

Congregation Chapter



The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Congregation Chapter reconvened in Dublin, Ireland from January 23 - February 5, 2022. On behalf of our Brothers throughout the Province, the PLT thanks Brother Hugh O'Neill and his team for their eight years of service to the Congregation. We congratulate the newly elected Congregation Leader, Brother Peter Clinch (Oceania Province), and his team pictured below.



Brothers Hugo Cáceres, John Casey (Deputy Congregation Leader), Peter Clinch (Congregation Leader), Senan D'Souza and David Ryan Silva



Attendees at the Congregation Chapter in Dublin, Ireland January 23-February 5, 2022





Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province members in attendance in Dublin, Ireland

Welcome Home



Br. Hugh O'Neill

After eight years of service to the Church as Congregation Leader, we welcome home Brother Hugh O'Neill to our Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North American Province. Hugh will be returning to North America on March 22, 2022. Upon his return he will spend time with his family in the Vancouver area. During this time, he will reside with the St. Thomas More Community in Burnaby, BC. Let us hold Hugh in prayer as he discerns his future ministerial and communal assignment.



St. Thomas More, Burnaby, BC



Br. Jim Keane



After fourteen years of service to the African Province, most recently in the South Sudan, Brother Jim Keane returned to North America on February 15, 2022. Jim is currently staying with the Callan Community in Chicago, IL. In April, Jim will participate in a re-entry program sponsored by From Mission to Mission in San Francisco, CA. Jim's new assignment in the St. Damien Community in Honolulu, HI begins on July 1, 2022.



Community House, Honolulu, HI



Callan Community House

Congratulations



Br. Hugo Cáceres

The PLT congratulates Brother Hugo Cáceres on his election to the Congregation Leadership Team in Rome, Italy. Hugo's skills and talents, especially his facility with the Italian language and knowledge of Rome, will be a tremendous asset to the new CLT which takes office on March 14, 2022.



Marcantonio Colonna House, Rome



The PLT congratulates Brother Jack Mostyn who was recently featured in an article of *Spiritual Directors International* in recognition of his decades-long service as a highly sought after and respected spiritual director. Please click on the link below to view the article.



Br. Jack Mostyn

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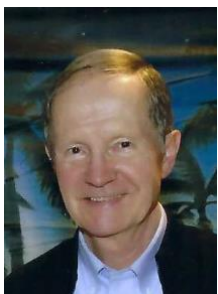


Dr. Seamus Carey

Having met the New York State Department of Education's criteria for university status, the trustees of Iona College have made application to be recognized as Iona University in the future. We will update you on the status of this application in future issues of Province News. We congratulate Dr Seamus Carey (Iona College President) and the Iona College Board of Trustees for initiating this exciting process.



Appointments/Announcements



Br. Barry Lynch

The PLT has reappointed Brother Barry Lynch as the Community Leader of the Mt. St. Francis Community in St. John's, NL. The Brothers' community is located in the Motherhouse of the Presentation Sisters in St. John's, Newfoundland.



Jericho House Retreats



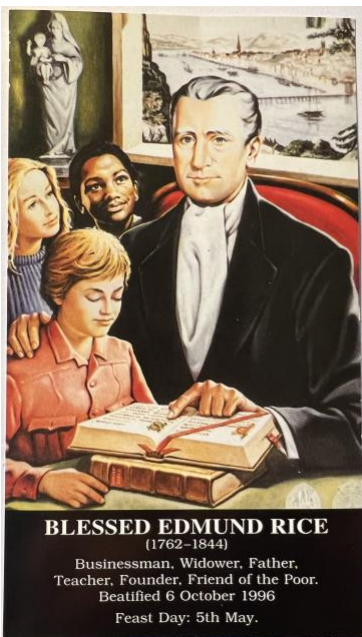
The Jericho House Youth Leadership, Justice and Spirituality Centre in Wainfleet, Ontario will be offering two retreats in the upcoming months.

The Laudato Si' Retreat will take place from April 29 - May 01, 2022. The Retreat will focus on the first of the Laudato Si's Goals, "Response to the Cry of the Earth" and offers a time for kindred spirits to explore how to befriend the ecological crisis and its challenges.

The 11th Annual Ecology Retreat will take place from July 23 – 29, 2022. The theme for this retreat will be: *Intimate Presence with Earth*.

Please see the attached brochures for more information and to register for these retreats.

25th Anniversary Medallion



In January / February, each Brother in the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province and the Latin America Mission Area received a beautiful medallion commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Beautification of Blessed Edmund Rice by Pope John Paul II on October 6, 1996. We thank Brother Edmund Garvey (European Province Leader) for making these medallions available to us.



Br. Edmund Garvey



Mission Frère Advocacy



Paola Miranda



Perú UPR



Dr. Sean D'Alfonso,
Province Advocacy
Coordinator

Perú's UPR ([Universal Periodic Review](#)) will be reviewed at the United Nations in early 2023. Edmund Rice International is coordinating a written submission for this which is due by June 30, 2022. Edmund Rice Latin America Defensoria Edmundo Rice Coordinator Paola Miranda, and ERCBNA Advocacy Coordinator Dr. Sean D'Alfonso are coordinating a joint submission from both Latin and North America. Their efforts will bring together schools and other stakeholders who both live in or have been involved in immersions in Perú with Brother Stephen Casey, to learn about the UPR process and make recommendations to the U.N. There will be a Zoom meeting in March that schools are welcome to join, during which they can learn about the UPR process and how they will be able to contribute to the submission. The link to this Zoom meeting will be sent to ERCBNA school Advocacy Coordinators in the near future.

UPR of Haiti



The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province joined with local partners to present a joint submission of the Haiti UPR. The submission focused on issues of access to education and healthcare, child servitude and trafficking. Please see the attached document for details regarding the submission.



Congregation of the Religious of Jesus and Mary

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination



March 21, 2022 celebrates the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day was formally adopted by the U.N. in 1979, in memory of the 69 people killed by police in South Africa, after peacefully demonstrating against apartheid laws. To learn more about the day, [click here](#).

This year, the ERCBNA Advocacy Office will be making an oral statement in commemoration of this day. The Advocacy Office is asking schools to contribute to this statement by responding to the following questions:

- The need of this day to spread awareness of racial discrimination
- Highlighting particular issues of racial discrimination in a particular context, country or countries
- Make recommendations to address this issue

These responses should be sent to ERCBNA Advocacy Coordinator, Sean D'Alfonso, at spd@cbinstitute.org by March 15, 2022.

Edmund Rice Sustainable Saturdays

Edmund Rice England is organizing Sustainable Saturday's, which will meet once per month via Zoom. These Saturday sessions will bring together students from ages 13 - 18 to discuss environmental concerns and to discuss potential solutions and projects. The calls take place at 7:00 AM (EST) in order to accommodate students from time zones across the global Edmund Rice Network. The first meeting took place on Saturday, February 19th.

[Register Here for future sessions.](#)

Laudato Si' Action Platform Group



Since early 2022, the ERCBNA Advocacy Office has joined monthly meetings with a group of Christian Brothers tasked with outlining the Congregation's response to the Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP). These meetings have included Brothers representing North America (LAMA), Oceania, Africa, Europe and India. The discussions have centered around planning how the Congregation will create a plan of action on how to respond to the calls of LSAP. To learn more about the Laudato Si' Action Platform, [click here](#).

Latin America Mission Area News



Residential Candidate Martín Loayza will be moving into the Casa Hermano Edmundo Community in Canto Grande, Lima, Perú on February 27, 2022. A welcome celebration will take place via zoom on March 17, 2022. Welcome, Martín.



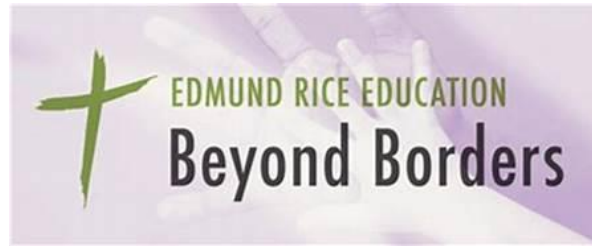
Martín Loayza

With the election of Brother Hugo Cáceres to the CLT, changes to the current Latin America Mission Area protocols for communication with the Province Leader are being considered. These changes will be further discussed at the LAMA Assembly from July 23 – 27, 2022 in the Lima, Perú area.



Casa Hermano Edmundo

Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders



Launched in 2014, Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders has been an integral part of the international Edmund Rice Christian Brothers education experience. Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders is a strong voice and a partner in leading school communities to walk with and advocate on behalf of our marginalized brothers and sisters. These efforts form students, teachers, and administrators who become passionate about transforming the world by seeking justice and peace.

At this year's annual school leaders meeting, the Office of Educational Services is proud to welcome Dr. Wayne Tinsey, Global Ambassador for Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders. On April 5, school Presidents, Principals, Board Chairs, Sponsor Council Members, and the Province Leadership Team will be introduced to the spirituality and mission undergirding the work of Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders and informing the ministry of teachers in Edmund Rice classrooms all over the world.



Dr. Wayne Tinsey

Dr. Tinsey has held leadership roles, served in large Catholic educational systems within Australia, and taught theology at the University of Notre Dame in Freemantle. He is the proud father of two sons, Danny and Carlos, and grandfather of Luna. He and his wife, Lita, live in Melbourne, Australia.

Currently, as Global Ambassador, Dr. Tinsey is visiting Edmund Rice Schools in North and Latin America. And if that is not enough, he shares his life experiences, his vision for Catholic education, and spirituality in his Blog, True North Reflections. You can find his reflections at <https://educationbeyondborders.net/>



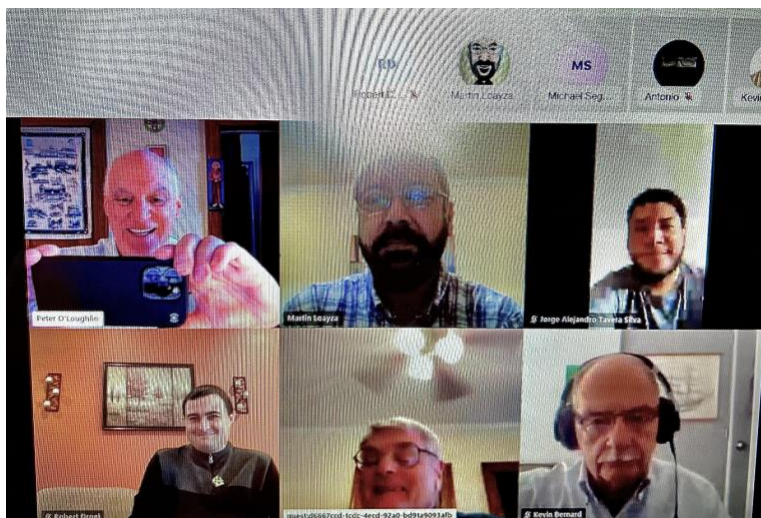
Cris Ritchie-Bonomo

We thank both Cris Ritchie-Bonomo (OES Director) and Maureen Kiers (EREBB Liaison) for their involvement in this vital congregational initiative.



Maureen Kiers

Initial Formation Update



Screen shot of the meeting

On Sunday, February 20, 2022, Brother Peter O'Loughlin (ERCBNA Formation Director) held a *Meet and Greet* via SKYPE to welcome Martín Loayza to the Residential Candidacy Program in Lima, Perú and Ricardo Antonio Meillon to the Non-Residential Candidacy Program in North America. Ricardo will continue to reside in Guatemala City, Guatemala during this phase of his Candidacy. Included in the call were Brothers Kevin Bernard (Latin America Formation Director), Jorge Tavera (annually professed Brother, Lima, Perú), Robert Droel

(annually professed Brother, Madison, MS), Michael Segvich (PLT Liaison for Formation). The call gave everyone an opportunity to meet and to start the process of getting to know each other.

Iona College - Christian Brothers Legacy Scholarship



Kevin O'Sullivan

In 2021, Iona College created the Christian Brothers Legacy Scholarship for students from ERCBNA Schools. The attached communication from Mr. Kevin O'Sullivan (Senior Vice-President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Iona College) provides an overview of the scholarships and gives an update of important recent happenings at Iona College.



Attachments

1. Jericho House Laudato Si' Retreat
2. Jericho House Ecology Retreat
3. ERCBNA Haiti UPR Submission
4. Iona College Christian Brothers Legacy Scholarship

Calendar of Events



March 03, 2022	CMSM Region 2 Virtual Meeting.
March 04, 2022	Westcourt Corporation Meeting – Chicago, IL.
March 05, 2022	Initial Formation Reflection Day (ZOOM).
March 12, 2022	Student Leadership ACTION Moderator Retreat in Chicago, IL.
March 14, 2022	Child Protection Review Board Zoom Meeting.
March 14 - 16, 2022	PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ.
March 17, 2022	Welcome Ceremony for Residential Candidate, Martín Loayza in Lima, Perú.
April 04 - 06, 2022	School Leaders Virtual Meeting.

Please Pray For

- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19 and its variants.
- A peaceful solution to the conflict in Eastern Europe.
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across North America.
- Brother Peter Martin (87th Street Community, Burbank, IL), recovering from recent falls.
- Brother Jim Fagan (Bergen Catholic Community in Oradell, NJ) recovering from surgery necessitated by a recent fall.
- Judy Rice, wife of Edmundian Tom (Kenneth '59) Rice who is battling cancer.
- Anne Temme, wife of Edmundian Bob (Stephen '59) Temme who is suffering from Pulmonary Fibrosis.



Repose of the Soul of ...



- + Brother Robert Liguori May (Chicago)
- +Mrs. Giovanna Leo, mother of Mrs. Rosa Aliberti (Province Finance Office in New Rochelle, NY)
- +Mr. Thomas Moran, brother of Brother Robert Moran (All Hallows Community)
- +Fr. Claude Souffrant, SJ, former chaplain of Brother Rice H.S. Chicago, IL.
- +Mr. Robert O'Connor, Iona College benefactor and brother of Edmundian, John Justin O'Connor.