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A New Year's Prayer

DEAR LORD

As a new year begins, We come to You and
ask for Your blessing.

We pray that you would give us joy to fill our
days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill
our lives.

Thank You for the plans You have for us in
this new year.

We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!

Thanking God for you and praying your new
year is blessed in every way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," de-
clares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and
not to harm you, plans to give you hope and
a future." Jeremiah 29:11

AMEN

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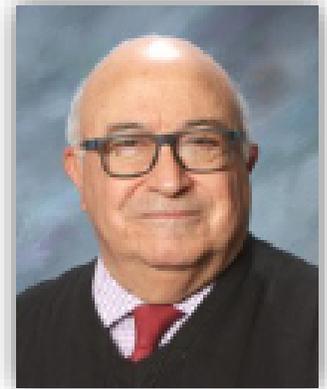
Assignments/Appointments



Brother Jim Fagan

The Province Leadership Team assigned Brother Jim Fagan to the St. Joseph's Residence, New Rochelle, NY effective November 29, 2022.

Brother Chuck Gattone, after 17 years of dedicated service to the Vancouver College Brothers and School Community, will retire from teaching at Vancouver College effective the end of this present school year. We thank Chuck for all that he brought to the Community and School. The PLT has assigned Brother Chuck to the 87th Street Community, Burbank, IL effective July 1, 2023.



Brother Chuck Gattone



Brother Michael Colford

Brother Michael Colford, after many years of dedicated service to the Africa Province, will be returning to North America. We thank Michael for his tireless efforts over the years in Africa and wish him well as he adjusts to life in North America. The PLT has assigned Brother Michael to the Christian Brothers - Mulmur Community, Mulmur, Ontario effective mid-February 2023.

Latin America Mission Area



Brother Robert Droel

Brothers Rob Droel and Peter O'Loughlin travelled to Lima, Perú on January 16, 2023. Rob will be involved in the Immersion Program headed by Brother Steve Casey. Peter will conduct a Formation Retreat as well as visiting the Brothers in the region. We wish Rob all the very best as he starts his immersion experience.



Sabbatical



Brother Lucian Knaapl

We offer Brother Lucian Knaapl our prayers and best wishes as he commences his sabbatical experience in San Antonio, TX. Lucian is attending the Ministry to Ministers Sabbatical Program at the Oblate School of Theology.

New Year's Eve Gathering



On December 31st, 2022, 25 brothers from the New York/New Jersey area came together at Iona Preparatory Community, New Rochelle, NY to celebrate the incoming New Year with Liturgy, social and dinner. We thank the Iona Preparatory Community for hosting a wonderful gathering. We continue to wish all our Brothers and readers of this Province News a very blessed and Happy New Year.

The Icon of Our Lady Perpetual Help, Saint Columba and Blessed Edmund Rice in the Iona Preparatory School Chapel



(l to r) Brothers Michael Valdez, Don McGovern, Kevin Devlin and Jim Fagan celebrating the New Year.

Religious Formation Conference



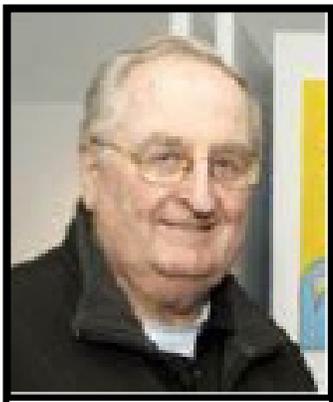
**Brother Sean
Moffett**

InFormation Vol. 31, Issue 4, Religious Formation Conference Quarter Magazine. A copy of the magazine is attached to this newsletter.

Brother Sean Moffett (Province Leadership Team Member) has written a timely article: *Belonging in a Church Called to Synodality and Co-Creation*.

Please note the use of Brother Ken Chapman's art to highlight Sean's writing. We thank Sean for this

important contribution to the ongoing discussion around Synodality and its impact for the Church.



Brother Ken Chapman

The Religious Formation Conference (RFC) is a national Roman Catholic organization serving religious institutes of women and men with programs and services for those in the ministry of initial and lifelong formation, and general congregational membership. We are grateful to the RFC for allowing us to share with the wider Edmund Rice Community the work of the Religious Formation Conference. Our own Brother Tim Smyth is a member of the Board of RFC.

Education

Dr. Peter Folan (President of Catholic Memorial, West Roxbury, MA) recently wrote an opinion piece in the Boston Herald. The piece is titled: *Everyone can make a difference for good in the world*. Please use the below link to read the article.

<https://www.bostonherald.com/2022/12/24/folan-everyone-can-make-a-difference-for-good-in-the-world/>

Catholic Schools Week 2023



The Church in the United States will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29 – February 3, 2023. This annual celebration reminds us of the remarkable accomplishments of our Catholic schools beginning with pioneers such as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann, whose feast days were celebrated earlier this month. This year’s theme, **Faith, Excellence, Service**, is reflected in the *Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education*, the document guiding the schools in the Consortium of Edmund Rice Schools. We reach out in gratitude to the dedicated lay women and men, religious and clergy for their commitment to providing a rich, faith-filled Catholic education to our young people today, and to their parents for choosing, sometimes at great sacrifice, a caring Catholic environment for the education of their sons and daughters.

Attachment

1. InFormation Magazine

Calendar of Events

January 20 - 23, 2023	Formation Retreat in Lima, Perú
January 24, 2023	Damien – Annual Meeting
January 26, 2023	Palma - Annual Meeting
January 29 – February 04, 2023	Catholic Schools Week - USA
February 02, 2023	Consecrated Life Day
February 04, 2023	Archdiocese of Chicago – Consecrated Life Mass
February 04, 2023	Final Profession of Brother Jorge Tavera, Lima, Perú
February 05, 2023	Black History Mass – Archdiocese of New York
February 13 – 16, 2023	PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ
February 15, 2023	Iona University Board
March 03, 2023	Westcourt Meeting
March 13, 2023	Brothers Review Board
March 13 - 15, 2023	PLT Meetings in Elizabeth. NJ



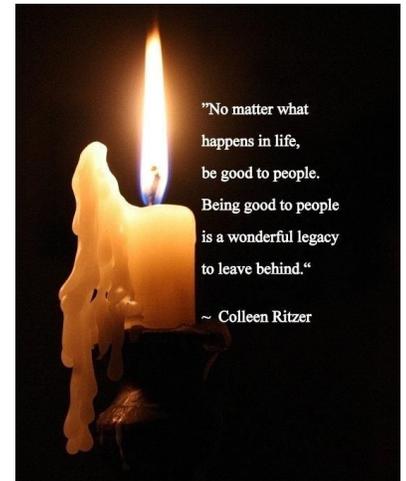
Please Pray For

- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Brother Xav Sullivan (Lima, Perú) as he prepares for upcoming ankle surgery.
- Edmundian Jim (Martin '56) Knowles who is recovering from a mild heart attack on Sunday and will have in a stent inserted.
- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19.
- The people of Ukraine and peace in Eastern Europe
- Richard Carter, who works in our Christian Brothers Foundation Office, and is recovering from surgery.



Rest of the Soul of...

- + Brother Frank Duff, Renfrew Street Community, Vancouver, BC
- + Theresa Maria Schafer, the mother of Brother Francis Schafer, FPM (Jericho House Community)
- + Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, former Vicar of Religious for the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- + Edmundian James (Richard '46) Comack
- + Mrs. Anita Brennan, the wife of Mr. John V. Brennan, Rice High School, NY, Alumni '51 and longtime generous benefactor.
- + Mr. George Brixie, former teacher at Brother Rice, Chicago husband of another former teacher at Brother Rice, Chicago, Patricia Brixie.
- + Ken O'Donnell, husband of Jan O'Donnell (long time administrative assistant at Bishop Hendricken HS)



"No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind."

~ Colleen Ritzer