



EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA

Province News

*Cast all your cares into the arms of Divine Providence"
Blessed Edmund Rice*



Prayer of Thanks for Blessed Edmund Rice

O God, we thank you for the life of Edmund Rice.

He opened his heart to Christ present in those oppressed by poverty and injustice.

May we follow his example of faith and generosity.

Grant us the courage and compassion of Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Compassion and liberation
in the spirit of
Jesus and Edmund

Founder's Day



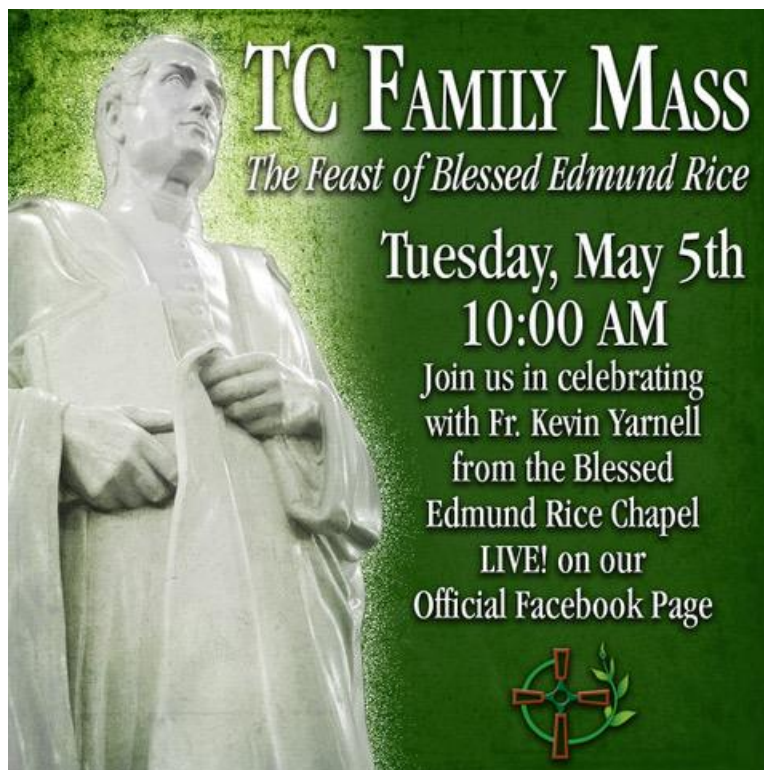
Br. Kevin Griffith

The Province Leadership Team invites all of our readers to join with us in the annual May 5th celebration of the Feast Day of our beloved Founder, Blessed Edmund Rice. Below is a link to Brother Kevin Griffith's (Province Leader) Founder's Day video message to our Brothers and all in the North American Edmund Rice Network.

<https://youtu.be/NRSupILrXVQ>

Tampa Catholic Family Mass for the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice

All members of the Edmund Rice Network are invited to join with the Tampa Catholic Community as they celebrate the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. Join the celebration by tuning into the Tampa Catholic Facebook page on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. See notice and link below.



<https://bit.ly/2UPmKVU>

Announcements / Appointments

All Hallows High School in the Bronx, NY will soon be starting major renovations to the structure of the school building, the roof and the Christian Brothers residence. This work will require that the Brothers be moved temporarily to other Christian Brother residences in the NY/NJ area. As such, the PLT has made the following temporary assignments for the upcoming year:



- Brother Gabriel Dunbar - CB - East Harlem Community



- Brother Chuck Haynes - St Joseph's Residence Community



- Brother Gennaro Sullo - Bergen Catholic Community

- Brother Bosco Martin - CB - East Harlem Community

- Brother Bob Moran - CB - East Harlem Community



The PLT has reappointed Brother Joe Payne as the community leader of the CB - Miami community in Miami, FL for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2020. We thank Joe for his generosity in accepting this reappointment.

Br. Joe Payne



The PLT has assigned Bro. Jim Hamilton to the Santa Maria Community in West Park, NY so that he can be closer to his aging mother in Rochester, NY. Jim will be seeking ministry in the West Park area. This new assignment will take effect July 1, 2020.

Br. Jim Hamilton



The PLT has granted a half-year sabbatical to Bro. Raymond Vercruysse who will participate in the Ministry to Ministers Sabbatical Program at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX this fall. As of July 1, 2020, Raymond will take up residence at Bergen Catholic in Oradell, NJ.



Br. Ray Vercruysse



Congratulations to Brother Dennis Gunn (Iona College Community) whose book: *Educating for Civil Dialogue in an Age of Uncivil Discourse* was recently published in the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom. Copies are available on Amazon. Please see link below.

Br. Dennis Gunn

<https://www.routledge.com/Educating-for-Civil-Dialogue-in-an-Age-of-Uncivil-Discourse/Gunn/p/book/9780367433536>



School Leadership Virtual Meeting



Maureen Kiers

The annual School Leaders Meeting originally scheduled for April 20 - 23 was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Instead, Maureen Kiers and the Office of Educational Services arranged for a Zoom conference call for the school leaders. Presentations were made by Brother Kevin Griffith (Province Report), Maureen Kiers (OES Update) and Frank Colucci (Christian Brothers Support Finance Report). School leaders had the opportunity to ask questions and to share their local experiences during these challenging times.

A note of thanks goes out to Mr. Tom Reidy and the Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills, MI school community who had planned to host the original meeting. The school leaders celebrated their colleagues, Brother Dennis Dunne (Palma School), Maureen Kiers (OES) and John Nixon (Vancouver College) who will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We also welcomed Cristiana Ritchie-Carter who will begin her new role as the Director of OES on July 1, 2020. All were reminded of the feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice, May 5th, and were encouraged to find ways to celebrate virtually with their school communities.



**Br. Dennis
Dunne**



**Mr. John
Nixon**

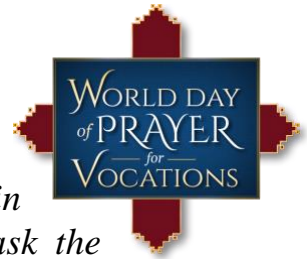


**Cristiana
Ritchie-Carter**



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

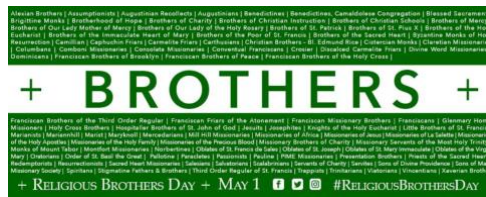
This year's annual *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* will take place on May 3, 2020. Pope Francis' 2020 message to the faithful reads in part:



“Dear Friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say ‘yes’ to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.”

Let us all join in praying with Pope Francis for religious vocations, especially to our own Christian Brotherhood.

Religious Brothers Day 2020



Religious Brothers Day, annually celebrated on May 1, brings together all members of the Church to celebrate the life and vocation of the Religious Brother and to honor the important role Religious Brothers play. This year for the first time Religious Brothers Day was celebrated *Virtually*. On May 1, 2020 over 100 Brothers came together in a coordinated Zoom Conference to pray and reflect about what it means to be a Brother in the world today. The Zoom call was organized by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the Brothers Think Tank and the organizing committee for Religious Brothers Day.

On the first Religious Brothers Day, Pope Francis expressed his wish that Religious Brothers Day would allow brothers to share **“their prophetic testimony to evangelical fraternity and ecclesial communion,”** and that it would **“act as a leaven for the renewal of the Church in America and the building up of an ever more just society, respectful of the dignity and aspirations of all God’s children.”**

A video is available of this celebration. Click the link: <https://youtu.be/ArRv2HCV4MQ>

Calendar of Events

May 03, 2020	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 04, 2020	PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ
May 05, 2020	Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice
May 11, 2020	PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ



Please Pray For

- All of our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence and in other care facilities throughout North America and the Congregation, and their courageous caregivers.
- All members of the global Edmund Rice Network.
- All those who have been most impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.
- Fr. Frank Morrissey, OMI, as he is being treated for cancer.

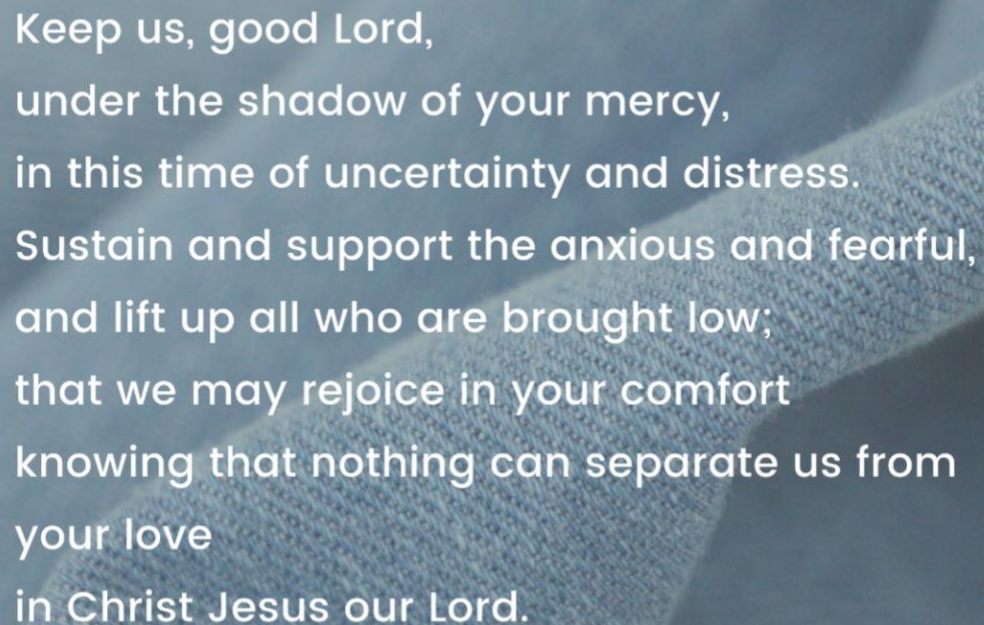


The Repose of the Soul of ...

- † Mrs. Kath Dowling, mother of Brother Peter Dowling (CLT member).
- † Mrs. Angeline DeLorenzo, mother of Brother Eugenio DeLorenzo (CB-East Harlem Community)
- † Edmundian Robert (Kevin '64) Rumsey.
- † Edmundian James (Timothy '58) Minihan.
- † Edmundian Msgr. Thomas J. (Jerome '47) Monahan.
- † Edmundian Rev. John George (Christopher '59) Barwin
- † Mary Samuel, wife of Edmundian David (Paul '62) Samuel.
- † Mrs. Shirley Lavorato, longtime benefactor and supporter of Palma School.



PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy,
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from
your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.