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PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

**God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonders of
our being, for mind, body, and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.**

**Bless them and their teachers
and staff.**

**Give them strength and grace as
their bodies grow; wisdom and
knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their spirits.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

- from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

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Assignments/Appointments



The Province Leadership Team has assigned Brother Matt Dunkak to the St. Joseph's Residence Community in New Rochelle, NY, effective, August 25, 2021.

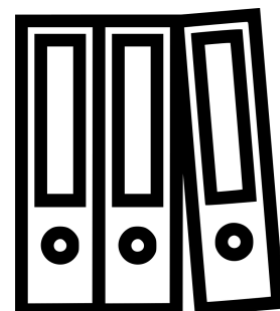


Bro. Matt Dunkak



Bro. Joe Morgan

The PLT has appointed Brother Joe Morgan to the role of archivist in the New Rochelle Archives, effective September 16, 2021.



Brother Michael Segvich has been appointed by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men to serve on the CMSM Formation and Vocation Promotion Committee.



Bro. Michael Segvich



Bro. Kevin Bernard

The PLT, upon the advice of the Latin America Mission Area Delegate (Brother Hugo Cáceres) and the Grupo Vida de Hermanos, has appointed Brother Kevin Bernard to serve as the LAMA Director of Initial Formation, effective September 22, 2021.

We thank Brother Alberto Llanos for his service as Director of Initial Formation in Latin America dating back to 2014. Alberto's gifts and talents helped accompany several young men on their journeys as Christian Brothers. Thus, we are grateful for Alberto's service.



Bro. Alberto Llanos

Chapter/Assembly Updates

The 2020 Congregation Chapter will reconvene from January 23, 2022 - February 5, 2022 at the Emmaus Centre in Dublin, Ireland.



Emmaus Retreat and Conference Center, Dublin, Ireland

The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province Chapter will take place from July 15, 2022 – July 20, 2022 at the San Alfonso Retreat Center in Long Branch, NJ.



San Alfonso Retreat Center, Long Branch, NJ



The Latin America Mission Area Assembly will take place from July 23, 2022 – July 27, 2022 at a site still to be determined.

Scenario Building



The first of a series of four Congregational Scenario building ZOOMS took place on September 18, 2021.

The three remaining scenario building ZOOM dates are:

October 16, 2021

November 13, 2021

December 18, 2021

We encourage all of our Brothers to participate in these ZOOMS, as they are an important step in helping to determine the future of our international Brotherhood.

Summer Mission Appeals



**Bro. Sean
Whitty**

Many thanks to Brother Sean Whitty for coordinating the 2021 Summer Mission Appeals for the Province. The proceeds from these appeals help to offset the Province's financial commitment to the Latin America Mission Area. Thanks to each of the following Brothers who spoke in parishes this past summer:

Bro. Kiril Cavet

Bro. Sean Moffett

Bro. Tim Smyth

Bro. Mike Segvich

Bro. Sean Whitty

News from the Latin America Mission Area

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Brother Kevin Griffith (ERCBNA Province Leader) has approved the proposal of Brother Hugo Cáceres (Delegate of the Latin American Mission Area) and the local community in Canto Grande to appoint Celinda Bautista as principal of Fe y Alegria School – Hermanos Cristianos, effective January 2022. As she retires, we thank Gabby Bravo for her inspiring leadership in a school that offers great daily challenges and serves more than 1500 students from impoverished families in Canto Grande, Lima. Celinda has worked at Fe y Alegria for more than 20 years and like Gabby, she is a former student of the Fe y Alegria school that was under the leadership of the Presentation Brothers. We wish Gabby a happy retirement and Celinda many blessings in her new ministry.



Bro. Kevin Griffith



Gaby Bravo



**Celinda
Bautista**



**Bro. Hugo
Cáceres**



**Bro. Mike
Connolly**

60th Jubilee

Congratulations to Brother Michael Connolly who will celebrate his 60th Jubilee as a Christian Brother with family and friends in West Park, NY on September 28, 2021.

Eldercare Summit



**Bro. Michael
Colasuonno**

On September 14 & 15, 2021 CMSM hosted the annual Virtual Eldercare and Wellness Summit. Speakers for the **Eldercare Summit: Aging Well in a Post-Pandemic World** included Paul Ashton, Psy.D.; Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, MD, and Sr. Peter Lillian DiMaria, O. Carm. The Summit addressed wellness and healthy aging, mental health concerns resulting from pandemic isolation, and supporting elderly members during cognitive loss. There were also opportunities to ask questions and discuss elder care with others in this ministry



**Bro. Sean
Moffett**

The ERCBNAP was represented by Brother Michael Colasuonno (Province Healthcare Coordinator) and Brother Sean Moffett (PLT Liaison to Health and Wellness).

Synod of Bishops



Recently, the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops released several documents in preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops, with the theme of “*For a synodal Church: communion, participation, mission.*” The Preparatory Document is “a tool to facilitate the first phase of listening to and consulting the People of God in the particular churches.” The Vademecum is the handbook for listening and discernment in local churches, with a focus on the work of the Diocesan Contact Team.

Preparatory Document - <https://www.synod.va/en/news/preparatory-document.html>

Vademecum - <https://www.synod.va/en/news/vademecum-for-the-synod-on-synodality.html>

Season of Creation



The Season of Creation (September 1- October 4, 2021) draws attention to Pope Francis' Laudato Si and our responsibility to care for our common home. We encourage all to make use of the prayer services created by Brother Sean Whitty focused on the Seasons of Creation. For more information and resources on the Season of Creation please visit:

<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>

Calendar of Events

- September 23 - 24, 2021 Virtual Student Leadership ACTION Workshop
- September 25, 2021 West Park, NY Memorial Mass
- September 26, 2021 Art Show at 21 Pryer Terrace in New Rochelle, NY
featuring the art of Brother Kenneth Chapman
- September 30, 2021 Virtual Province Advocacy Coordinators Workshop.
- October 04, 2021 CLT Zoom with ERCBNA PLT
- October 06, 2021 25th Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Edmund Rice
- October 06 - 07, 2021 Virtual School Leaders Retreat
- October 9, 2021 Chicago, IL Memorial Mass
- October 12, 2021 Meeting of Major Superiors with NJ Bishops
- October 12 - 15, 2021 PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ
- October 13, 2021 Annual Corporate Meetings with Province Treasurers
- October 14, 2021 Congregation Leadership Group Zoom
- October 15, 2021 Westcourt Corporation Meeting - Chicago, IL
- October 16, 2021 Community Support Corporation Meeting – Chicago, IL
- October 16, 2021 Scenario Building Zoom
- October 18, 2021 Callan Foundation Meeting - Toronto, ON
- October 22 - 25, 2021 Initial Formation Retreat in West Park, NY

CALENDAR
of Events

Please Pray For



- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19.
- The people of Afghanistan and other war-torn areas of our world.
- All those affected by the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Brother Harold Thorne – recent health concerns in Mulmur, ON.
- Brother Ed Pigott, recently hospitalized in New Rochelle, NY
- Suzie Irwin, niece of deceased Brother Charles Irwin, being treated for brain cancer.
- Roseann Hunt, mother of Brother Kevin Griffith, in hospital with lung and breathing issues.

Repose of the Soul of

- + Brother Alexander Eugenio DeLorenzo.
- + Mr. Robert Bechner, brother of Brother Buddy Bechner.
- + Edmundian, Daniel Cletus (Raymond '58) Bolan.
- + Mr. Charles McCabe, long-time Trustee at Iona College.
- + Ken and Fran Bailie, long-time professors at Iona College who died in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

