

Welcome



Br. Ed Bergeron

The Mt. Sion Community and the Province Leadership Team welcomed Brother Edward Bergeron to Elizabeth, New Jersey on October 7, 2022. Ed arrived for his first series of PLT meetings. He will be traveling back to Brownsville for a couple of weeks, before taking up permanent residence in Elizabeth, NJ. Welcome, Ed.

Golden Jubilee

Many Brothers, family, and friends of Brother Joseph Morgan gathered at Iona Preparatory School to honor Joe's 50 + years of dedicated service to the people of God in the name of Blessed Edmund Rice.



Brothers Peter Zawot (left) and Joseph Morgan

Father Robert Carbonneau CP celebrated liturgy with the assembly. Brother Kevin Devlin acted as Master of Ceremonies. Following the Liturgy all sat down to a wonderful meal. Brother Kevin Griffith proclaimed the

Invocation; Brother Peter Zawot (Province Leader) gave the Toast to the Jubilarian, and Brother Joseph responded with a thoughtful reflection on his life as an Edmund Rice Christian Brother. Thanks to Brother Tom Leto and the Iona Preparatory Community for hosting this event. The Province congratulates Joe and asks for God's blessing on him and his family.



All Hallows Community

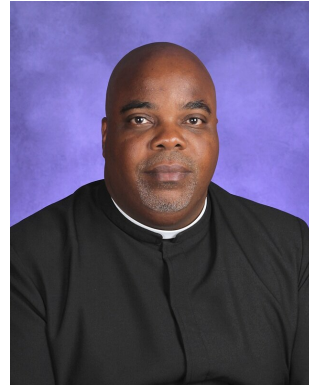
On October 1, 2022, Brothers Tim Smyth, Gabriel Dunbar, and Chris Hall moved into the newly renovated Brother's Residence at All Hallows, Bronx, NY. With the move to All Hallows the Community officially closed the house at 103rd Street. The Province is grateful to the Archdiocese of New York for providing a residence for the Brothers for so many years. The Province wants to extend thanks and gratitude to Mr. Ron Schutte (President of All Hallows) for initiating the necessary renovation work that has enabled the Brothers to live in a modern, senior friendly environment. Special thanks to Mr. Joseph Murphy, the major benefactor in realizing the project.



Br. Tim Smyth



Br. Gabriel Dunbar



Br. Chris Hall



The new Chapel at All Hallows

Stewardship



The PLT wishes to thank the following communities for their recent donations to help support the retirement and healthcare needs of the Brothers throughout the province. We are grateful for your sense of stewardship in sharing these vital resources.

87 th Street Community	Burbank, IL
St. Damien Community	Honolulu, HI
Mount Vernon Community	Mt. Vernon, NY
Comunidad Juan Diego	Brownsville, TX
CB - Stratton Rd Community	New Rochelle, NY
Mt. St. Francis Community	St. John's, NL
Mater Dei Community	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Vancouver College Community	Vancouver, BC
CB – Mulmur Community	Mulmur, ON
Catholic Memorial Community	West Roxbury, MA
Bergen Catholic Community	Oradell, NJ
Iona University Community	New Rochelle, NY
Madison Community	Madison, MS
Palma Community	Salinas, CA
Tampa Catholic Community	Tampa, FL
Iona Prep Community	New Rochelle, NY

Memorial Mass – West Park, NY



(l – r) Father Steve Norton,
Br. Matt Maistre,
Father Gus Badgley

On Saturday, September 24, 2022 over 100 people gathered for the Annual West Park Mass held to remember the lives of the Brothers buried in West Park and elsewhere, as well as deceased Edmundians and Associates. Fathers Steve Norton and Gus Badgley concelebrated. The Province thanks the following for their hard work in organizing the annual event: Bob Venditti and his facilities management crew, Brother Jim Hamilton, Brother Tim Smyth, and the Brothers in the Community at Santa Maria; Brother Jerry McCarthy and his ministry with the Edmundians; our Lector, John Murphy from the Edmundians, and the Marnell Family Music Ministry for the wonderful music.

Memorial Mass – Chicago

On Saturday, October 8, 2022 Edmundians and friends of the Brothers gathered at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, to remember the Brothers buried there. The group moved to St. Linus Church to participate in Mass celebrated by Father Mark Walter (St. Laurence HS grad). Following the Mass the group gathered to enjoy a fine meal. Thanks to Edmundian Mark Quinn and all those who attended the services.

Iona University



Iona University celebrated homecoming week in mid-October. Dr. Sean D'Alfonso, our Province Advocacy Coordinator, and Director of the office of Mission and Ministry at Iona University, New Rochelle, NY hosted a celebration of the decades of service of his predecessor Dr. Carl Procario-Foley. Joining a gathering of Carl's family, coworkers, and many generations of Campus Ministers were Brothers Kevin Devlin, Kevin Cawley, Robert Droel, Sean Moffett and Dennis Gunn. Brother Dennis Gunn added a concluding Brothers' touch to the event with a rousing chorus of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."



Brother Rice High School alumni honour 60th Jubilee Anniversary in St. John's, Newfoundland



Some 400 - 500 alumni, teachers and staff gathered at Pleasantville Legion, Quidi Vidi Boulevard in St. John's, Newfoundland on August 5th to honour the school's 60th Jubilee. The memorable event was conceived, planned, and organized by a committee of Celtic alumni chaired by Stanley Cook, Class of '87, who wished to honour and celebrate the school's extraordinary school spirit and Christian-spiritual ethos, not to mention its outstanding academic & athletic accomplishments

over the years. Brother Rice High School first opened its doors in September 1962 with Br Gordon Raphael Bellows as founding principal and became coeducational after celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1987. The Christian Brothers administered Brother Rice High School until it ceased to be a high school in September 1999, when the Newfoundland government reorganized education in the Province, terminating the Denominational Education system, bringing to a close a proud era for the very popular and much-loved high school.



Some of the former faculty members attending the Brother Rice High School 60th Jubilee Reunion

SEATED: (l-r) Br John Gale (principal '78-'84), Br Harry French (Member of founding faculty), Br John Holden (first graduating class; principal '85-'90), Fr Kevin Molloy (Edmundian & member of founding faculty; principal '68-'71)

STANDING: Mr. Paul Morgan, Mr. John O'Dea, (Vice-Principal 94-99), Mr. Doug Fowler, Mr. Jim Dunne, Mr. Stan Cook Sr. (also member of the first graduating class).

Conference of Major Superiors of Men



The Conference of Major Superiors of Men hosted the annual Eldercare Summit by ZOOM on September 20 and 21, 2022. This year's sessions focused on themes of spiritual accompaniment and practical care of elders. Br. Jack Mostyn, CFC, and Sr. Alice Feely, RDC were among the featured presenters. CFC Brothers Michael Colasuonno, Jerome Messick, Michael Segvich and Sean Moffett participated in the workshops.

Some take-aways were:

- the need for leaders of institutes and societies to be proactive with their elder members, helping them to thrive and grow in their elder years.
- the value of ongoing spiritual direction focusing on Illumination within the aging process.
- the importance of updating and maintaining signed Health Proxy and Power of Attorney forms and (in USA) confirming enrollment in Medicaid as soon as a religious is eligible, assuring there are no personal asset obstacles.
- the value of providing workshops and in-service sessions for lay administrators, aides, and nursing staff on the nature of religious life and the Charism of those in their care.
- ways of fostering continuing interest and engagement of senior members in the mission of the religious congregation through communication, visits, letter writing, sponsorship, and prayer.
- The website of the United States Conference of Bishops offers access to the publications from the National Religious Retirement Office with in-depth research and articles on these topics.

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/national-religious-retirement-office/publications>

School Leaders Retreat 2022

Presidents and principals from the consortium of Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools gathered October 4 - 7, 2022 at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, Maryland for their annual retreat. Sponsored by the Office of Educational services, the retreat gave the presidents and principals an opportunity to reconnect in person after three years of meeting virtually due to Covid. The group welcomed Sr. Mary Frances Taymens, SND as the retreat speaker. Participants were given the opportunity to set aside normal school business and focus on their role as spiritual leaders in their schools and have some contemplative time to relax, read and reflect. A note of thanks goes out to the OES staff, Dr. Cris Ritchie-Bonomo, Brother Tim Smyth, Brother Gennaro Sullo and Gabriel Guarente for organizing the retreat.



Sister Mary Frances Taymens, SND



Participants at the School Leaders Retreat



Cris Ritchie-Bonomo and principals at the School Leaders Retreat

O'Dea High School Centenary



In 1923, 130 young men, including the 7th and 8th grade boys from Cathedral School, enrolled at the newly opened O'Dea High School for Boys. On March 16, 1924, Bishop Edward J. O'Dea, the school's namesake, presided over the official school dedication. In addition, an active athletic tradition began with the first O'Dea football team boasting a total of 11 players!

Today, O'Dea is home to over 7,000 alumni and over 500 young men. Students travel from over 90 different zip codes to First Hill for a Catholic education rooted in character, faith, and service. The start of the 2022-2023 school year will kick off O'Dea's Centennial Celebration! This year-long celebration will honor and highlight the past 100 years of educating young men on First Hill. The Centennial will also provide an opportunity to look to the next 100 years.

National Vocation Awareness Week, November 6-12, 2022

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort. For further information about this week go to:



<https://nrvc.net/274/publication/4171/article/18685-national-vocation-awareness-week-november-6-12-2022>

Calendar of Events



October 19 – November 3, 2022

Province Leader to the River
Plate region of LAMA

October 21, 2022

Westcourt Meeting

October 24, 2022

Callan Foundation Meeting, Toronto, ON

October 26-28, 2022

Called & Gifted/Faculty & Staff/ NY

November 01, 2022

Catholic Memorial – Annual Meeting

November 03, 2022

Independence Day – Dominica

November 03 - 06, 2022

NRVC – Spokane, WA

November 05, 2022

Partners in Education Workshop, NY

November 06 - 12, 2022

NRVC Week

November 07, 2022

Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Award Dinner

November 12, 2022

Partners in Education Workshop - Chicago

November 14, 2022

Brothers Review Board

November 17, 2022

CMSM Region 2 Meeting in Graymoor, NY

November 18, 21 & 22, 2022

PLT Meetings, Elizabeth, NJ

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.
- Jake Lofgren, the son-in-law of Tom Ondrla (former President and Principal of St. Laurence HS, Burbank, IL) who is being treated for cancer.
- Robert Baader, retired teacher Brother Rice, Chicago, IL.

Repose of the Soul of...

- + Edmundian Adam ('66) Kamiano Paikai
- + Edmundian Fr. J. Seamus (Michael '50) Malvey, O.C.S.O., a Trappist monk at Gethsemane Monastery.
- + Christine Dowling, sister of Brother Peter Dowling, former Deputy Congregation Leader.
- + John J. Cranley, longtime friend of the Brothers in Chicago, IL.

