother Favero graduated from Iona College in 1960 with a degree in mathematics. For the first five years, Brother Ben taught mathematics and science in Victoria, British Columbia. Brother has ministered as teacher and coach in Butte, Montana at his alma mater, Brother Rice High School from 1969-1978, Cantwell High School in Montebello, CA., Palma High School in Salinas, CA., and East Catholic High School in Detroit.

During his first assignment at Brother Rice from 1969-1978, Brother Favero was involved in many school activities, serving as a math teacher as well as the bowling and tennis coach for eight years. “He challenged his students to think critically and emphasized problem-solving in his classroom. It was not uncommon for students who struggled in his class , to discover upon entering college that they were extremely well prepared and came to regard him as the finest math teacher in the school” recalls President John Birney.

Additionally, Brother Ben worked on the Boys’ Bowl with the Fathers’ Club for many years. “Being Moderator of the Boys Bowl was a major enterprise in the ‘70s,” offered Br. Segvich in praise. He also held several administrative positions as Principal and Community Leader after leaving Rice in 1978.

“Brother Ben” returned to Brother Rice in 2005 where he has tutored students in mathematics for the past ten years. “Always a very well prepared and conscientious math teacher” said Br. Segvich of Br. Favero. Brother Rice High School is blessed to have Brother Benjamin Favero ministering to our students.



**Br. Ben Favero speaks at the luncheon following his Hall of Fame induction at Brother Rice**

The Department of Religious in the **Archdiocese of New Orleans** interviewed men and women religious and assembled the following video. No names are used! **Brother John W. Casey CFC** is interviewed and there are pictures of 89-year-old **Brother Charles Avendano CFC** handing out mail for homeless guests at Lantern Light Ministries where he works five mornings each week. You can watch at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dfda4GbpXwc>



## Linda Bruno Earns Met Writers Distinguished Service Award



Iona College Goal Club Hall of Fame and Board of Trustees member Linda Bruno was one of two honorees presented with Distinguished Service Awards by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association at the 82nd All-Met Haggerty Awards Dinner April 22, 2015, at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY. Former Yeshiva coach Jon Halpert will also receive the distinction.

The Haggerty Awards Dinner is the longest running media-managed college basketball awards program in the United States.

Bruno currently serves on the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Committee and has been an instrumental figure at many levels in both education and athletics. Among her previous positions, she was commissioner of the Atlantic 10 Conference (1994-2008) and associate commissioner of the Big East Conference (1982-94). She has been commissioner of the Skyline Conference since 2012 and also is the founder/president of Bruno Sports Enterprises.

Prior to moving up to the conference ranks, Bruno was an assistant in the athletic departments at Yale and Iona, and a teacher at Holy Family School in the Bronx, NY. A graduate of Iona with both bachelor's and master's degrees, Bruno's accomplishments include: Iona College Board of Trustees, past chair of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee, past vice president of the Collegiate Commissioners Association and past member of the NCAA TV Negotiating Committee. A resident of Manhattan, she is an inductee in both the Iona College Athletics Hall of Fame, and the Maria Regina High School Sports Hall of Fame in Hartsdale, NY.

As commissioner of the Skyline Conference, Bruno oversees all issues related to the conduct of intercollegiate athletics programs at 10 member institutions, including championships, NCAA compliance, public relations and membership issues. And she also is responsible for supplementing the budget through conference-wide corporate relationships and sponsorships.



# ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Miami, Florida



**Ms. Lisa  
Morales**

On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, students from the Diversity Action Team at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep attended the Miami Coalition for Christian and Jews (MCCJ) Headliner Breakfast held at Jungle Island. The event honored Chuck Todd, MSNBC Political Analyst and Host of *Meet The Press*.

The Guest Host was Jackie Nespral of NBC6 Miami and the event was held in partnership with COSMOS, Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations.

MCCJ honors journalists who uphold its mission through their reporting by drawing attention to prejudice and discrimination, and highlighting individuals and communities that work towards building an inclusive society. The headliner award is presented at a breakfast each spring where the award recipient is celebrated by the community.

MCCJ's afterschool program, the Diversity Action Team, emphasizes authentic youth engagement, consensus building, inclusivity, sustainable community involvement, and the leadership tools of civic engagement. Team members meet weekly, throughout the year, to identify a pressing social issue in their school or community and design and implement a project that addresses the problem. Youth formulate project goals and determine an appropriate timeline and process for project completion.



(l to r): Amy Morris (ACND Diversity Action Team Advisor), Maria Quant (9th), Myriam Dominique (9th), Tontyana Francoeur (9th), Cindy Blanc (10th), Chuck Todd, Ciara Burgos (9th), Israel Powell (9th), Jennifer Bredy (9th), and Tajmara Antoine (9th).



**Jon Batchelor and his  
wife Nancy**

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep (an Archdiocese of Miami 6 to 12 Catholic school) has received a \$25,000.00 grant from The Batchelor Foundation, Inc. The funds will provide technology and network upgrades necessary to support the school's One to One, iPad Learning Program launched two years ago. Earlier this year, the Batchelor family donated \$10,000.00 to assist with the purchase of new iPads for students.

"We are overwhelmed by the Batchelor's generosity and appreciation of our academic program," commented Mr. Douglas Romanik, ACND Principal and Class of 1984 graduate.

In the ACND's recent AdvanceEd accreditation report, the school was recognized for utilizing a range of media and information resources to enhance teaching and learning. It was further noted that the technology infrastructure supported these goals.

"As many of our families rely upon tuition assistance, the added funds help us keep fees at a minimum and ensure that each student is equipped with an iPad, Etexts, and the most up-to-date learning software," concluded Romanik.

The Batchelor Foundation is represented by Sandy Batchelor, and Jon and Nancy Batchelor. Jon Batchelor graduated in 1971 from Archbishop Curley High School (the boys school before it had merged to become ACND Prep.)

ACND Prep is the first Archdiocese of Miami School to launch the One to One, iPad Learning program.

The program's goal is to enable students to move from curriculum receivers to actors of their learning experience. Students are respected for their differences so their potential is explored at its maximum, enabling them to be successful both academically and in their lives. For more information, visit [www.acnd.net](http://www.acnd.net).

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Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep, a 6 to 12 Archdiocese of Miami school (established in 1953), announces that it has earned accreditation by AdvancEd for a five-year term. In Miami, 337 public, private, charter, and Catholic elementary schools hold this prestigious designation.

"As the first Archdiocese of Miami school to implement the Individualized, iPad Learning program, I feel that this designation is a reinforcement of our commitment to a new brand of learning that maximizes technology in a small, one to one, environment," commented Mr. Douglas Romanik, ACND Principal.

The review recognized ACND Prep's family environment and authentic Catholic identity. The accreditation process also include eleot™ (Effective Learning Environments Observation Tool™). The purpose of eleot is to identify observable evidence of classroom environments that are



conductive to learning. The focus of the tool is to ensure that learners are engaging, acting, reacting and benefiting from various contexts or seven environments (A through G) that should be evident in all effective learning settings.

ACND Prep scored well above the national average in 5 of the 7 environments. The accreditation report stated: "The school utilizes a range of media and information resources to enhance teaching and learning. The technology infrastructure supports these goals."

"Thanks to our alumni benefactors, each year we are able to improve our technological resources and ensure that each student receives an iPad and Etexts," said Romanik. "Having many low-income families, we are fortunate not to limit our students learning resources just because of the costs associated with technology."

ACND Prep will continue to improve its learning strategies as part of the accreditation requirements. Among the immediate goals, school administration plans to develop and implement a long-range, professional development plan that will continue to improve student achievement.

## ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Burbank, Illinois

### CUPCAKE WARS AT ST. LAURENCE

St. Laurence faculty and staff participated in Cupcake Wars this week, competing in teams to bake and sell cupcakes. They raised \$2,015 to date, and all proceeds from the event will support sophomore Matt Bragiel (of Clearing) in his fight against non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.



Faculty with their cupcake display: (l to r) Jim Grannan, Terry Murphy, Brother Cassian Mahoney, Matt Prunkle, Bobby Howard.



## TC Honors 11 Wholly Holy Men and Women



**Br. Chris  
Burns**

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, four Priests, two Deacons, one Sister, and four Christian Brothers gathered for Mass with the Tampa Catholic faculty and student body to celebrate “The Year of Consecrated Life.” It was in response to Pope Francis’ November 2014 invitation to the universal church to focus on renewal for women and men in consecrated life, and to proclaim a year of thanksgiving among the church for the lives of service of brothers, sisters, deacons, priests and nuns.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Principal Thomas Reidy thanked the consecrated men and women who were present for their service to our school and our diocese. Fr. Rock Travnika, O.F.M., the main celebrant of the liturgy, gave a very moving homily citing Blessed Edmund Rice as a true model of holiness who faithfully followed the words of Jesus, “Whatsoever you do for the least of your brothers, that you do unto Me.”

Following the liturgy, the 11 honorees were treated to a catered luncheon in the Brothers’ residence.



# MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

Staten Island, New York

In the wake of the recent racially fueled riots in Baltimore, Md., Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., emphasized a message of peace in an interview with students from Monsignor Farrell High School during their morning production of WFBN-TV.



**Students at Monsignor Farrell High School conducted an exclusive interview with Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. From left, senior Lead Anchor Thomas Terzulli, junior Sedonami Agosa and Dr. King.**

Dr. King was candid when speaking to senior anchor, Tom Terzulli and junior Sedonami Agosa and discussed topics referencing her late uncle, her accomplishments, and her commentary on the critically acclaimed film "Selma," explains Brother Paul Hannon, executive director of the school's TV station.

When asked about how her uncle would have viewed the Baltimore riots, King stated, "I know he would urge people to be non-violent and be prayerful....All police officers are not bad and all citizens are not bad."

Like her uncle, Dr. King is a proponent for non-violent means to resolve civil rights issues. She also went on to give her own commentary on the riots:

"...The only solution to all the outbursts and problems today is to look at the problems in our society and somehow we have become a lawless world in America," she said.

"There is not enough regard for authority and laws on either side...We have to look at the systemic problems and get better education, better moral development, and better character and this will help the communities," Dr. King continued.

WFBN-TV's first anchor, John Lavelle, Class of 1999, portrayed The New York Times reporter, Roy Reed in the movie "Selma," which depicted Martin Luther King Jr. during the height of the civil rights movement and the eventual march from Selma to Montgomery.

Dr. King went on to praise the film stating: "I promoted the film, blogged about it, and absolutely enjoyed it"; later stating, "In our family we are taught to love and forgive and to confront violence with a peaceful non-violent conflict resolution." She praised how accurately that was depicted in the film. Dr. King stayed on for photo ops with students and said a prayer for their future success.

The interview is available on YouTube at

[http://blog.silive.com/inside\\_out\\_column/2015/04/farrell\\_students\\_interview\\_niece\\_of\\_dr\\_martin\\_luther\\_king.html](http://blog.silive.com/inside_out_column/2015/04/farrell_students_interview_niece_of_dr_martin_luther_king.html)







**Brother Paul Hannon and students at Monsignor Farrell High School conducted an exclusive interview with Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**



**Monsignor Farrell Television (WFBN-TV) first anchor, John Lavelle on the set of the movie "Selma" with Oprah Winfrey.**

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## JERICHO HOUSE

Wainfleet, Ontario

Greetings to all! We are very excited here at Jericho House. The new bell for the bell tower was installed on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The spirit of Edmund and Angela is alive and well.

The Westminster Chimes ring hourly from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and the Angelus is announced at noon and 6:00 pm daily. In addition there is a ten minutes bell medley at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm each day. The bells give an added note of serenity to the Wainfleet countryside. God's Blessings! Brother Bill and Sister Jacque



**Br. Bill Carrothers and Sr. Jacque Keefe with the new bell for Jericho House**



**Jericho House with new bell installed.**



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

Jericho House Youth Leadership, Justice & Spirituality Center is an ecumenical and interfaith retreat center in the Catholic tradition. An ideal location for retreats, meetings, conferences, and seminars.

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[www.jerichohouse.org](http://www.jerichohouse.org)

The Jericho House Team:

Sister Jacque Keefe, cssf, Brother Bill Carrothers, cfc

## A NEW WAY OF BEING A RELIGIOUS

A Workbook for Community Meetings



Brother David Gibson has written a short booklet entitled *A New Way of Being a Religious* - a workbook for community meetings."

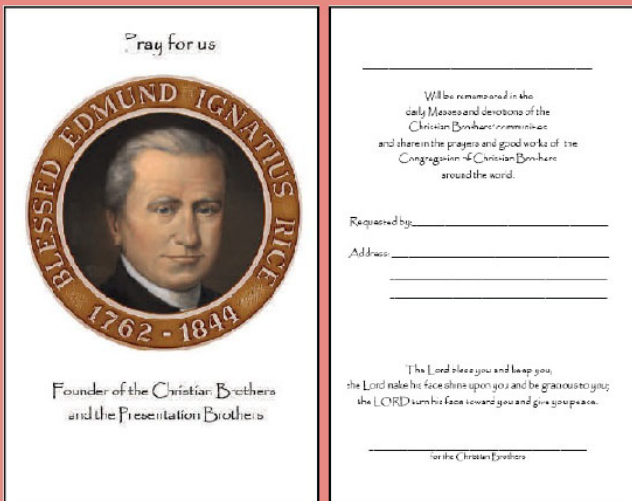
The content of the core of the book is the same as *A New Way of Being Brother*, with questions for personal and community reflection and, in addition, resources that a Brothers' community could use either personally or in other community meetings. The booklet is written in the light of the fact that we are celebrating the year of Consecrated Life. It is available at both [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca) (for Canadian funds), and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (for US funds).

*A New Way  
of Being a Religious*



A Workbook for  
Community Meetings

## Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer Cards



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

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