

# Province News

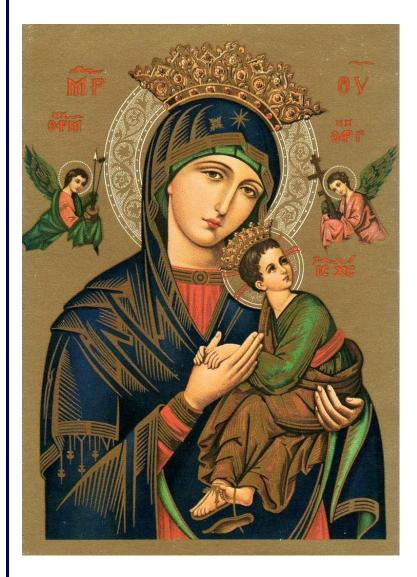


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# Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help June 27



Oh, Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary.

What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help.









The Province Leadership Team wishes all of our readers a blessed Canada Day on July 1st. Canada Day commemorates the anniversary of the Constitution Act which consolidated three territories into the single nation of Canada in 1867.

Likewise, we wish all a blessed Independence Day in the United States on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Independence Day commemorates the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

### Assignments/Appointments/Announcements



Mr. Chris Dalman

The Sponsor Counsel of Palma School in Salinas, CA has reappointed Mr. Chris Dalman as President of Palma for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2021.





The PLT welcomes Brother Prince Bai Tarawalie to our Province as he commences studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. Prince, a member of our African Province, is from Makeni City, Sierra Leone. At Iona, Prince will be pursuing a Master's Degree in Science Education with a focus on Educational Leadership and Supervision.



Br. Kiril Cavet

Congratulations to Brother Anthony Kiril Cavet (Catholic Memorial Community in West Roxbury, MA) on his recent induction into the National Speech and Debate Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2021. Kiril has coached speech and debate in numerous schools during the course of his more than fifty-year career as a coach and mentor.





St. Cabrini Nursing Home Dobbs Ferry, NY

While remaining a member of the St. Joseph's Residence Community in New Rochelle, NY, Brother Kevin Barry will now officially reside at the St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, effective June 19, 2021.



**Br. Kevin Barry** 

### 2021 Golden Jubilees



Br. Pat Varilla





Br. Joe Morgan

Congratulations to our 2021 Golden Jubilarians – Brother Patrick Varilla (87<sup>th</sup> Street Community in Burbank, IL) and Brother Joe Morgan (Iona College Community in New Rochelle, NY). Pat will celebrate at Brother Rice High School in Chicago, IL on July 24, 2021. The date for Joe's celebration has not yet been set.

#### **Vow Renewal**



Brothers Ted Dausch, Rob Droel and John Brennan

Congratulations to Brother Robert Droel who renewed his Annual Vows as a Christian Brother on June 1, 2021 (the birthday of Blessed Edmund Rice) during a communal ceremony in Madison, MS.



Br. Rob Droel

#### **Initial Formation Reflection Day**



Br. Rob Droel



Br. Ted Dausch



**Br. Michael Segvich** 



Br. Alberto Llanos

On Sunday, June 6, 2021 Brothers Robert Droel, Jorge Tavera, Alberto Llanos, Ted Dausch, Ed Bergeron and Michael Segvich came together virtually to participate in the second Initial Formation Reflection Day. The gathering was led by Formation Director, Bro. Peter O'Loughlin. The Retreat was focused on a recently received prayer service by Brother Sunil Brito: *Abide*. The prayer service and discussion that followed centered

around hope and the joy of the Resurrection, particularly during these difficult times of the pandemic. Each member of the group spoke from his heart and shared what it means to be a Resurrection person during times of doubt and struggle. Another Reflection Day is being planned for September.



Br. Jorge Tavera



**Br. Ed Bergeron** 



Br. Peter O'Loughlin

#### **News from St. Thomas More Collegiate**



**Ms. Dianne Doyle** 

Please click on the below link to view a statement from St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, BC regarding Residential Schools and STMCs commitment to truth and reconciliation. We commend Dianne Doyle (President of STMC) and Mr. Stephen Garland (Principal of STMC) for taking this courageous action, and we offer our support.



Mr. Stephen Garland



https://stthomasmorecollegiate.ca/announcement/exploring-truth-reconciliation/

Please see the attachments to view a "Message of Gratitude" from STMC on the schools recently held 60th Anniversary.

#### Canadian Advocacy - Bill C-15

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament, 69 Elizabeth II. 2020

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

**BILL C-15** 

An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

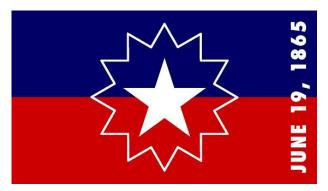
FIRST READING, DECEMBER 3, 2020

On June 3, 2021, the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province once again added our support of Bill C-15, an Act respecting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Please click on the below link to view the letter that was sent to Senator Marc Gold, Leader of the Government in the Senate, in Ottawa, ON.

https://www.faithinthedeclaration.ca/

#### **Juneteenth**

On June 17, 2021, US President, Joseph R. Biden, signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, making it a federal holiday to be held each year on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of African-American slaves and is a day to celebrate African-American culture. Let us continue to pray and advocate for antiracism in all forms in our society.



#### LAMA News



The Religious Formation Conference (USA) will be hosting a virtual life commitment program entitled Compromiso de Vida from July 25-30, 2021 in Spanish. We are happy to announce that Brother Jorge Tavera from our LAMA will be a participant. For details of the program, please click on the below link.



Br. Jorge Tavera

https://www.relforcon.org/compromiso-de-vida-rfc

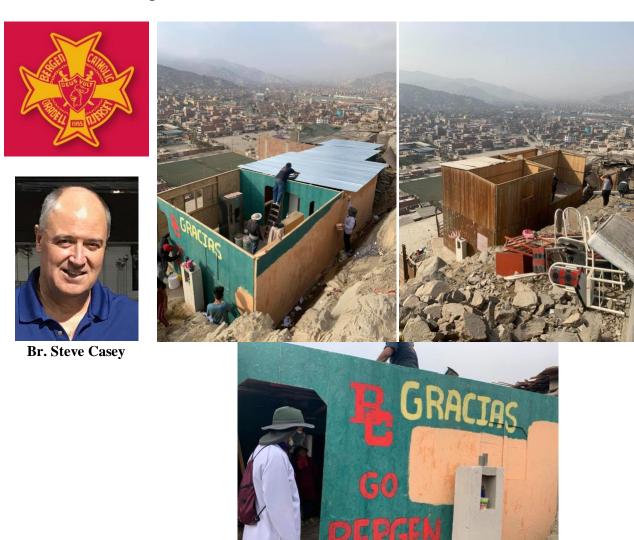
The LAMA will hold its annual meeting of Community Leaders from July 25-27, 2021. This will be a ZOOM meeting.

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 Immersions in Lima, Peru

Since the time of our last Province News, Bergen Catholic H. S. in Oradell, NJ has participated in a virtual immersion experience in Lima, Perú.



Various photos of the house that Bergen Catholic helped to build in Lima, Perú

This November (2021), under the direction of Brother Steve Casey, the Province immersion program will resume with offering immersion experiences in Brownsville, TX for Province schools. Likewise, in January of 2022, live immersions in Lima, Perú will also resume.

Please see the attachments for an overview of immersions in both Brownsville and Lima.

#### **Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders**



Mrs. Maureen Kiers

Please see the attachments to view a message from Maureen Kiers (Province liaison to EREBB) announcing the EREBB Global Classroom Partners initiative. Numerous schools from throughout the Province in both



North and Latin America will be participating in this initiative.

#### Jericho House Ecological Retreat



The tenth annual Jericho House Ecological Retreat will take place from August 8-14, 2021 at Jericho House in Wainfleet, ON.

Please see the attached brochure for details.

## **Religious Brothers Conference**



The annual Religious Brothers Conference assembly will take place virtually from July 12-14, 2021. This year RBC will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please click on the below link for details and to register.

https://www.nixmeetings.com/RBC2021

#### **SOAR Grant**



Mr. Sal Pennino

Through the efforts of Mr. Sal Pennino (Director of the Christian Brothers Foundation), CBF has received a \$22, 900 Grant from the Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) organization. This year's grant will be used to convert three bathrooms at 21 Pryer Terrace in New



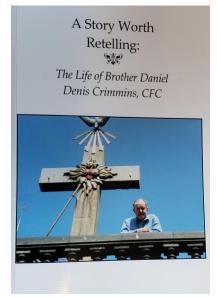
Support Our Aging Religious

Rochelle, NY into handicapped accessible baths. We thank SOAR for their continued generosity and promise our gratitude and prayers to all those donors who make this grant possible.



21 Pryer Terrace, New Rochelle, NY

#### A Story Worth Retelling – Brother Daniel Denis Crimmins, RIP



Kenny Gould and Deidre Cornell were close collaborators of Brother Daniel Denis Crimmins, CFC, RIP, in his ministry serving farm workers in Ulster County, New York. They and a group of other friends of "Hermano Dan" have gathered his sage and humorous memoir, his necrology, and a eulogy by Brother Ed Pigott into the book: A Story Worth Retelling. For a suggested donation of twenty dollars copies may be obtained by writing to the small-but-mighty 501(c)3:



Br. Denis Crimmins, RIP

Reaping the Harvest, Inc. C/O 192 Chapel Hill Road Highland, NY 12528

On Sunday, June 6, the *Reaping the Harvest* organization awarded scholarships for three college bound students in memory of Brother Daniel Denis Crimmins. *Reaping the Harvest* is a social outreach organization associated with the Catholic Charities of New York and Denis Crimmins

was the director for many years. The target audience are the poor and marginalized, especially the Latino and farm worker population in the mid-Hudson valley. *Reaping the Harvest* is now headed by the married couple Dierdre Cornell and Kenney Gould, longtime friends of the Christian Brothers. When Denis Crimmins passed away, Dierdre and Kenney decided to start an annual scholarship program in Denis' memory. This year, the Memorial Mass and presentation took place in the Christian Brothers cemetery in West Park, NY. Father Martin Deely, CSsR, a former chaplain to *Reaping the Harvest* and member of the Redemptorist Fathers, celebrated the Mass for the fifty participants.



**Deidre Cornell and Kenney Gould** 

We were honored to have present Winifred Rooney, cousin of Denis Crimmins, and her son P.J. who presented the scholarships to the three graduating high school seniors. Many thanks to Dierdre and Kenney who have worked very hard to perpetuate the spirit and memory of "Br. Dan."



Winifred Rooney and her son P.J. standing next to Denis' tombstone.



Dierdre Cornell and Winifred Rooney presenting the scholarships to seniors Miguel Trujillo Cruz, Angelica Silva and Melissa Melendez.

#### **Attachments**

- 1. A Message of Gratitude from St. Thomas More Collegiate.
- 2. An overview of Immersions in Brownsville, TX and Lima, Peru.
- 3. Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders: Global Classroom Partners.
- 4. Jericho House Ecological Retreat Brochure.

## **Calendar of Events**

June 30, 2021	Congregation Leadership Group ZOOM
July 01, 2021	Canada Day
July 04, 2021	Independence Day (USA)
July 12-14, 2021	Virtual 50 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Religious Brothers Conference
July 19, 2021	PLT Summer ZOOM Call
July 24, 2021	Golden Jubilee for Br. Pat Varilla at Brother Rice H. S. (Chicago)
July 24, 2021	Closing Ritual of the New Street Community in North Charleston, SC
July 25 - 27, 2021	Community Leaders Virtual Meeting (Latin America Mission Area)
August 03 - 04, 2021	Virtual Assembly for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men
August 05, 2021	Virtual Gathering for Young Religious sponsored by CMSM
August 19, 2021	PLT Summer ZOOM Call
August 21, 2021	Edmundian Reunion in New Rochelle, NY

## **Please Pray For**

- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19.
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Brother Ross Wielatz, as he continues to recover from recent surgery.
- Brother Michael Binkley, as he continues to recover from a series of recent surgeries.
- Brother Steve Hale, as he recovers from a recent illness.
- Bro. Damian Ryan, as he recovers from a recent stroke.
- Brother Kevin Barry, recently hospitalized.
- Brother Michael Valdes, recently hospitalized.

## Repose of the Soul of ...

- † Brother Richard DeMaria.
- † Gloria Morelli (Long-time member of the New Rochelle Finance Office).
- † Marie Terese Tobin (mother of Joseph Cardinal Tobin Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ).
- † Mr. Stephen Samp (brother of Brother Sebastian Samp).
- † Mr. Christopher Locantro (uncle of Brother Peter O'Loughlin).
- † Mr. Ed Herman (long-time supporter of St. Ann's Academy in Kamloops, BC).
- † Mike Brown, basketball coach at Rice HS in the sixties.

