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

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A Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all,
thank you for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy your creation.

Thank you for the increased time I have
to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am
or what I am doing.

Warm my soul
with the awareness of your presence
and light my path
with your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy your creation,
create in me a pure heart
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

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Current Events



As our world continues to respond to the many challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Province Leadership Team is conscious of the impact that COVID-19 has had on our North American Edmund Rice Network. As such, we are most grateful to our school leaders for their innovation and creativity in ensuring that the students in our schools would continue to be educated via distance learning and that our graduates would experience a meaningful conclusion to their time in our schools throughout the province.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of those who have lost loved ones to the virus and we pray for a vaccine that can help tame the spread of COVID-19.

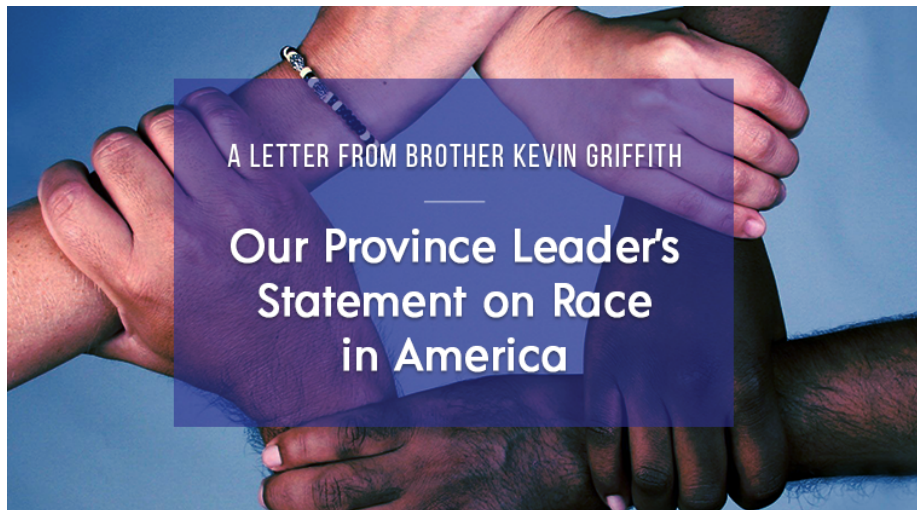
Prayer for the end of COVID-19 Pandemic ...

*Merciful Heavenly Father,
You show Your love to all of Your creation. Keep
us under the shadow of your mercy. Lord, sustain
and support the anxious, be with those who care
for the sick and lift up all who are brought low.
We come before you asking for a cure for
COVID-19, currently ravaging our world.
We pray that an effective medicine to combat the
sickness be speedily found. We pray that relevant
Health Authorities and Governments may take appropriate
steps for the common good of all people. Look upon us in your mercy
and grant our prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen*




Br. Kevin Griffith

In recent weeks, racial injustices toward people of color in the United States have led to both domestic and global protests demanding just and fair treatment for people of color. The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province stands in solidarity with all those seeking to bring about racial justice in our society. Below is a link to a letter sent to all in our North American Edmund Rice Network by our Province Leader, Brother Kevin Griffith.



http://ercbna.org/Christian_Brothers.php?op=Article_Pentecost+Sunday+Letter



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness,
no thought of ours is left unnoticed,
no desire or concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound
when we fall on our knees in prayer,
and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice,
we hear your voice telling us what is required . . .
*"Only to do justice and to love goodness,
and to walk humbly with your God"* (Mi 6:8).

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn,
may be merciful to others.

Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism
so that we may seek peace and justice
in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts
so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will.

Flood our path with your light
as we walk humbly toward a future
filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts,
for only by the prompting of your grace
can we progress toward virtue.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Transition to New Leadership

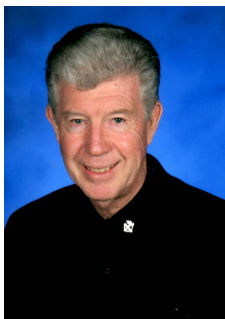
The current PLT of Brothers Kevin Griffith, Michael Colasuonno, Sean Moffett, Raymond Vercruysse, Peter Zawot and Peter O'Loughlin will complete their term of service to the Province on July 14, 2020. We thank these brothers for their dedicated commitment in being of service to our Brothers, our ministries, our North America Edmund Rice Network, our Church and our society. We particularly thank Michael Colasuonno and Raymond Vercruysse as they move on to new ventures and new phases in their lives.



**Br. Kevin Griffith,
Province Leader**



**Br. Michael Colasuonno,
Deputy Province Leader**



**Br. Sean Moffett,
Councilor**



**Br. Ray Vercruysse
Councilor**



**Br. Peter Zawot,
Councilor**



**Br. Peter O'Loughlin,
Councilor**

The changes in Province Leadership have necessitated changes in the Trustee/Members of the Corporation of our nine separately incorporated schools, as well as in several other civil corporations that support our work throughout of the Province. These changes have already been shared with our school leaders and corporate partners.

Soon, all Brothers will be receiving the following documents from Brother Kevin Griffith regarding the transition from the current PLT to the new PLT:

- 1) A cover letter regarding the transitions.
- 2) A copy of the **North American PLT Model**, beginning July 14, 2020.
- 3) A copy of the 2020-2022 **Visitation** schedule, beginning July 14, 2020.
- 4) A copy of the **Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province: Sustainable Business Model for Corporate Entities**, beginning July 14, 2020
- 5) A copy of a **Virtual Commissioning Service** for the new PLT to be used in communities across the Province on July 14, 2020.



Br. Mike Segvich

In our next issue of the **Province News**, we will say more about the new PLT, including a warm welcome to Brother Michael Segvich.

Recent Cancellations



Br. Steve Casey

In conjunction with Brother Steve Casey and the Latin American Region, all Province sponsored immersions in Lima, Peru have been cancelled until January of 2022. Similarly, Province sponsored immersions in Brownsville, Texas have been cancelled until November of 2021. We regret having to take these steps, but we are confident that once the coronavirus pandemic lets up

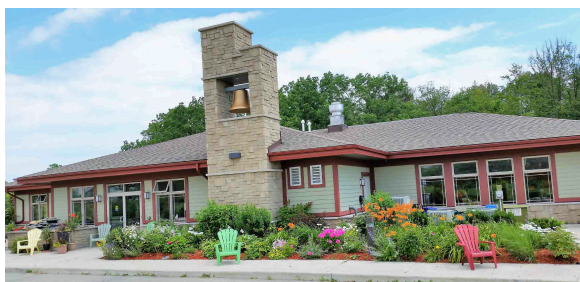
these wonderful programs will be back up and running.

Brownsville, Texas



Lima, Perú





The annual Ecology Retreat at Jericho House in Ontario, Canada that had been scheduled for this July has been canceled due to COVID-19.

The Annual Mass for Deceased Brothers, Edmundians and Associates scheduled to take place on September 19, 2020 in West Park, NY has been canceled out of caution and for safety reasons due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please mark your calendar for September 25, 2021 when the next Mass will take place.



Christian Brothers cemetery, West Park, New York

SOAR Grant



The Christian Brothers Foundation has secured a \$25,000 grant from SOAR – Support Our Aging Religious. This grant will be used to purchase new hospital beds for Saint Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY. We thank Colleen Noonan, Director of CBF for her diligence in securing this Grant. We pray for all those generous benefactors who make a SOAR Grant possible.



**Ms. Colleen
Noonan**

A Tribute to Brother Denis Crimmins, CFC, RIP



Br. Denis
Crimmins, RIP

Brother Daniel Denis Crimmins is memorialized each year with a gathering of friends who came to know him through *Reaping the Harvest*, his ministry to migrant workers and families in the mid-Hudson Valley of New York State. Due to COVID-19 things had to be different this year. Deirdre and Kenny Gould explain:

“We did honor Brother Dan with the scholarship presentations - we did a caravan of 25 cars which drove to farms where the migrants labor! Balloons and flowers and posters and streamers made it special. And we concluded our route in West Park in the Cemetery, praying and singing (six feet apart) and even laughing, remembering funny things he said and did. We miss him. We hope we can get together next year for a real celebration.”

The photos below are of young people who have received school scholarships in Denis’ memory.



Zoom Calls for School Leaders

This year's annual school leaders meeting, for Presidents, Principals, Board Chairs and Sponsor Councils, was held on April 21 by way of a Zoom conference. In addition to this meeting, Maureen Kiers, OES Director, arranged for a number of other Zoom meetings for school administrators. The meetings gave participants the opportunity to share ideas and strategies for continuing to provide quality Catholic education as each school moves into its new reality during these challenging and uncertain times.

Calendar of Events

June 22, 2020	Budget Meeting with Province Treasurers (ZOOM).
June 24, 2020	PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ
June 25, 2020	CLT Meeting with Province and Region Leaders (ZOOM)
June 27, 2020	Vow Renewal - Brother Rob Droel – Madison, MS
June 29, 2020	PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ
June 29, 2020	Advocacy Committee on Race Meeting (ZOOM)
July 06, 2020	Corporate Meetings for Leadership Transitions (Conference Call)
July 07, 2020	PLT Briefing in Elizabeth, NJ
July 13, 2020	Last PLT Briefing of Current Team
July 14, 2020	Virtual Commissioning Service and Installation of New PLT (Virtual)



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.
- Mr. Tom Gambardella, Edmundian '76 recovering from recent surgery.
- Mr. Harry Weigand, Edmundian '43.
- Mr. Kevin Flaherty, brother of Brother Jack Flaherty (Mt. Sion Community), recovering from recent surgery.
- Mr. Liam O'Loughlin, father of Brother Peter O'Loughlin (Mt. Sion Community) who has heart valve surgery on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.
- Edmundian Michael ('74) Horan and his wife Patricia for health challenges they are facing.



The Repose of the Soul of ...



- † Brother Dave Murphy, St. John's, NL
- † Brother Paul Hennessy, New Rochelle, NY
- † Brother Leo Shea, FMS, founding President of Guadalupe Regional Middle School, Brownsville, Texas
- † Mr. Giuseppe Bevacqua, father of Mr. Johnny Bevacqua, Principal of Vancouver College in Vancouver, BC.
- † Margaret Peterson, mother of Edmundian Dennis (Joseph '76) Peterson.