



Province News



SPEAK, LORD, YOUR SERVANTS ARE LISTENING

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Canada



The United States



Argentina



Perú

Please join the Province Leadership Team in expressing gratitude to our Brothers and all who are inspired by the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice as the following countries within our Edmund Rice Christian Brother North America Province and the Latin America Mission Area celebrate their national days in the month of July.

Canada - July 1st
USA - July 4th
Argentina - July 9th
Perú - July 28th

We ask God's blessings on each of these countries as we seek to educate the minds and hearts of the young in building a more just and equitable world.



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Province Chapter



Br. Peter Clinch

The Province Chapter will take place from July 15 - 20, 2022 at the San Alfonso Retreat Center in Long Branch, NJ. The Chapter theme: *Speak, Lord, your servants are listening* comes from the Congregation Chapter document and will focus on co-creating our future together as Edmund Rice Christian Brothers. The PLT encourages participation in the Chapter. Unfortunately, we are not able to livestream the Chapter, but we are committed to videoing portions of the Chapter to be shared with those Brothers not able to attend.

Let us use this final week of preparation to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we discern God's call to us in this time and place. We are delighted that we will be joined at the Chapter by Brother Peter Clinch, Congregation Leader.



Latin America Mission Area Assembly



The Latin American Mission Area Assembly will take place from July 23 - 27, 2022 in Lima, Perú. The Assembly will focus on continuing generative conversations began prior to the Congregation Chapter in Lima and Dublin. The opportunity to review the current model of commissions and the relationship between the LAMA and ERCBNAP will be provided. We encourage all of our brothers in the

LAMA to participate in this important gathering. Congregation Leader (Brother Peter Clinch) and Province Leader (Brother Kevin Griffith) will be present in Lima for this Assembly. We thank Bro. Michael Lynch (LAMA Delegate to the Province Leader) and the planning committee for their efforts in preparing for the gathering.



Br. Kevin Griffith



Br. Michael Lynch

Vow Renewal

Brother Robert Droel renewed his vows as an Edmund Rice Christian Brother on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 in Madison, MS. Present for this joyous occasion were Robert's parents Mr. & Mrs. William Droel from Chicago, as well as community members Brothers Ted Dausch and John Brennan. We offer Rob our prayerful support as he prepares for his immersion year.



**Br. Robert Droel with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. William Droel**



Br. Robert Droel signing his vow renewal

Community Closures

Madison, Mississippi



Last fall we announced that the Christian Brothers Community in Madison MS would be closing as of June 30, 2022. For the past twenty-five years, our Brothers have ministered at St. Joseph Catholic School in Madison and the Diocese of Jackson, MS in Hispanic ministry. Brother John Brennan and Brother Ted Dausch were members of the founding community who remained in Mississippi the entire time our Brothers were there. Brother Rob Droel has ministered there the past five years. As a Province we grateful to John, Ted and Rob for their presence in Mississippi, as well as for all those Brothers who were part of the community these past twenty-five years. We offer our prayerful support to the people of the Diocese of Jackson as we take our leave.





Brs. John Brennan, Robert Droel, and Ted Dausch



The Community House in Madison, MS

Marian Village – Homer Glen, IL



MARIAN VILLAGE

FRANCISCAN COMMUNITIES

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the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago*



**Deceased
Br. Liguori May**

With the recent death of Brother. Robert Liguori May, the Christian Brother presence at the Marian Village care facility in Homer Glen, IL has come to an end. In the past twenty years, Marian Village has served as home to several Christian Brothers in need of assisted living benefits. We are grateful to the staff of Marian Village for their great care and concern for our Brothers, especially Liguori who was known affectionately as the Mayor of Marian Village among the Religious and lay residents.



Marian Village, Homer Glen, IL

Christian Brothers – East Harlem, NY

The Christian Brothers first arrived in the Central Harlem section of New York City in 1906. In time, the Brothers expanded into East Harlem where they administered a number of Archdiocesan elementary schools for many decades. Many of the Brothers who ministered in these schools lived at the Christian Brothers residence on East 103rd Street in East Harlem. This residence is owned by the Archdiocese of New York and for many decades our Brothers lived there rent free. Eight years ago, the Archdiocese informed us that it was their desire to sell the building. In lieu of doing so, we agreed to pay monthly rent that the Archdiocese agreed to. Our contract with the Archdiocese expired in November 2021. Last week Brother Kevin Griffith (Province Leader) informed the Archdiocese that once the renovations of All Hallows in the Bronx, NY were completed, we would be vacating the East Harlem residence. The community and ministries of the Christian Brothers in East Harlem are a significant part of our history in NYC and in the United States. We are grateful for all these Brothers who have contributed to our presence in East Harlem for the past century. We rejoice in the great work done by our Brothers in educating catholic youth to be future leaders in our church and world. While departures like this are never easy and can cause distress for many, let us step back and acknowledge the many blessings our presence in East Harlem has brought us and those we have been privileged to serve.



Assignments/Appointments



Mr. Tom Reidy

The Sponsor Council of Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI has reappointed Mr. Tom Reidy to a new three-year term as the school's President, effective July 1, 2022.





Br. Gabriel Dunbar

The Province Leadership Team has assigned Brother Gabriel Dunbar to the newly renovated All Hallows Community in the Bronx, NY, effective upon completion of the renovations. Gabriel will continue to minister at All Hallows High School.



Br. Tim Smyth

The PLT has assigned Brother Tim Smyth to the newly renovated All Hallows Community, effective upon the completion of the renovations. Tim will continue to coordinate our Mission Frère – Young Adult Ministry initiative.

The PLT has assigned Brother Ben McDonough to the Bergen Catholic Community in Oradell, NJ, effective July 1, 2022. Ben will minister at Bergen Catholic High School in the department for Campus Ministry.



Br. Ben McDonough





Mr. Johnny Bevacqua

In late March of 2022, Mr. Johnny Bevacqua (President of Vancouver College in Vancouver, BC) was granted a leave of absence as the school's President due to health issues. We offer Johnny our prayerful support for his health and well-being.



Mr. Daryl Weaver

Since that time, Mr. Daryl Weaver (Vancouver College Principal) has served in the dual role as both President and Principal. We thank Daryl for his steadfast commitment to Vancouver College.



Ms. Michelle Rupp

On June 15, 2022 the Board of Directors of Vancouver College announced the appointment of Ms. Michelle Rupp who will serve as the school's full time interim president, effective July 1, 2022.



The PLT has granted Brother Owen Cassidy a one-year leave of absence for the purpose of residing in Victoria, BC while serving as an advocate for his niece who is in a care facility.



Br. Owen Cassidy

While living in Victoria, Owen will remain a member of the St. Thomas More Collegiate Community in Burnaby, BC. The timing for Owen’s move to Victoria is tenuous, as he is awaiting major knee surgery. Let us hold Owen in prayer.



Br. Hugh O’Neill

The PLT has assigned Brother Hugh O’Neill to assist the Province with Canadian finances. Hugh will reside at St. Thomas More Collegiate.

Christian Brothers Foundation



As the new fiscal year begins, the PLT takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Sal Pennino for his service as the Director of the Christian Brothers Foundation in New Rochelle, NY. As of June 30, 2022, Sal has departed our office. We offer Sal and his family

our prayerful support as he begins a new phase in his life.



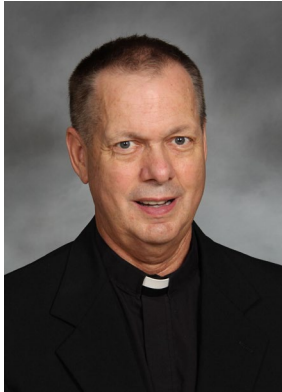
Mr. Sal Pennino

With Sal’s departure, the Trustees of CBF have appointed Mr. Kevin Brewer as the Foundation’s new Director. We welcome Kevin who began on June 21, 2022 to his new role and we offer him our support in this role.



Mr. Kevin Brewer

Grants Received & Given



Br. Sean Hayes

Christian Brothers Foundation is pleased to announce receipt of a Grant from SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious). The Grant money will be used to install a chairlift for the CB-87th Street Community in Burbank, IL. We thank SOAR and its generous donors for making this gift possible, and we pray for God's blessings upon them. We thank Mr. Sal Pennino and Brother Sean Hayes for helping to secure this Grant.



Mr. Sal Pennino

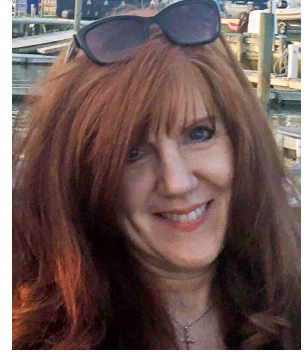


Christian Brothers – 87th Street Community

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT OFFICE



The Christian Brothers' Institute is pleased to announce receipt of a Grant from the National Religious Retirement Office for the purpose of assisting the Province in meeting our retirement and healthcare needs. We thank the NRRO and its generous donors for making this gift possible, and we pray for God's blessings upon them. We thank Georganne Dotto for helping to secure this Grant.



Georganne Dotto



**Deceased
Br. Michael Lucas**

This spring, CBF received a generous estate gift from Mr. Peter Lucas, brother of deceased Brother Michael Lucas. The Trustees of CBF have approved for a portion of this gift to be donated to Brother Rice High School in Chicago, IL for the purpose of assisting students interested in art. We thank the Lucas family for this gift.



Brother Dunne Hall



On May 19, 2022, in recognition of his more than thirty years as the chief school administrator of the Palma School in Salinas, CA, the school community renamed its administration building after deceased Brother Patrick Dennis Dunne. Please click on the below link to view the wonderful dedication ceremony.



Deceased
Br. Dennis Dunne



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ERCBNA Advocacy Persons of the Year 2022



Each year, the ERCBNA Advocacy Office awards the Blessed Edmund Rice Advocacy Person of the Year Award, which recognizes an ERCBNA School staff member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to promoting advocacy efforts throughout the academic year. The recipients of the 2021-2022 award are Mrs. Christine Chana, Chemistry Instructor and Co-Moderator of Iona Preparatory's Human Rights Club, and Mrs. Patricia Gray, English Instructor and Co-Moderator of Iona Preparatory's Human Rights Club.

Pat and Christine have been intimately involved in the Edmund Rice network in North America and around the world. They have traveled extensively with students to participate in service immersions in Peru, Brownsville, India, and beyond; and have equipped students with the awareness and leadership skills to make change, through the ACTION Student Leadership program. They have taken what they have witnessed and learned and creatively brought these lessons back to share with, and encourage participation by, the Iona Prep community.

Their leadership of Iona Prep's Human Rights Club since 2016 has allowed students and staff members at Iona the opportunity to learn about a variety of human rights and social justice topics, and they have worked tirelessly to provide the Iona Prep community with opportunities to advocate for justice in our society and world. Some of their work together on Iona Prep's Human Rights Club has included advocating for statelessness, and those who have been pushed to the margins in their country of residence, often without basic rights such as the right to vote, obtain a passport or attend school.

They have developed opportunities for Iona Prep students to learn about and meet Edmund Rice Students from South Africa, and these efforts have included raising money through bake sales and the sale of fair-trade items to fund the educational costs of four students at St. Mary's Primary School in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Other projects they have led have included the promotion of sustainability and ecological concerns through the promotion of recycling, using compostable utensils, and the sale of reusable water bottles; support of the Special Olympics annual Polar Plunge fundraiser, including leading Iona Prep students to raise the most funds of any team in New York State for multiple years; working with the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center's trainings to learn about human rights concerns, and a recent anti-bullying and respect campaign at Iona Prep.



We congratulate Christine and Pat on their award and thank them and the entire Iona Preparatory School community for their efforts in continuing to live out the Charism of Edmund Rice in promoting human rights and justice in their community and beyond.

Calendar of Events

July 07, 2022	Office of Educational Services – ZOOM in-service
July 12, 2022	PLT Summer Zoom Call
July 15 - 20, 2022	Province Chapter in Long Branch, NJ
July 17 - 25, 2022	Pilgrims in Perú – Lima Immersion
July 18 - 21, 2022	Religious Brothers Conference in California
July 23 - 27, 2022	Latin America Mission Area Assembly in Lima, Perú
July 23 - 29, 2022	Jericho House Ecology Retreat in Wainfleet, Canada
Aug 01 - 05, 2022	CMSM Assembly in Buffalo, NY



Please Pray For

- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19.
- The people of Ukraine and peace in Eastern Europe
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Br. Harold Thorne (Mulmur, ON) being treated for numerous illnesses.
- Br. Jim McDonald (Bloomfield Hills, MI) recovering from recent surgery.
- Mr. Donald Keefe, brother of Sr. Jacquie Keefe – Jericho House Community, being treated for cancer.
- Edmundian William (Tarcisius '54) Roche who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
- Edmundian Martin (Clement '54) Hickey who is seriously ill.
- Edmundian Peter (Damian '59) Carney who is quite ill.
- Edmundian Tom (Bosco '62) Bierman who is home from the hospital, but there are complications.



Repose of the Soul...

- + Br. Charles McKenna, RIP, Chicago, IL.
- + Ms. Bea Rodriguez, long-time Associate and former Vice-principal of Archbishop Curley – Notre Dame High School in Miami, FL.
- + Edmundian, Richard (Edward '55) Hall.
- + Edmundian John (Anthony '50) McRae
- + Mrs. Ida Eisner, mother of Mr. Dan Eisner former Board Chair of St. Thomas More Collegiate, Burnaby, BC.
- + Shirley Duggan, wife of Edmundian Gerry (Kevin '62) Duggan

