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## A Christmas Prayer

Lord, we pause  
amidst the busyness and excitement of  
Christmas to thank You for coming low as  
a baby in a Bethlehem manger to rescue  
us from sin and offer us salvation.  
Your gift to us is greater than any present  
wrapped and placed under a tree.  
We thank You and worship You and  
commit to seeking You first  
this day,  
this season,  
this year.  
In Jesus' name, Amen

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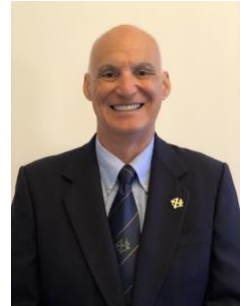
## ERCBNA Candidate



On December 14, 2021, the Province Leadership Team approved the request of Ricardo A. Meillon to enter the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province Candidacy Program. As a non-residential candidate, Ricardo will continue to reside in Guatemala City, Guatemala where he has ministered as a professor of philosophy on the university level and at the Seminario Mayor de la Asunción. Brother Peter O’Loughlin will serve as Formation Director for Ricardo. We welcome Ricardo into the Christian Brother family, and we promise him our prayerful support as he discerns God’s call in his life.



**Ricardo A.  
Meillon**



**Br. Peter  
O’Loughlin**



## Latin America Mission Area News

### LAMA Residential Candidate

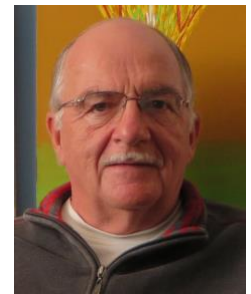


**Fe y Alegria 26**

The PLT has approved the request of Martín Loayza to enter the Latin America Mission Area Residential Candidacy Program. As a residential candidate, Martín will reside at Casa Hermano Edmundo in Canto Grande, Lima, and he will minister at Fe y Alegria 26, also in Canto Grande. Brother Kevin Bernard will serve as Formation Director for Martín.



**Martín Loayza**



**Br. Kevin  
Bernard**

We welcome Martín into this new phase of initial formation, and we promise him our prayerful support as he discerns God's call in his life.

## LAMA Volunteer



**Colegio Stella Maris**

The PLT has approved the request of Nicolás Raffo to serve as a volunteer in the Latin America Mission Area of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province. Nicolás will reside at Casa Hermano Edmundo in Canto Grande, and he will minister at Fe y Alegria 26. We offer Nicolás our prayerful support as he volunteers with us. Nicolás is a graduate of Colegio Stella Maris in Montevideo, Uruguay.



**Nicolás Raffo**

## Vow Renewal

Congratulations to Brother Jorge Tavera who on December 8, 2021 renewed his vows as a Christian Brother at a ceremony in Chimbote, Perú. Jorge has been reassigned to the Casa Hendricken community in Las Flores, Lima where he will begin preparation for the profession of Final Vows. Let us hold Jorge in prayer during this important phase of his initial formation as a Christian Brother.



**Br. Jorge signing his vow sheet, witnessed by Br. Ricardo Glatz**



**Community Mundo Mejor, Chimbote Hermanos Cristianos: (l to r) Brothers Ever Cieza, Sean DiFiglia, Jorge Tavera, Richard Glatz and Vincent Peragine.**



**Celebrating after the ceremony**

## LAMA Changes/Transfers

In addition to the above-mentioned developments in the Latin American Mission Area, the PLT has approved the following changes/transfers in the LAMA:

1. While residing at Casa Hendricken in Las Flores, Lima, Brother Kevin Bernard will serve as community leader of Casa Hermano Edmundo in Canto Grande, Lima.
2. Miguel Córdova will serve as a Representative of the Congregation at Fe y Alegría 26 in Canto Grande, Lima.
3. Alberto Llanos has been assigned to the Casa Hermano Edmundo community in Canto Grande.

## Colegio Cardenal Newman



Attached, please find the translation of a letter from the governance leaders of Colegio Cardenal Newman in Buenos Aires, Argentina announcing the school's plan to transition from an all boys school to a coeducational school beginning in March 2023. Alberto Olivero (Director General of Colegio Cardenal Newman) is charged with leading this transition. We extend our prayers to Alberto and all at Newman for a successful transition.



**Mr. Alberto  
Olivero**

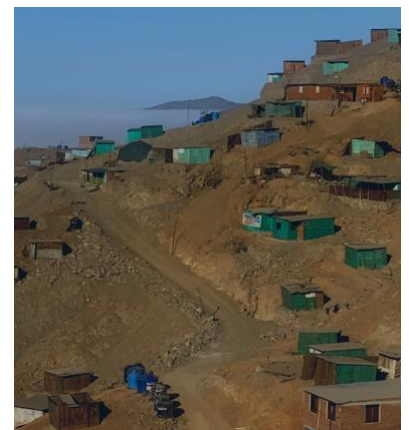


## Perú Virtual Immersion 2022



**Br. Steve Casey**

Please see the attached flyer announcing Virtual Immersions (house construction in the hills of Lima, Perú) in Perú for 2022. We thank Brother Steve Casey for his continued commitment of this joint ministry of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province and the Latin America Mission Area.



## CLAR 2021



**Br. Hugo Cáceres**

What follows is a report from Brother Hugo Cáceres (LAMA Delegate) who attended the recent virtual assembly for the Confederation of Latin American and Caribbean Religious.

“Among the 800 assembly members from Latin America and the Caribbean, Brother Hugo Cáceres was participating in the virtual process of the Ecclesial Assembly in preparation for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality to be held next year. In addition, another 200 participants were present in Mexico City to coordinate in person the synodal week.

Laitly, religious and clergy met between November 21 and 28 to listen to each other and undertake the “pastoral conversion” to which Pope Francis has invited the whole church. The first synodal experience that included delegations of Hispanic Catholics from the US and Canada, has been the largest event of this nature and an invitation for other continents to also prepare for a diverse way of operating and indicating the directions of pastoral action.

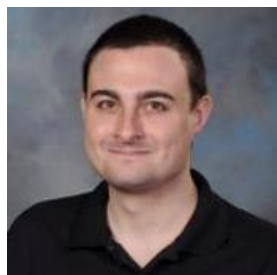
The composition of the participants was 40% laypeople; 20% religious; 18% bishops; 20% priests; 1.7% deacons and .3% of other religions. The ages were distributed in this way: 6% from 20 to 30 years old; 30% from 31 to 50; 55% from 31 to 70 and 9.7% over the age of 70. The oldest assembly member (a religious sister) is 87 years old and the youngest is 17 years old (a representative of the Youth Pastoral Action from Ecuador). Unfortunately, although Catholic women are much more present than men in ecclesial life, the percentage of men were 64% and of women 36%.”

We thank Hugo for this report and for his active participation in this assembly.

More information is available at:

<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/news/news/clar-assembly-was-expression-synodality-thousands-religious-americas>

## Initial Formation Reflection Day



**Br. Rob Droel**

The Second Sunday of Advent Gospel reading with its key message of *“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths, every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,”* was the starting point for a morning of reflection. Brother Peter O’Loughlin (Formation Director) led Brothers Rob Droel (Annually Professed), Ted Dausch, Kevin Bernard and Mike Segvich through prayer and reflection using this passage and words from Sister Barbara Reid, O.P. (President of CTU). The group was encouraged to take some time for quiet reflection before sharing their thoughts and any feelings that stirred in them. This was a graced time to hear each Brother share what was important to them.

## Advocacy

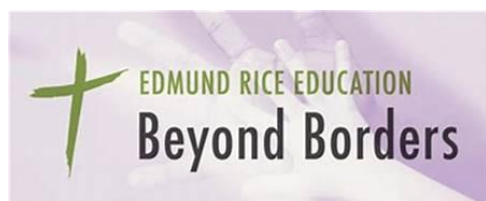


While remaining Advocacy Coordinator for the Edmund Rice Christian Brother North America Province, in early January 2022 Dr. Sean D’Alfonso will be joining Iona College as the Director of the Office of Mission and Ministry. We offer Sean our prayerful support as he transitions from his current role as campus minister at Iona Prep to his new role at Iona College.



**Dr. Sean D’Alfonso,  
Province Advocacy**

## Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders



**Mrs. Maureen Kiers**

The Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders - Educating with Hope in our Hearts and Hands Global Congress began with a Pre-Congress virtual gathering in early December 2021. It will conclude with an in-person Global Congress in April 2023. Throughout 2022, there will be a number of gatherings, including a Global Student Leadership Congress in April 2022. The Congress theme is: Educating with Hope in our Hearts and Hands, and it will focus on the areas of Resilience, Recovery and Reimagining. Please see the attachment for a complete list of participants by country. We thank Maureen Kiers for coordinating our EREBB activities with the Consortium of Edmund Rice Schools, and Dr. Sean D’Alfonso with our school Advocacy Coordinators.

## Congregation Chapter



In March 2020, COVID-19 forced the suspension of our Congregation Chapter which had been taking place in Lima, Perú. The Congregation Leadership Team has announced that the Chapter will be reconvened from January 23 - February 6, 2022 at the Emmaus Retreat Centre in Dublin, Ireland. We thank all those Brothers who have participated in the series of international Zooms that have been held across the Congregation these past two years. We ask all who are inspired by the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice to please hold us in prayer as we discern the future of our Congregation.



**Emmaus Retreat Center, Dublin, Ireland**

## Christian Brothers - Mississippi

Please see the attached letter from Brother Kevin Griffith (Province Leader) to the Bishop of Jackson, MS announcing the Province's departure from the Diocese of Jackson in June 2022.



## Attachments

1. Letter from Colegio Cardenal Newman
2. Flyer for Perú Virtual Immersions 2022
3. Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Global Congress Participants
4. Letter re: Mississippi Departure

## Calendar of Events

January 11 - 14, 2022  
January 23 - February 6, 2022  
January 30 - February 5th, 2022  
February 02, 2022  
February 06, 2022

PLT meetings in Elizabeth NJ  
Chapter in Dublin Ireland  
Catholic Schools Week (USA)  
Consecrated Life Day  
Black History Mass - Archdiocese of New York



## Please Pray For

- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19, natural disasters and conflict in their countries.
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Brother Buddy Bechner, New Rochelle, NY
- Brother Harold Thorne, Mulmur, ON



## Repose of the Soul of

REST  
IN  
PEACE

- + Brother John Reilly, Honolulu HI.
- + Mr. Roger Zatkloff, Alumni Dad and Benefactor from Brother Rice, MI.

