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2016 Golden Jubilees



Preparing to cut the cake, (I to r) Brothers Charles Joseph Gattone, Anthony Kiril Cavet, Arthur Aquinas Williams, Anthony Patrick Bechner, Karl Jan Walczak, and Francis Sean Whitty.

The Province Leadership Team congratulates Brothers Buddy Bechner, Kiril Cavet, Chuck Gattone, Jan Walczak, Sean Whitty, and Arthur Williams who celebrated their Golden Jubilees during a ceremony at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, NJ on Saturday, October 8, 2016. We offer our prayers and support to these men in celebration of their fifty years of dedicated service to the Church, Province and society.



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The love of Christ arouses us, urges us to run, and to fly, lifted on the wings of holy zeal.

St Anthony Mary Claret



2016 ONGOING FORMATION WORKSHOP

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA



Br. Peter O'Loughlin

During the first week of September, 2016, over 30 Brothers from every Province of the Congregation gathered in Lusaka, Zambia to attend a workshop on ongoing formation in the Congregation. The workshop and meetings were hosted by the CLT at Nano Nagle House at the International Spirituality Centre. Father Jerry McGlone, SJ, led us through a series of talks and exercises aimed at helping us understand what ongoing formation in our various provinces might look like. Br. Michael Burke, African Province, facilitated a daylong experience during which we discussed various strategies for implementation of the concepts and ideas generated.

What I just wrote is a bare bones description of what happened. It is very hard, really almost impossible, to convey to any reader or listener the impact of this gathering. The experience was profoundly personal. But I will suggest the following: To say we

were touched by the Holy Spirit, alive and active in our midst would be an understatement; to say that that we were not affected by the personal stories, reflections and insight would be to deny the work of God in our lives.

Father Jerry was able to break down some of the fear and trepidation that some of us were experiencing at the beginning of the week. I suspect all of us came with expectations; I suspect that we were not completely sure of what the week had in store for us; I suspect that we were burdened by long days of travel getting to Lusaka; I suspect we needed to be prodded and pushed out of our comfort zones.

We looked at what it means to be brother to each other in an age of diminishment, aging, reduction of influence and a growing sense of what we as Edmund Rice Christian Brothers are being called to be and what we are being called to do. We experienced active listening to each other and God talking to us through each other.

As a group we looked at *emotional intelligence* - being aware of what's going on in oneself while attending to and understanding what's going on in our social interactions; *inter-cultural and cross* cultural issues - being aware of one's own cultural formation/bias and learning about others; *active listening* - not in a therapeutic sense, but rather attending to what is being said and seeking clarifying information to understand better; *constructive grieving* - recognizing what is lost and mourning the loss, seeking new opportunities and engaging with these new opportunities. Other skills we looked at: promoting engagement, conflict management and holding one another accountable; in other words, intervening rather than allowing things to ride or in fact ignoring issues when they come up in community.

The week gave each of us an opportunity to reflect on our lives as Brothers and to interact with Brothers who were doing the same thing.

It is our hope that members who attended the workshop will be able to bring back to their respective provinces something of the graces, experiences and desires we experienced together. The ongoing struggle is to be able to adequately convey our hopes and dreams for the brotherhood that we share; we realize that none of us is perfect, but we are more unified when we consciously work together to spread the "good news."

The "good news" of which I speak are the lives of more than 1000 Edmund Rice Christian Brothers throughout the world: young, middle-aged and old men who are striving daily to live the message of

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Jesus Christ and the charism of Edmund Rice in a world that is hungry for meaning, in a world struggling with itself and in a world where more unites us than divides us.

Lusaka was another powerful experience in our ongoing growth as brothers; it was a privilege to be part of the experience.

CFC INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Kolkata, India

International Congress Draws Over 200 Educators in Christian Brother Schools from 25 Countries



Br. Peter Zawot

The impetus for the inaugural Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB) Congress began in South Africa in 2015 with a Lead School Conference representing 54 schools in 20 countries.

Delegates to this conference were "committed to developing an education for transformation and liberation and including our wider communities in this vision." Across the world there are over 280 schools that continue to be inspired by Edmund Rice's charism. EREBB was developed to enable collaboration and connection between these schools. The EREBB Congress was the first opportunity for many of these schools to come together and further develop ways of enhancing Edmund's charism in our world.

The EREBB Congress was held in Kolkata, India, from October 1-6, 2016. Before gathering in Kolkata, delegates had the opportunity to participate in an immersion experience sponsored by various Christian Brother schools and other ministries throughout the country. India is a country of extremes: people and institutions of means sharply contrasting with people made poor, enduring hunger, unemployment and homelessness. The immersion experiences brought delegates face to face with this diversity and put flesh and blood, real faces and names, to the conversation about social justice that so often happens at home in safe settings. Listening to the shared experiences of their immersions, the delegates were moved by the simplicity, warmth and hospitality, and the spirituality of the people they encountered. The experience helped to set the stage for the discussions and sharing to take place during the congress.

The EREBB Congress had two themes. The first was Nomoshkar (the Bengali version of the Hindu greeting, Namaste, meaning I bow to the Divine in you). Using this greeting throughout our time together, the delegates and hosts were continually reminded of God's presence in a unique way in each of us. The second theme was Educating and Encountering Humanity. As Catholic educators in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are called to educate for the betterment of all humanity. This best happens when we, in the words of Pope Francis, engage in a "Culture of Encounter." The Congress, being held in one of the world's most populous cities, gave delegates the blessed opportunity to encounter humanity.

Congress sessions included keynote addresses from Brothers Hugh O'Neill (Congregation Leader) and Philip



Christian Brothers gather at farewell dinner in Asansol.

Pinto (former Congregation Leader) as well as prominent educators from India. Delegates met as

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mixed groups and as regional groups, providing time for sharing ideas and practices and establishing friendships leading to future collaboration. Some priority action areas were identified. These are: Developing our Identity; Transformational Education; One Voice for Justice; Effective Communication; Formation for Mission; and, Inspiring Leadership.

The next steps will be for the delegates from within each region and then among regions to develop action plans to further the Edmund Rice charism in educational settings both at home and abroad.



Students from St. Patrick's Asansol enact a traditional Indian Wedding Ceremony.

A monumental event such as the EREBB Congress could not have happened without the attention and dedication of the planners. A debt of gratitude is due to Wayne Tinsey, Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education Australia, Brian Garrone, Senior Professional Officer of Edmund Rice Education Australia, and Sr. Ona Bessette, CND, Director of the Office of Educational Services of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America. To be thanked as well are the hosts from the many Christian Brother missions throughout India.

A fitting summary of the experience and mandate of the EREBB Congress can be found in the mantra

used throughout: "In your presence, Lord; through my compassion, Lord; beyond our borders, Lord, we liberate our world." Nomoshkar.

Reflections on the Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Congress 2016 Kolkata, India



Seated - Jim Antos; Christina Carlson; Sr. Ona Bessette; Patricia Gray Row One - John Tedeschi; Alfred Doherty; Br. Peter Zawot; Br. Dennis Dunne; David Mattiazzo, Joe Martinez Row Two - Br. Stephen Casey; Stephen Hill; Daniel Turney

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Mr. Jim Antos - Brother Rice High School, Chicago, Illinois

I thought the Congress was one of the most spiritual, profound and uplifting experiences I have had as an educator and a man. The immersion experiences along with the entire agenda of the Congress itself were things I will not forget professionally and personally. I continue to be amazed at the impact Edmund Rice has had throughout the world and the number of women and men who hold his charism and basic tenets in their hearts and minds.

We at Brother Rice, Chicago, I believe, do an excellent job at serving those in our area who are on the margins. This Kolkata experience, however, continues to impact my leadership role and me to expand those "borders" more intensely to our brothers and sisters across the globe. I am and have been so impressed with those who shared their experiences in that border expansion and hope to imitate them in some adaptable and modified ways.

Mr. Stephen Hill - Iona College, New Rochelle, New York

The Edmund Rice charism is alive and well! This is the thought which kept occurring to me through the *Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders* (EREBB) Congress in Kolkata. I had the privilege of reconnecting with friends, immersion partners, and meeting new people from around the network. It was exciting to share meals, dialogue, and dream with Edmund Rice educators from places as disparate as Australia, Kenya, Ireland, South Africa, Peru, Zambia, Canada, and the United States. When else would I have this opportunity? I have been graced with being part of our Edmund family, which I saw in a fuller and more globally diverse way in Kolkata.

I also was inspired and challenged by the vision of EREBB of forming mutual partnerships to enflesh a transformative education for justice and liberation. Mission and Ministry at Iona College already has many partnerships for immersion and justice education which were affirmed, but the Congress is making us reevaluate our relationships to determine if they're truly reciprocal and meeting the needs of the marginalized communities. Iona College is also being challenged to see how we can offer our unique role as an institution of higher education to the North American Edmund Rice schools in building our regional network. This will be no easy task, but I'm excited for the journey. May Edmund be with us in the trials and celebrations we will have together!

Ms. Christina Carlson – Iona College, New Rochelle, New York



We are members of the Edmund Rice family. I love the idea of being part of something larger than just Iona. And I also think that comes with a sense of responsibility for the entire family -- how can we use our resources to help the whole? The students! These kids made the trip for me. I wanted to gather them all up and bring them into my own classroom. Short of that, what can we do to ensure that they are able to make the most of their God-given potential?

Ms. Patricia Gray - Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, New York

My impression of India and our experience is that it really is a land of contradictions. So many places came alive with vibrant colors that might normally seem like sensory overload, yet here their brightness was beautiful. Then there were the lovely women in saris of every color that brightened up every street, shop and school. Last but not least, there were the smiles and warm greetings of "Namaste" in Delhi or "Nomoshkar" in Kolkata. There was genuineness in these greetings, no matter

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the person's position in society. Even as we walked to "Mother's House" in Kolkata for Mass at 5:30 a.m., and people rose from the sidewalks upon which they slept, they greeted us..."Nomoshkar." It was a humbling experience to say the least.

During immersion in Delhi, I learned so much about the government in India and how they do not hear the cry of the poor, especially the children. I will not forget that among the vibrant colors, beautiful saris and warm smiles, there was sadness and abject poverty on every corner. Young families, old men and women and children ... it was hard to see. All of my senses were attacked and sometimes it was too much to bear. One day, two children pulled and pushed me with great force. They were trying to unzip my purse. My mind couldn't comprehend what was happening. In my mind, they were just children ... but they no longer can be children. Seeing so many innocent lives with no future



brings a deep sadness to my heart. Seeing men and women who were nothing but skin and bone work or beg in the streets haunts me. Thankfully, I was able to see some wonderful programs in place aimed at helping the poor. I know that some of the children and families may have a chance to move upward in society. I hope and pray these programs continue to grow and reach more people. I also hope that our group from North America can stand in solidarity with these people now that we are home. I believe there are ways!

Brother Dennis Dunne - Palma School, Salinas, California



Br. Dunne and Alfred Doherty at St. Joseph College

Shillong was an experience unlike any other I've ever had. I didn't know what to expect while in the country other than to meet many people in close proximity. I wasn't prepared to see the sights or sniff the smells along the sidewalks of the streets, along the market ways, in the public transit, in the streets of Calcutta. I saw heartwrenching circumstances of extreme poverty and examples of survival among what I thought must be the poorest of the poor. I saw masses of humanity in the streets as we made our way from one site to another yet I never felt threatened or unsafe. sounds and smells of the streets along the many market-ways in the streets of Calcutta will always be with me. For some reason, I expected to see the hardness of the natives reflected in their reality of life with their fellow Indians: I did not see that. Rather, I saw the warmness of welcome and the wonder of the natives as they encountered obvious outsiders in their midst, up close, on their turf. I saw their smiles and felt their welcome. What a life-giving/lifechanging experience for a guy from California to witness; if nothing else, a fixation on our typical abundance is questioned as I attempt to process what I experienced for a week in India. We have all been touched by India and for that I will always be thankful.

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Mr. David Mattiazzo – St. Thomas More Collegiate, Burnaby, British Columbia

I feel blessed and privileged to have had the wonderful opportunity to attend the *Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Congress* in India. Words cannot describe the experience I had which not only connected me with delegates from around the globe but also has opened my eyes to the Christian Brother schools in India. The Indian hospitality was incredible and I am inspired by the charism of Edmund Rice present in the schools I visited and people I have encountered. Ten years ago I attended the *Karibu Conference* in Kenya



and that experience had changed my life. I feel that this experience has energized me to continue the mission and take part in our global partnership by connecting my students with students from around the globe. A special thank you to all who were involved in making this happen.

Mr. Dan Turney - St. Laurence HS, Burbank, Illinois

I have been truly blessed with the opportunity to visit India through EREBB. I took so many lessons away from the experience and was truly taken aback by the beauty and truthfulness of the Indian people and their culture. One experience that will follow me forever was the opportunity to visit our Christian Brothers' schools in Kolkata. We stayed at St. Mary's and visited St. George and St. Joseph College. My experiences in these schools reinvigorated my passion for the Edmund Rice mission. Reaching out to students that are less fortunate in our communities is the basis of the Christian Brothers' order and I am proud that I am lucky enough to work in a school that lives that mission.



Dan Turney, Br. Stephen Casey and Joe Martinez at St. Mary's in Dum
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Brother Stephen Casey, CFC - Mission and Immersion Office

India was for me an experience of love I will never forget. Having the opportunity to be a part of this encounter opened up my eyes to seeing a new face of Edmund for our congregation. Meeting up with Christian Brothers and administrators of our schools from across the world showed me the great interest in keeping the vision and charism of Edmund Rice alive for future generations. This EREBB Congress in India was about making connections and working together beyond our individual schools to a network involved in liberation for all. We hope to build an education that installs in everyone everywhere the values of mercy and love. Stronger together would be a great slogan to sum up the week. I was proud to hear the story of Edmund played out in so many cultures and languages and yet share the common theme of justice for all. I accomplished my vision of learning more about the immersion programs run out of Kolkata and Asansol. I am looking forward to the day of returning to India with immersion groups so others can feel the same love and generosity that I felt from the Indian people.

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Brother Peter Zawot, CFC – Province Leadership Team Member

As I reflect back on the EREBB Congress, I realize I was part of a truly blessed experience. India, a land of extremes, and Kolkata in particular, stimulated (some would say assaulted) all of my senses. My immersion experience in Asansol let me experience the sincerity, humility and joy of the people. We were welcomed with enthusiasm and warmth and treated to many song and dance presentations depicting the diversity and richness of the local culture. To organize a gathering such as this congress is a phenomenal undertaking. It gave us the opportunity to meet so many people from different global settings, yet reaffirmed for me the unity we share through our connection to Blessed Edmund Rice. The congress provided the impetus and enthusiasm for continued and greater collaboration as well as the challenge of bringing the experience home and discovering and implementing ways to make EREBB flourish. I am grateful to the organizers and to our Indian hosts for expanding my horizons and challenging me to think more globally.

MEMORIAL MASS 2016

Cantwell HS, Los Angles, CA

Memories: "If any one faculty of our nature may be called more wonderful than the rest, I do think it is memory."—Jane Austen



(I to r) John (Conan "60) McCormack, Dave (Philip '59)Fontes, Wally (Bruno '58) Bench, Reno (Anthony '64) Frigo, Dick(Thomas '51) Hill, John (Patrick '58) Flynn and Father Mike Mandala S.J.

Together again at Cantwell High School we Edmundians gathered from parts of Southern California to commemorate our bond with Blessed Edmund Rice and the Monks, all of which becomes more meaningful as we grow older. The looks we give each other are softer; the handshakes are more firm; the smiles are more relaxed, and the chatter is more personal.

During the Mass of Commemoration of our Brothers and Edmundians, there is a certain realization that many of those mentioned are now a part of our most cherished memories. As names are mentioned, heads bob up and down in recognition, and a distant stare proves the strength of that memory.

The soft acoustic guitar and clear singing have us wandering back to the days when

we experienced the journey together as one family. The bond is still there as we take different roads in the "race."

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After Mass we all go to the students' cafeteria where several of the guys reminisce as to where they sat in that very same room as Cantwell students. Once again delicious food is at our disposal - all arranged by Edmundian Reno (Anthony '64) Frigo who is the "Man" in charge of organizing our reunions. Conversations abound and we are never at a loss for stories of "the good old days." Quite soon our spirits are reenergized to continue our good works in each of our communities.

The only element missing was a renewed discussion of "Who was older: Tom Perry or Angie Lynam?" (Blessing come in all forms!) Stories about the houses of formation and who had it "tougher." Stories about the missions are interlaced with laughter and



(I to r) Genaro Garcia (Asst. to the Principal/Guitarist), John McCormack, Dave Fontes, Wally Bench, Dick Hill, John Flynn and Father Mike Mandal S.J.

what was learned through hard work, sacrifice and dedication. A realization of how all of this shaped our lives became clear. It seems that the sentiment "I wouldn't trade that experience for all the money in the world," is felt by all - without a single word of it being said.

Parting is not easy. Lingering outside the cafeteria proves it. More last minute stories, more laughter and final, firm handshakes confirm this.

Once again I believe W.B. Yates very much sums up our feelings in his poetic vision:

Think where man's glory most begins and ends And say my glory was—I had such friends.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts forever. Edmundian John (Conan '60) McCormack

Mt. St. Francis, St. John's Newfoundland

On Thursday, October 6, 2014, Brothers, Edmundians and Associates gathered in the Marian Chapel of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, to celebrate our Memorial Mass remembering deceased Newfoundlanders who were Brothers, Edmundians, or Associates. During the Prayers of the Faithful, the names of the deceased members of the Edmund Rice Family were read out. The reading of the names brought back to those present the memories of those they had known as teachers, community members, and friends.

The celebrant for the Mass was Edmundian Father John (Daniel '79) Costello, assisted by Edmundian Father Cecil (Dominic '71) Critch, and the homilist was Edmundian Father Kevin (Berchmans '50) Molloy.

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First row: Br Bert Darcy, Br Gordon Bellows, Bill English, Arden Hall, Pete Oliver, Kevin Veitch, Ray O'Brien, Gerry Duggan, Rudy Singleton.

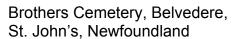
Second Row: Fr John Costello; Br Rick Fowler, Kevin Breen, Gerry Fallon, Bill Hurley (hidden), Br George Fitzpatrick, Fr Kevin Molloy, Malachy Mandeville, Br Bosco Wakeham, Br Harry French, Dave Dyer.

Third Row: Fr Cecil Critch, Dave Fowler, Harold Stapleton, Br Dave Murphy (hidden), Garry Bambrick, Tim Turner, Bill Hogan.



Participating in the liturgy were: (I to r): Brother Bert Darcy, organist, and the three readers - Edmundian Steve (Stephen '57) Fallon, Edmundian Garry (Cyril '61) Bambrick, and Brother Raphael

Bellows.





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West Park, New York

On September 24th, 2016, The Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased Brothers, deceased Edmundians and deceased Associates of Edmund Rice was celebrated at West Park, NY. It is always a special day for all who attended. The day was a beautiful fall day for the Mass and for the opportunity to visit the grave sites of the deceased Brothers.

Edmundian Rev. Stephen Norton presided at the Mass which was followed by a luncheon for over 170 people.

Present, besides the Brothers, Edmundians and family members of the deceased, were members of the Power Memorial Alumni Association.

Every year for the past 20 years this memorable event brings together Christian Brothers, Edmundians, Associates, friends and family members of the deceased men.







Santa Maria, West Park, NY

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Tampa Catholic, Tampa, Florida



Br. Chris Burns, Br. Bob Koppes, Br. Tom Draney, Jim Knowles, Bob Ciccone, Carol Carney, Br. Jim Van Koolbergen, Marilu McGoldrick, John McGoldrick, Fr. Jack Costello, Brian Lemoi, Br. Tim Smyth, Br. Dom Sanpietro

A small, but enthusiastic, group of 13 Brothers, Edmundians, and Associates gathered in the Chapel at Tampa Catholic on Saturday, October 22, 2016, to celebrate the lives of the deceased members of the North American Province. Edmundian Father Jack Costello ('69) was the celebrant as the group remembered Brothers, Edmundians, and Associates who had died since the previous year's gathering. Following the Mass the local community gathered all present into their recently acquired home across the street for dinner and lively conversation filled with memories.

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POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY GATES

West Park, New York

About six years, ago, someone found the front door gates from Power when they fronted the building on Amsterdam Ave.

They had been removed when the building was razed in 1984 and stored on a farm in upstate NY. When someone recognized what they were, the Power Memorial Alumni Association was contacted. At a board meeting, about four years ago, the Board agreed to accept the gates, restore them and find a place to have them installed.

On September 24, 2016, the Power Memorial Alumni joined the Edmundians and Associates for the annual West Park Mass. After Mass the front gates of Power Memorial (the gates that opened onto 10th Ave) were erected and blessed by Fr. Stephen Norton. These gates were take away shortly after the closing of Power in 1984 and found in 2015. When the alumni found the gates they asked the Province Leadership Team if they could have them placed on the grounds of the West Park cemetery. They surround a statue of Our Lady.



THESE GATES WERE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY AT AMSTERDAM AVENUE AND 61ST STREET, NEW YORK CITY 1931-1984 WE ARE NOW PLACING THEM HERE IN MEMORY OF THE BROTHERS WHO REST HERE AND SERVED AT POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY AND THE OTHER IRISH CHRISTIAN BROTHER SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK CITY PLACED HERE BY THE POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** SEPTEMBER 2016





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ASSOCIATES OF BLESSED EDMUND RICE Bonita Springs, FL



Standing (I to r): Mike Clukey, Bruce Fedor, Letitia Rubio-Vaughan, Br. Tim Smyth, Mary Ann Clukey, Br. Joe Payne

Seated (I to r): Br. Bob Koppes, Evelyn Fedor, Br. Tom Draney, Joe Gallagher, Rigo Rodriguz Photographer: Richard Vaughan

HOLY CROSS EX-PUPILS' ANNUAL DINNER

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

"We are one and all Crusaders"



Br. John Holden

Every year around the *Feast of The Holy Cross*, September 14th, Holy Cross expupils, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, gather for their annual reunion dinner. This year's event took place on Thursday, September 15th at the Knights of Columbus Centre on St. Clair Avenue, St. John's, with 170 ex-pupils in attendance. The evening began with emcee, Mr. Bill Stoyles, inviting all to stand and raise their voices in singing the beloved school song: *"We are one and all Crusaders."* This was followed by Brother John Buckingham, a former teacher at the school, praying a blessing upon the gathering and intoning the grace before meals. The emcee introduced the seven Christian Brothers in attendance, most of whom are ex-pupils, inviting each one to stand as he called their names: Brothers Harry French, George Fitzpatrick, Bosco Wakeham, Dave Murphy, Rick Fowler, John Buckingham, John

Holden and Edmundian, Fr. Kevin Molloy, who was introduced with the Brothers. There was a great sense of anticipation among the gathering when the chairman mentioned the work of Brother Bert Darcy who is in the process of completing the writing of his book on the history of Holy Cross. Its publication is anxiously awaited.

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It was a lively meeting of old classmates and friends, sharing stories of their school days. Holy Cross was always noted for its extraordinary school spirit. The fact that generations of 'West-Enders', now in their 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's, still gather annually to celebrate, especially given the fact that their revered high school burned to the ground in 1969, is most significant. The ex-pupils of St. Patrick's Hall and St. Bonaventure's, too, still hold their annual reunion dinners. St. Bon's is now a private Catholic school. Ex-pupils in recent years have erected beautiful reflective memorial monuments where Holy Cross School and St. Patrick's Hall once existed. The newer Holy Cross Junior High on Ricketts Rd. closed its doors this year, marking 126 years of the school's existence. Something truly extraordinary had happened in these schools of by-gone days.



Holy Cross School opened its doors as a branch-school on September 9, 1890, in what was called Riverhead, in the West End of St. John's. Brothers Alipius Conway, Columba Fennessey and Paul Brennan were members of its first faculty, with Brother Basil Fleming, Superior of Mt. St. Francis, as supervising principal. Brother Fleming was at the time also principal of St. Patrick's Hall, located in the then Benevolent Irish Society (B.I.S.) Building. A

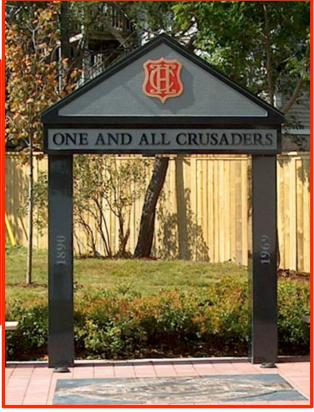


long and cherished history indeed! Let us always lift our voices and sing: "Holy

Cross our own dear school, we are your Crusaders, we fight for right, with all our might; we are one







Holy Cross Memorial, erected by the alumni and past pupils of Holy Cross, and standing at the site of the original Holy Cross on Patrick Street, St. John's, Newfoundland.

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IONA COLLEGE New Rochelle, NY

Plans for Iona's New School of Business Facility Announced

lona College has announced plans for a new facility for its AACSB-accredited School of Business, a

state-of-the-art academic building that will incorporate part of the existing Hagan Hall while

more than doubling the space for classrooms, lectures and faculty offices.

Architectural renderings and plans for the new building were shared this week with the campus community, neighbors and other members of

the New Rochelle community. The designs and plans grew out of numerous meetings with students, faculty, staff and alumni over the last year.

"Iona College is committed to providing an unmatched student experience and to remaining a center for cutting-edge opportunities," said President Joseph E. Nyre, Ph.D. "This is a transformational project incorporating the historic Hagan Hall into the new building and our future."

The facility will showcase the front of Hagan Hall, along with its iconic cupola, and will set it in an open glass atrium with views to the rest of campus. The atrium, or Grand Hall, will be a gathering space and a venue for larger events than can currently be accommodated elsewhere on campus. Along with state-of-the-art smart classrooms, case-study and breakout rooms, a business career center, quiet study space, and integrated faculty and administrative offices, the new structure will also feature an expanded and relocated LaPenta-Lynch Trading Floor, a School of Business centerpiece since it opened in October 2011. In all, the project will more than double the space available in the existing facility. The School of Business will be the first major academic building constructed in more than two decades).

The largest gift in the College's history, \$17.5 million from Trustee Robert V. LaPenta '67, '00H, will make possible this new academic building at lona. Mr. LaPenta, who announced a \$15 million gift to the College in November 2015, later added an additional \$2.5 million matching challenge to alumni of 1975-1995, all part of the College's historic \$150 million *lona Forever* campaign.

"I am proud to support Iona's mission of creating graduates who are smart, ethical, creative problem solvers," Mr. LaPenta said when announcing his gift. "My time at Iona prepared me well to be





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successful in business, and to positively impact businesses and the livelihoods of others. I believe this gift will enhance lona's strong business school performance and reputation well into the 21st century."

lona's Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the concept and design of the building at its meeting last month. No firm schedule for construction has been set; however, if fundraising remains strong and the approval process with the City of New Rochelle continues as scheduled, the goal is to begin construction in late spring followed by an 18-month build to have the complex open for the start of the 2018-2019 academic year.

The College is working with the design and architectural firm Gensler to plan the program and physical spaces of the new facility. "Business schools now need to train graduates for a workplace that is changing faster than ever before," said Mark Thaler, AIA, Gensler's education practice leader. "The new Iona School of Business will be a forward-thinking transformational educational structure that will prepare students for this landscape."

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HONORING:

The Iona College Pipe Band Past & Present Members as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary year

Joseph A. Cussen, CFC, '57

Mr. Jack J. Verrier '57, '09H (posthumously) and the Verrier family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016 6 P.M.

Wykagyl Country Club 1195 North Avenue New Rochelle, NY Cockfall Affire



"The new structure will serve as a central gathering place for the lona business school community and be a welcoming center for all students, alumni and the larger community," said Provost Vincent J. Calluzzo, Ph.D. "It will offer endless possibilities including interactive learning spaces, increased faculty-student engagement, cutting-edge technology and venues to host lectures and events."

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COLLEGE PIERRE TOUSSAINT GRADUATION

Sassier, Haiti



This year's graduates at College Pierre Toussaint in Sassier, Haiti (in the Diocese of Jérémie) proudly display their diplomas and medals.

Sponsored by the Office of Black Ministry of the Archdiocese of New York, *College Pierre Toussaint* was established in 2006 with only 56 seventh graders. Now the total enrollment exceeds 300 (grades 7 – 13). In this fourth graduation class (from Grade 13), there were 20 young ladies & 23 young men--the largest graduation class in the short history of CPT. They are now preparing for their National Exams, in order to gain entrance into the University, with its

various schools (including medicine, nursing, etc.). Brother Tyrone Davis, CFC, Director of the Office of Black ministry, for whom this project has been a labor of love, comments: Based upon past experiences, these grads will be wearing their medals at least throughout the week...and even as they go to sit for their national exams!!

Brother Bill Sherlog, CFC, attending World Youth Day 2016

This pilgrimage continues to be a great and uplifting experience. Tomorrow [today] we rise early. We walk 7 miles; camp out; and have a night of vigil before Mass with the Holy Father. His homily last night at opening ceremony [i.e. his arrival at WYD] was simple, deep, and challenging...PT Scholars in good form...morning catechesis was excellent...last afternoon was free for shopping, we had lunch and learned about Polish Haitians - for real!! Pray for us."





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Brother Bill Sherlog, CFC, at the Sea of Galilee and the Holy Wall in Jerusalem.

Brother Bill Sherlog, CFC, and 20 other Catholic School teachers from across the USA were guests of the American Defense League, Bearing Witness Program. He comments: We spent ten wonderful days in Israel. We visited the Holy Sites, learned more about Israeli-Palestinian relations and deepened our appreciation of Nostra Aetate.

Brother Bill teaches at Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx and is a catechist at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Harlem. He accompanied the New York Archdiocesan Office of Black Ministry delegation of Pierre Toussaint Scholars to World Youth Day in Poland.







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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The Jericho House Team:

Sister Jacquie Keefe, cssf, Brother Bill Carrothers, cfc

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ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Burbank, IL

St. Laurence Welcomes New Track and Field and Cross Country Coach



St. Laurence High School is excited to announce the hiring of our new track and field and cross-country coach, Darrell Reed. Darrell joins us from Lincoln-Way East High School, where he spent the last four years as associate head coach.

In addition to his high school experience, Darrell is heavily involved with USA Track and Field. Darrell is on the USATF Indiana Board of Directors and serves as their youth track and field chairperson. He also coached the Merrillville Track Club for 12 years, beginning in 2003.



Darrell

Reed

St. Laurence Announces Students of the Month

St. Laurence High School announced its Students of the Month for September.

Sophomore Carlos Cortez (Garfield Ridge, Michael M. Byrne), junior Gilberto Arreola (West Lawn, St. Bruno), senior Dennis McCarthy (Orland Park, St. Michael) and freshman Quinton Martin (Ashburn, Arthur Ashe Elementary School) were all recognized by their teachers for being academic leaders in the school community.

Each student received a \$10 gift card to the St. Laurence cafeteria for their hard work.



(I to r):Carlos Cortez, Gilberto Arreola, Dennis McCarthy, Quinton Martin

Lewis University Partnership

For the past two years, St. Laurence has partnered with Lewis University to provide dual enrollment opportunities for St. Laurence students. These courses are taught on-site at St. Laurence by Lewis professors.

To date, 41 St. Laurence students have taken a "Leaders in the Emerging Workforce" class from Lewis, and more will be enrolling in the course next spring. Students also took a Computer Coding course this fall, two of whom won the "Guardian of the Grid" competition. To read more, <u>click here</u>.

This Lewis University partnership is one of many ways St. Laurence is committed to providing unique opportunities in a project-based learning environment.

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Fall Sports Recap



The St. Laurence varsity football team advanced to the IHSA state playoffs for the third straight year, the first time this has happened since 2007-2009. The Vikings also captured their second straight Chicago Catholic League title for the first time since a string of four straight from 1982-85. They finished 6-3 during the regular season, and 2-1 in the Catholic League White. The Vikes open the IHSA state playoffs on Saturday night at Richards with a 5:00 p.m. kickoff. Come out and support the Vikings as they look to build upon last

year's semifinal appearance.

The soccer team wrapped up a phenomenal season with a heartbreaking OT loss in the Regional Championship. The Vikings finished 13-5-3 and won the Catholic League Green Division. The Vikes also captured the Consolation Championship of the Windy City Classic. The schedule was arguably the toughest in years, including competing against the top teams in the Catholic League, making the success even more impressive.

The golf and cross country teams also had seasons to be proud of. The golf team was competitive throughout the year. Matt Kozubowski and Angel Sandoval both advanced to the IHSA Sectional, where they fell just short of advancing down state. The cross-country team was comprised of all freshmen, but they steadily improved as the year went on. They finished second in the massive Savage Invite at Niles West. The young Vikes ran well at Regionals and the future is bright for the program.

Fall Student-Athlete Recognition

The success of the Viking teams this fall has unsurprisingly led to many individual accolades for our fall student-athletes.

Football

Deatt Ditteran	All Carafaranaa
Brett Bittner	All-Conference
Alec Freeman	All-Conference
Levy Hamer	All-Conference
Doug Kosch	All-Conference
Brett Ladewig	All-Conference
David Lox	All-Conference
Chris Negrete	All-Conference
Fayezon Smart	All-Conference

Soccer

Gilberto Arreola	All-Conference
Danny Arreola	All-Conference
Danny Garcia	All-Conference
Emilio Guzman	All-Conference
Dylan Terrell	All-Conference

Golf

Matt Kozubowski Sectional Qualifier Angel Sandoval Sectional Qualifier



IHSSCA All-Sectional

IHSSCA Honorable Mention All-Sectional

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Viking Pride Dinner 2016 Award Winners



2016 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Michael Baetzel ('97).	Football and Baseball
Vince Catalano ('00)	Bowling
Tim Cocco ('83)	Wrestling
Robert Froio ('07)	Basketball and Baseball
Robert Kenny ('72)	Wrestling
Coach Tom Mangan	Football
Ray Michuda ('79)	Football
Ed Quinn ('91)	Cross Country
John Wojcik ('88)	Football
Dan Wood ('07)	Football and Baseball

2016 Presidential Award Winners

Nick Meriggioli ('81) President of the Year Kevin Scanlan ('67) Professional of the Year Chris Tsakalakis ('85) Entrepreneur of the Year

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BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Bloomfield Hills, MI

BROTHER RICE GIVES BACK DURING ALL-SCHOOL SERVICE DAY

On Wednesday, October 12, 2016, Brother Rice students, faculty and parents participated in the 2016 Day of Service - a unique opportunity to serve the community and give public witness to faith.

On this important day, Brother Rice sent over 700 students, faculty and staff out into the Detroit area to serve those less fortunate in the community. It was a partnership with local charities, including Angels Place, Christ Child House, Gleaners Food Bank, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Paul of the Cross Retreat, and Mother and Unborn Baby Care. Students assisted with yard work, washed windows, painted, did spring cleaning, sorted food, made meals and generally pitched in as needed.

Christian Service is an essential element in the development of Brother Rice students. Every student performs a minimum of 20 Christian Service hours annually to fulfill the school's requirement, but once a year the entire school bands together, faculty and students, parents and friends, to share the collective service responsibilities to the local community.



Brother Rice students spend their day of service doing fall clean up at St. Paul of the Cross

Mr. Tom Reidy, Brother Rice High School President, explains the day as follows:

Brother Edmund Rice's mission was not only to educate the marginalized but to literally give to the poor in handfuls. We believe our mission is to develop our students into more complete men and helping them discover the importance of being generous and willing to share their gifts and love with others in need This outreach to the poor is an essential part of their education. That is why The Day of Service has become an important part of our school's culture.



Brother Rice Students help do a major cleanup at Christ Child House

Brother Rice students help pack food at Gleaners

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GUADALUPE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL Brownsville, TX



The 2016-2017 school year marks the 15th anniversary for Guadalupe Regional Middle School (GRMS), a tuition-free Catholic school in Brownsville, Texas, for boys and girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 who desire but cannot afford a Catholic education. To celebrate this milestone, GRMS is inviting the families of graduates and current students to celebrate 15 years of quality, Catholic education with its own Quinceañera, a tradition from Mexican culture usually celebrating a girl's fifteenth birthday and her transition from childhood to adulthood.

On January 7, 2017, GRMS will hold a special Quinceañera Catholic Mass with Bishop Daniel Flores. Immediately following the Mass, GRMS will host a party complete with typical Quinceañera presentations, dinner, dancing and more.

"We couldn't be more excited for this event," said Mr. Michael Motyl, President of the school. "We are inviting every graduate since the opening of the school. We'll be honoring their hard work and bringing everyone together around the GRMS mission."

Representatives from each of the 15 graduating classes will be invited to serve as Damas and Chambelanes, also traditional, to kick off an evening of dancing. GRMS is currently collecting photos from graduates at their own quinceañeras, proms or other celebrations to share as a running slideshow at the event.

"Every student or graduate who shows up that night is in for a surprise," said Karla Gutierrez, GRMS Advancement staff. "Our committee of parents is planning surprises to make grads and their families feel very special, because they truly are special to us."

Tickets for GRMS grads, students, and their families are on sale now at www.guadalupeprep.org. Profits raised will help fund scholarships for current or future students.



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Bench Dedication: In Memory of Mrs. Sandra Yturria



On Thursday, September 22, Guadalupe Regional Middle School (GRMS) unveiled a bench in memory of Mrs. Sandra Yturria, a long-time supporter of the school. The family of Mrs. Yturria was invited to campus for a blessing of the bench by Father Alex Flores as part of an annual gathering for the school's Tilma Leadership Circle, including the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Golden Jubilee - Brother Arthur Williams, CFC

Brother Arthur Williams, CFC, joined the Congregation of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers 50 years ago and is celebrating his Golden Jubilee this fall.

In those 50 years, he has influenced the lives of thousands of students and alumni from Boston, Massachusetts, to Brownsville, Texas. Williams worked in several high schools run by his congregation before coming to Guadalupe Regional Middle School (GRMS) when it opened in 2002, 15 years ago.

Williams entered the congregation on September 12, 1966. He graduated from Iona College in 1971, then began teaching at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, Massachusetts. He later received his MS from Northeastern University in 1977.

"Br. Arthur is a cornerstone of the GRMS community," said Michael Motyl, GRMS President. "Every Guadalupe student, every last one, has had him either as a math or science teacher. We look forward to celebrating throughout the

vear."

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NEW BOOK RELEASES



Brother David Gibson, CFC

I have self-published a book and wonder if it might be of use to the Brothers and associates in their work.

The book gives a contemporary understanding of Christianity and traces the transition we are undergoing from a faith based on dogma, devotion and regulation; to a faith based on personal experience, the gospel of Jesus and service.

The book is for everyone but especially for teachers and parents.

It is available on www.amazon.com



Ignacio Larrañaga

Edmundian David (Ambrose '50) Villecco

I spent three years in getting this published. This is one of the best books on Our Holy Mother Mary that I have ever read. My Mexican brother sent it to me in Spanish and I loved it. I looked for an English version and there was one but it was overpriced. At first I saw 80 dollars. (Now it's a bit lower but still high). So I resolved to translate it. Many problems dealing with the Chilean Capuchins. However, finally it is in print.

It is available on www.amazon.com

The Silence of Mary
by Ignacio Larranaga and Villecco David

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BATON ROUGE CLEANUP

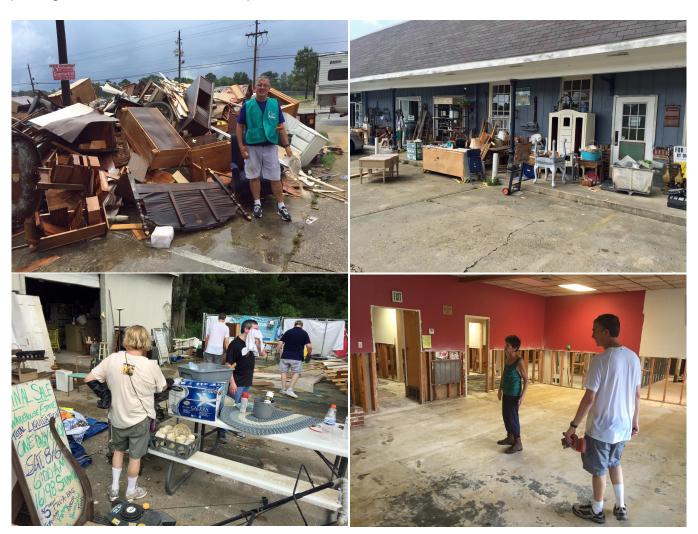
Baton Rouge, LA

On Saturday, August 27, 2016, Brother Sean Whitty (Christian Brothers New Orleans Community) along with a friend, Mr. Jorge Arzuaga from Argentina, went to Baton Rouge in a response to an invitation from the Director of Volunteers, Shannon Murphy, in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, to go and help people clean out their houses as a result of the recent flooding in Baton Rouge.

The day was spent at The Frances House which is a Centre for mentally challenged adults run by Miss Jo who is pictured in the photos. She was delighted that we all came to help move her furniture out of the warehouse which had been flooded with water. All the materials were placed in the garage as they had severe water damage.

She is an amazing lady, very positive, very bright and filled with zeal and energy. She told us that she made a commitment to these special-needs adults to continue offering a space for them and that she would do it no matter what.

The heat was overwhelming and the place a disastrous mess but the five men who were there were delighted to be of assistance to Miss Jo. We all agreed that we would return next week to continue to help her get back on track with her special adults.



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EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA Province Vocation News

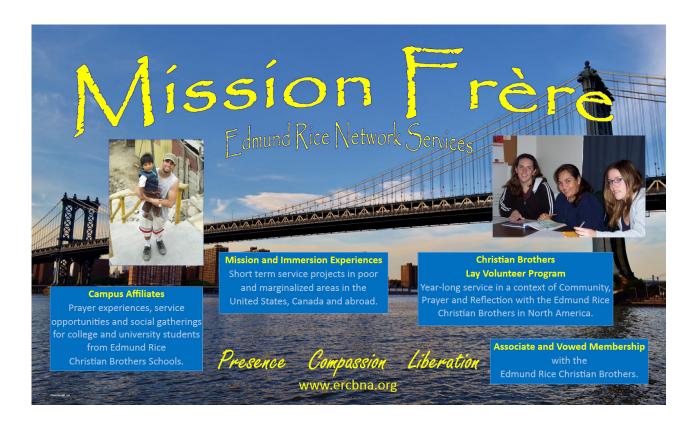
Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Tom Lesser and company, the new vocations website is up and running: www.erbrothers.org or www.cfcvocations.org

If you would be interested in helping to mentor interested candidates in your area, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Mr. Benny Rivera and I have scheduled a gathering of Edmund Rice alums who attend DePaul University in Chicago. In particular and in cooperation with the Director of Campus Ministry, Amanda Thompson, a personal invitation will be send to Freshmen alums.

Brother Jim Hamilton sent us a large number of pictures taken in Bonita Springs during one of the immersion experiences this summer – a welcome contribution to the "pool" of pictures that we can use on the website, in newsletters and e-mail blasts. In our efforts to reach out to prospective candidates via "Constant Contact," we need more pictures from around the province to produce quality e-mail blasts. Please forward any pictures you may have to bromaccfc@yahoo.com to help us expand our library.

Brothers John Casey and Charles Avendano have speaking roles in a three-minute Vocation Video that was produced in New Orleans: https://vimeo.com/119726114 password [vocations].



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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 The men the education. 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 dedication necessary to live a life of consecrated celibacy and who, through vows of poverty and obedience, place talents. their gifts, 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: Brother Jim McDonald, C.F.C. 815.272.7742 bromaccfc@yahoo.com



Being a Brother is a rich and fulfilling way to live.

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