

Assignments /Appointments/ Announcements



Br. Ed Bergeron

The PLT has assigned Brother Ed Bergeron to Comunidad Juan Diego in Brownsville, TX, effective July 1, 2021. Ed will take on the role of President of the Guadalupe Regional Middle School, effective September 1, 2021.



Br. Spencer Tafuri

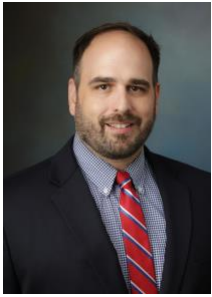
The PLT has assigned Brother Spencer Tafuri to the Tampa Catholic Community in Tampa, FL, effective July 1, 2021. Spencer will be in ministry at Tampa Catholic High School.



**Saint John Parish Church,
North Charleston**

With the transfer of Ed and Spencer to new communities and ministerial assignments, Brother Kevin Griffith (Province Leader) has informed Bishop Robert Guglielmone that the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province will be formally withdrawing from ministry at Saint John Parish in the Diocese of Charleston, SC, effective July 31, 2021. We thank Spencer, Ed and all those brothers who ministered in North Charleston these past twenty-four years for their steadfast commitment to the greater North Charleston community. Attached, please find a heartfelt letter from

Ed Bergeron to the people of the parish announcing our departure. We offer Ed and Spencer our prayerful support during this time of transition, and we offer our prayers and blessings to all at St. John's Church as our Brothers take their leave.



**Mr. Michael
Motyl**

The PLT thanks Mr. Michael Motyl for his many years of service as President of the Guadalupe Regional Middle School in Brownsville, TX. We offer Michael our prayerful support as he moves to full-time ministry as President of Saint Joseph's Academy in Brownsville.



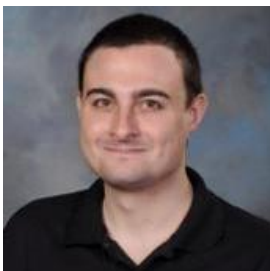
Br. Jim DePiro

The PLT has assigned Brother Jim DePiro to the Christian Brothers-Miami Community in Miami, FL effective July 1, 2021. Jim will minister at the St. Mary's Cathedral School as part of our Mission Frère-Miami initiative. We thank Jim for his many years of service in a variety of roles at St. Mary's Academy in Roseau, Dominica and we offer him our prayerful

support as he transitions to Miami.



Vow Renewal



Br. Robert Droel

The PLT has approved Brother Robert Droel's (CB - Madison, MS Community) request to renew his annual vows as a Christian Brother on June 01, 2021. We offer Rob our prayerful support as he continues to journey with us in Brotherhood.



**CB-Madison Community
House**

Student Leadership ACTION Workshop



The 2020-2021 Student Leadership ACTION Workshop took place virtually on April 22nd and April 23rd via ZOOM. The two-day event was sponsored by the Province Office of Educational Services and the ACTION Team. This year's program focused on telling the story of each participating school and on a particular advocacy project relative to the school. Please click below to be connected to the link highlighting each school's submission.

http://ercbna.org/Christian_Brothers.php?op=Article_Action+Workshop+2021

Advocacy in Action

In April, the Archdiocese of Chicago brought together representatives from 25 Catholic High Schools to address racial inequalities in response to last summer's murder of George Floyd and its aftermath. Click on the below link to view the recent article that appeared in *Chicago Catholic* - Newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Featured in the article is a “jamboard” created by Brother Rice High School (Chicago) to visually express what they need to do to improve racial inequality in their school. Saint Laurence High School in Burbank, IL also participated in this advocacy initiative. We congratulate both schools on their commitment to racial equality.



<https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2021/04/21/catholic-high-school-students-address-racial-inequity>

The Spirituality of Advocacy



Br. Philip Pinto

Please click on the below link to view Brother Philip Pinto's (former Congregation Leader) presentation on the Spirituality of Advocacy. Philip's presentation which took place on April 22, 2021 was sponsored by Edmund Rice International in Geneva.



<https://youtu.be/v5My5Al5HsE>

Canadian Advocacy



On April 21, 2021, the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province added our support to Canada's Federal Bill C-15 on Indigenous Rights at the urging of the Canadian Religious Conference. Please click on the below link for a detailed account of this Bill and its advocacy for the rights of Canada's Indigenous People.



<https://crc-canada.org/en/crc-supports-bill-c15/>

LAMA News



To view the latest news from our Latin America Mission Area, please visit the LAMA website at:

<https://www.edmundorice.net/>

<https://www.edmundorice.net/en/>

Virtual Immersion in Lima, Peru

The following schools have held virtual immersions in Lima, Peru since our last Province News: St. Laurence High School in Burbank, IL and St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, BC.



Office of Educational Services



The Province Office of Educational Services is seeking a full-time educator to take on the role of Associate Director. Attached, please find an advertisement detailing this role.



Religious Brothers Day

Alexian Brothers | Assumptionists | Augustinian Recollects | Augustinians | Benedictines | Benedictines, Camaldolese Congregation | Blessed Sacrament | Brigittine Monks | Brotherhood of Hope | Brothers of Charity | Brothers of Christian Instruction | Brothers of Christian Schools | Brothers of Mercy | Brothers of Our Lady Mother of Mercy | Brothers of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary | Brothers of St. Patrick | Brothers of St. Pius X | Brothers of the Holy Eucharist | Brothers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary | Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis | Brothers of the Sacred Heart | Byzantine Monks of Holy Resurrection | Camillian | Capuchin Friars | Carmelite Friars | Carthusians | Christian Brothers - Bl. Edmund Rice | Cistercian Monks | Claretian Missionaries | Columbians | Comboni Missionaries | Consolata Missionaries | Conventual Franciscans | Crosier | Discalced Carmelite Friars | Divine Word Missionaries | Dominicans | Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn | Franciscan Brothers of Peace | Franciscan Brothers of the Holy Cross |

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Franciscan Brothers of the Third Order Regular | Franciscan Friars of the Atonement | Franciscan Missionary Brothers | Franciscans | Glenmary Home Missioners | Holy Cross Brothers | Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God | Jesuits | Josephites | Knights of the Holy Eucharist | Little Brothers of St. Francis | Marianists | Mariannhill | Marist | Maryknoll | Mercedarians | Mill Hill Missionaries | Missionaries of Africa | Missionaries of Jesus | Missionaries of La Salette | Missionaries of the Holy Apostles | Missionaries of the Holy Family | Missionaries of the Precious Blood | Missionary Brothers of Charity | Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity | Monks of Mount Taber | Montfort Missionaries | Norbertines | Oblates of St. Francis de Sales | Oblates of St. Joseph | Oblates of St. Mary Immaculate | Oblates of the Virgin Mary | Orlatorians | Order of St. Basil the Great | Pallotine | Paracletes | Passionists | Pauline | PIME Missionaries | Presentation Brothers | Priests of the Sacred Heart | Redemptorists | Resurrectionists | Sacred Heart Missionaries | Salesians | Salvatorians | Scalabrinians | Servants of Charity | Servites | Sons of Divine Providence | Sons of Mary Missionary Society | Spiritans | Stigmatine Fathers & Brothers | Third Order Regular of St. Francis | Trappists | Trinitarians | Viatorians | Vincentians | Xaverian Brothers

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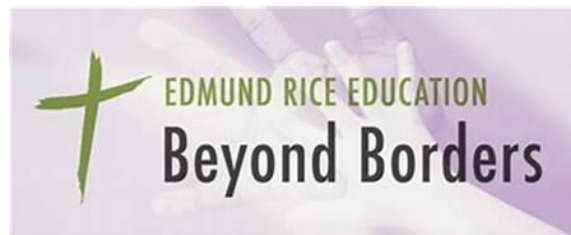


**Br. Peter
O'Loughlin**

The fifth Annual Religious Brothers Day took place virtually on May 1, 2021. More than 177 Religious Brothers and invited guests from around the world participated. Brother Peter O'Loughlin from the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province served as chair for the event. Please click on the below link to view the program in its entirety.

<http://religiousbrothers.org/virtual2021/>

Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders



Please click on the below link to view a reflection entitled: *True North Reflections: Towards a Vision for Catholic Education and the Spiritual Journey*. The reflection is sponsored by Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders and it focuses on authenticity in mission.

<https://educationbeyondborders.net/2021/03/31/authenticity-in-mission/>

St. Thomas More Collegiate 60th Anniversary



On May 15, 2021, St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, BC celebrated its 60th Anniversary of educating the minds and hearts of the young in the greater Vancouver area. The virtual event was entitled: *A Celebration of STMC – 60 Years of Teaching, Learning and Service*. We congratulate all who have contributed to STMC's success these past sixty years, and we ask God's continued blessings on the STMC family community. Please click on the below link to view the festivities.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5_bJVTdVNw



Laudato Si' Week 2021



Laudato Si' Week 2021 will be celebrated May 16 - 24. This year's theme focuses on the very positive message: **"For we know that things can change."** (LS 13) Laudato Si' Week celebrates the steps that the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. This year, it will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and how we might prepare for the future with hope. Click on the below link to view the events of the week.

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>

Jericho House Ecology Retreat

The tenth annual Jericho House Ecological Retreat will take place from August 08 - 14, 2021 at Jericho House in Wainfleet, ON. Please see the attached brochure for details.



Attachments

1. Letter regarding withdrawal from ministry in North Charleston, SC.
2. Office of Educational Services – Associate Director advertisement.
3. Jericho House Ecological Retreat Brochure.

CALENDAR of Events

Calendar of Events

May 19, 2021 Congregation Leadership Group ZOOM.
May 25, 2021 Brothers Think Tank Meeting via ZOOM.
May 27, 2021 Westcourt Corporation Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.
June 01, 2021 Brother Robert Droel - Vow renewal in Madison, MS.
June 02, 2021 Archdiocese of Boston- Virtual Meeting of Major Superiors.
June 05, 2021 World Environment Day.
June 06, 2021 Initial Formation Reflection Day via ZOOM.
June 21, 2021 Meeting of Province Treasurers via ZOOM.
June 22 - 25, 2021 PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ.

Please Pray For

- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and other care facilities across the Province.
- Brother Ross Wielatz (Comunidad Juan Diego, Brownsville, TX), recovering from recent surgery.
- Brother Michael Binkley, as he continues to recover from a series of recent surgeries at the Cabrini Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY.
- Brother Richard DeMaria, as he has now entered hospice care at the St. Cabrini Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY.
- Barbara Colford Connors, sister of Brother Bill Colford (Africa), as she recovers from surgery.
- Brother Buddy Bechner (Iona Prep Community) as he addresses recent health concerns.
- Stephen Samp, brother of Brother Sebastian Samp (St. Damien Community, Honolulu, HI) as he continues to battle cancer.



Repose of the Soul of ...

- † Mr. Desmond Kyne, Edmund Rice Icon artist, who died recently in the United Kingdom.
- † Edmundian Michael (1983) Aman.
- † Edmundian Frank (Antonio '56) Isgro.





In Memory of Mr. Desmond Kyne Edmund Rice Icon Artist

