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CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP GROUP ROME, ITALY JUNE 01 – 08, 2015

From June 1 to 8, 2015, there was a meeting in Rome of the Congregation Leadership Group (CLG). This was comprised of the CLT and all the Province and Region Leaders and Deputies. Also invited were two members to represent the TST, as well as Brother Dean McGlaughlin, Congregation Bursar. The theme of the meeting was '**Leadership on Shifting Ground**'.

Our North American Province was represented by Brother Kevin Griffith, Province Leader, and Brother Michael Colasuonno, Province Deputy Leader.

Below is a photo of this group.



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Let us be rooted and grounded in charity so that we may comprehend what is the length of eternity, the breath of liberality, the height of majesty and the depth of discerning wisdom.

Saint Bonaventure



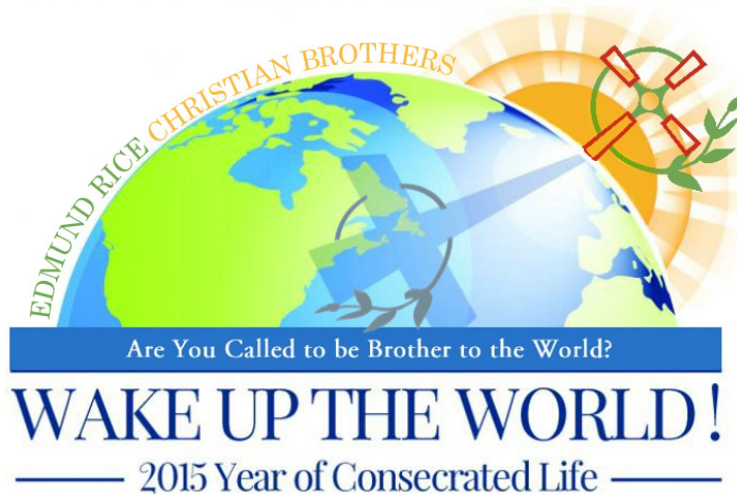
YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

New Rochelle, New York

Recently Brothers from various Brothers' Congregations celebrated the Year of Consecrated Life at a meeting and social at 21 Pryer Terrace in New Rochelle. This was organized by The Office of Province Life and Renewal of ERCBNA, led by Brother Sean Whitty, CFC. The event was great, weather and food were excellent and the fraternity was very evident.



PRESENCE COMPASSION LIBERATION



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAVESITE

St. Cornelius Cemetery, Caledon Ontario



Among those attending (l-r): Brs. Bill Carrothers, Michel Maher, Gabe McHugh, John Holden, and John Buckingham.

On Saturday morning, June 20, 2015, Brothers from the three Christian Brothers communities in Ontario, Mulmur (formerly Mansfield), Jericho House, and Etobicoke gathered at St. Cornelius Cemetery in Caledon, Ontario, for prayer and a service of remembering our seven Brothers interred there: Brothers Pat Shea, Andy O'Quinn, Jim Bates, Pat Keane, Lou Rice, Chris Goodland, and Gabe McIntyre. The Edmund House Community in Mulmur hosted a delicious luncheon for the Brothers afterwards. All appreciated remembering and honoring our deceased Brothers in this way.

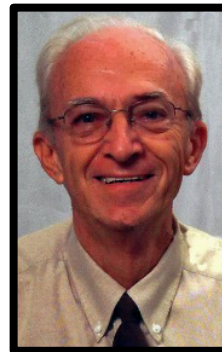
The Mulmur community generously offered to make it an annual event.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

Roseau, Dominica

The St. Mary's Academy community has finished the final touches to the grave of Brother Paul McNiven, RIP. The top has been installed and the community, with the help of Brother Peter Zawot (Mount Sion Community), did the painting last March.

A photo of the finished grave is on the right



Br. Paul McNiven



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1979 GROUP REUNION

New Rochelle, New York

On September 4, 1979, a group of young men, some recent high school graduates and two others from Iona College, gathered in New Rochelle at 30 Montgomery Circle, St. Joseph's Postulancy, to begin their first year of training as Christian Brothers. At the same time, a somewhat older fellow entered Christian Brothers East Harlem (then called the St. Cecilia's House) to begin his postulancy while teaching at St. Lucy's.

Those future Brothers were:

- Andrew (Emmanuel) Dillon: Holy Trinity HS
- Eddie Crespo: Cardinal Hayes HS, Iona College
- Stephen Harding: Cardinal Hayes HS, Iona College
- Kevin Griffith: Blessed Sacrament HS
- Tim (Sean) Toal: Essex Catholic HS
- Jim (Peter) Link: Bergen Catholic HS
- Stephen (Mario) Maccalaio: Msgr. Farrell HS
- Carmello Moreno: Rice High School
- Michael Davitt: Power Memorial Academy
- Joseph Payne: All Hallows Institute
- John (Daniel) Murphy: Blessed Sacrament HS
- Greg (Jude) DiMurro: Essex Catholic HS



Back (l to r): Greg DiMurro, Br. Joe Payne, John Murphy
Front (l to r): Ed Crespo, Andrew Dillon, Tim Toal, Br. Kevin Griffith

On Sunday, June 14, 2015, some 35 years later, many of those same young men now a bit more seasoned, returned to Iona to celebrate that entry into the Brothers, which, to them, seemed like only yesterday. The reunion of friends is always special, but a reunion of Brothers and former Brothers, all of whom shared a common experience and formation, takes on even greater import. The memories of laughter surrounding tales of pranks and practical jokes, inconvenient and uncontrollable giggling in chapel, or facial "spiritual reading lines" earned from industrial strength bedspreads when fallen asleep during spiritual reading time before dinner - those memories are bonds that unite forever. And remembered, too, are the names of Brothers on staff who helped to form Brotherhood: **Postulancy:** Denis Crimmins (Superior), Tim Minihan, Bob Novak; **Novitiate:** Derm Bray (Novice Master), Tom Gontcharuk, Tim O'Mahoney, Simon Barry, Luman Collins, Bob Moran; **Edmund Hall:** Sean Moffett (Superior), Jerry Markert, Chuck Fitzsimmons, Steve Malone, Tom Butterly, and Bill Joyce.

In a very special way, the reunion was graced with the memory of Br. Daniel Denis Crimmins who was the group's first Superior at St. Joe's. The plan had been to tour Iona and visit Dennis who was being cared for at St. Joe's. We knew a visit from his "last group," would cheer him in his illness. That was not to be, as he passed away earlier that same week. Nevertheless, we visited St. Joe's and told stories of Denis ringing the bell and waking us in the morning by bellowing, "get up yee blaggards." And, expounding, "up the hill we go," when we had to walk to Holy Family Church for Mass in the

morning. We remembered the High Tor hike, cutting down the giant Christmas Tree from Black Creek, caroling at Rose Lakem's house, Peggy Ripsom's speech class, Dom LoFaro's music lessons, Kiril Cavet as musicologist, the humidity and grease pits of West Park, Edmund Hall and Newport vacations, Santa Maria and the sun that baked us on Rosary Walk, Bernie MacIllmurray's education classes, the quo vadis board and first assignments, and a million other memories that caused laughter and smiles for hours.

Only Kevin Griffith and Joe Payne have continued the journey as Christian Brothers. The rest of the group has lived out their Brotherhood in a myriad of different ways, yet all still linked to serving youth and the educational ministry. "*Facere et docere*" is still a reality for all, with "Providence as our inheritance." The reunion ended as all reunions do, with hugs and promises for future gatherings. For no matter where we go or what we do, in our quiet moments we return to the joys of our youth and to those with whom we set out to change the world. Who could have known 35 years ago that the one great constant in our lives would be the call to Christian Brotherhood, which still inspires our lives and, through that example, dares the world around us to plant good seeds that in time will bear much fruit.

The poster features a background image of the Manhattan Bridge over the East River. The title "Mission Frère" is written in large, yellow, hand-drawn letters at the top. Below it, "Edmund Rice Network Services" is written in a smaller, yellow, cursive font. There are two inset photographs: one on the left shows a man holding a young child, and one on the right shows three women sitting at a table and looking at a book. Several blue text boxes are overlaid on the image, providing information about different service programs. At the bottom, the words "Presence Compassion Liberation" are written in a yellow, cursive font, followed by the website "www.ercbna.org".

Mission Frère

Edmund Rice Network Services

Campus Affiliates
Prayer experiences, service opportunities and social gatherings for college and university students from Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Schools.

Mission and Immersion Experiences
Short term service projects in poor and marginalized areas in the United States, Canada and abroad.

Christian Brothers Lay Volunteer Program
Year-long service in a context of Community, Prayer and Reflection with the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers in North America.

Associate and Vowed Membership
with the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers.

Presence Compassion Liberation
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1965 GROUP 50TH REUNION

New Rochelle, New York

The group that entered the Congregation's North American Province in July of 1965 gathered again at 21 Pryer Terrace in New Rochelle, NY, on June 13th, for their 50th Anniversary. A Meet and Greet opened the proceedings on Friday evening on the lawn at Pryer Terrace. During the reception, Brother Sean Moffett (of the PLT) gave a presentation on the evolving vision and apostolate of the Christian Brothers. Saturday morning featured an informal breakfast hosted by group member Bob Gontcharuk and his wife Louise. Ron Pellerin prepared Johnny One-Eyes, a delicacy that was a specialty of the late Brother Tim O'Mahoney at South Kortright back in the day.

A tour of Iona Campus showed the immense changes that have taken place over the last half-century. Some of the group visited the Brothers at St. Joseph's. Everyone re-convened for the celebration of the outdoor Mass. Deceased members of the Group, Brother Robert Durning and Lawrence Rutter, were prayed for, as were those suffering illnesses. Those unable to be physically present were very much a part of the gathering. Father Francis Maurice celebrated the liturgy, ably assisted by Deacon Robert Gontcharuk. Catering for the wonderful meal that followed was arranged, as were many of the reunion details, by Brother Jerry McCarthy.

The weekend was filled with laughter and reminiscences. One constant theme was the gratitude everyone felt for having been in such fine company and with such stellar leadership during that formative (pardon the pun) time in their lives. It was a privilege to be part of it all.

Members in attendance:

Bernie Listwan (Liz Listwan)
Paul Tremblett (Eleanor Tremblett)
Larry Hopman (Lynn Hopman)
Brother John Sullivan
Ron Pellerin (Ellen Pellerin)
Brother Ed Bergeron
Jack McCarthy
John Ford

Brother Kevin Cawley
Brother Frank Duff
Mike Duerr
Dr. Mike O'Brien
Deacon Bob Gontcharuk (Louise Gontcharuk)
Jack Crahan
Brother John Reynolds

Organizer: Br. Jerry McCarthy

Special Guests Brother Sean Moffitt, Br. Sean Whitty, Br. Ken Chapman, and Br. Larry Casey



Br. Sean Moffett addressing the group.



VANCOUVER COLLEGE

Vancouver, BC

It is with warm wishes that Vancouver College announces the retirement of three longstanding teachers - **Brian Devenport, Wade Anderson, and Gordon Penn** - at the conclusion of the 2014 - 2015 school year.

Mr. Brian Devenport joined VC's English Department in 1983 and took over the Soccer program a year later. Both Mr. Wade Anderson, who joined VC in 1975; and Mr. Gordon Penn, who came in 1991; have served as PE teachers and have made a significant contribution to Irish Athletics through their involvement in football, wrestling, cross-country, track and field.

Please join us in thanking them for their 92 years of combined service to Vancouver College Academics and Athletics.



(l to r): Mr. Edward Wright (Chair, VC Board of Directors), Mr. Gord Penn, Mr. Brian Devenport, Mr. Wade Anderson, Mr. John Nixon (VC President)



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ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Burbank, Illinois

ST. LAURENCE MOTHERS' CLUB RAISES MOST MONEY IN HISTORY

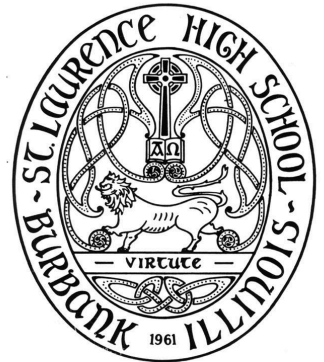
The St. Laurence Mothers' Club raised \$26,000.00, the most money in the club's history this year. The funds raised will support the students of St. Laurence. Thank you to the Mothers' Club for all their hard work!



From L to R: Co-Treasurer Lori Caparelli, Secretary Debbie Moorman, President Noreen Aderman, and Co-Treasurer MaryBeth Dwyer present the Mothers' Club check to Assistant Principal Dan Turney.

Did you know ...?

- ✓ St. Laurence High School is one of the only all-boy Catholic high schools on the Southside that showed an average increase in test-takers the past three years.
- ✓ St. Laurence's enrollment is on track to grow by 10% over a four-year period.
- ✓ 73% of the student body were athletes and 41% of those were multi-sport athletes.
- ✓ The number of alumni donors at St. Laurence improved by nearly 25% in three years.
- ✓ St. Laurence experienced a total of 272 new donors in three years: Nearly 160% increase in total donors since Annual Fund '12.



For more information about St. Laurence High School, visit
<http://www.stlaurence.com/home>

JERICO HOUSE

Welland, Ontario

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' ECOLOGY RETREAT 2015.

This year's Christian Brothers' Ecology Retreat took place at Jericho House, June 29 to July 5. What an opportune time for this year's retreat as it focused on three of the main Catholic theologians (Hildegard of Bingen, Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry) who have provided the spiritual underpinnings for Our Way Into The Future and Pope Francis's Encyclical, Laudato Si. The retreat was led by a Sister of Charity, Maureen Wild, an outstanding facilitator, a dedicated researcher, and committed ecologist. Sister Maureen invited the dozen participants in a contemplative study of the lives, writings and impact of the three aforementioned mystics, visionaries and prophets. Retreatants were nourished and nurtured by: prayer, conferences, liturgy ritual, silence, reading, and reflection. Jericho's beautiful natural setting of forest, lake and wetlands provided a complementary living canvas throughout the retreat. As the retreat moved towards its conclusion, all were encouraged to continue to live out the experience through their life choices that enabled them to model right living with people made poor and with the whole Earth community.



Find out more about Jericho House at
www.jerichohouse.org

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

**Isn't it time?
You've been thinking about it.
You have nothing to lose and a lot to gain.
Give it a try...**

**Call, text or e-mail me:
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Being a Brother is a rich and fulfilling way to live.
www.erbrothers.org

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

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