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SPEAK, LORD, YOUR SERVANTS ARE LISTENING

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Dear Lord, as we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to Your Son.

May our worship, prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent.

Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your grace.

Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

AMEN.

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Perpetual Profession



Brother Peter Zawot – Province Leader holds the mic as Brother Jorge Tavera professes his perpetual Profession.

We offer Jorge our prayerful congratulations and wish him God's blessings as he continues his life as an Edmund Rice Christian Brother.

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, Brother Jorge Tavera of the Latin America Mission Area professed final vows as an Edmund Rice Christian Brother. The Vow ceremony took place at Colegio Fe y Alegría, Canto Grande, Lima, Peru. Brother Hugo Cáceres from the Congregation Leadership Team, Brother Peter Zawot – Province Leader ERCBNA/LAMA, Brother Tony Tuomey from Ireland, many Brothers from LAMA, and family and friends from Lima and Chimbote came to together on a warm Saturday afternoon to celebrate this momentous occasion in the life of Brother Jorge. On Sunday, February 5, Jorge's family, and the brothers celebrated with Jorge at a dinner.



Brothers and others attending the Liturgy with Brother Jorge Tavera. Front Row L-R: Brothers Eddie McArdle, Michael Lynch, Peter Zawot, Hugo Cáceres and Jorge Tavera. Second Row: Vinnie Peragine (slightly obscured), Ever Cieza, Dermot Cregan, Jim Glos, Tony Tuomey, Rich Glatz. Third Row: Alberto Llanos and Steve Casey.



The Brothers and colleagues from the Latin America Mission Area, as well as Brothers Peter Zawot and Hugo Cáceres join Brother Jorge Tavera for a group photo.

L-R: Brothers Hugo Cáceres (CLT), Jorge Tavera, Michael Lynch (LAMA delegate to the Province Leader and Peter Zawot (Province Leader- ERCBNA/LAMA)



Latin America Mission Area

One way of celebrating the Final Profession of Brother Jorge Tavera saw Brothers and others, under the direction of Brother Steve Casey (Immersion Program Coordinator) came together on Thursday, February 2, 2023 to build a house for a mother and her son in Jicamarca, Lima, Peru. The funds to build the house were provided by the Vancouver College School Community.

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Part of the group of Brothers and others who came together to build a house for a mother and son (pictured centered) in Jicamarca, Peru.



Brothers Michael Lynch (l) and Peter Zawot after a day of building a house.



Thanks to the Vancouver College School Community for providing the funds to build the house.

As mentioned in the last *Province News*, Brothers Robert Droel and Peter O'Loughlin travelled to Lima, Peru on January 16, 2023: Rob to start his immersion experience and Peter to lead a formation retreat and to visit the Brothers of the region. The formation retreat was held January 20 - 23, 2023. The theme of the retreat was *The Prophetic Call of Brotherhood*.



L-R: Brothers Steve Casey, Jim Glos, Peter O'Loughlin, and Robert Droel.



Welcome

The Province welcomes Brother Senan D'Souza Congregation Leadership Team Liaison to ERCBNA/LAMA. On February 17, 2023, several Brothers in the New York/New Jersey area gathered for prayer and dinner to welcome Senan.



Brother Senan D'Souza cutting the welcome ice-cream cake.

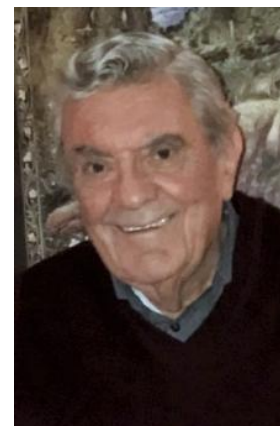


Brothers Mike Segvich, Sean Moffett, Senan D'Souza, Rick Fowler, Matt Maistre and Ben McDonough gathered for evening prayer.



Brother Matt Maistre, Ben McDonough, Senan D'Souza, Chris Hall, Sean Moffett, and Tyrone Davis gathered at table after dinner.

Newly opened
Christian Brothers Retreat, Spirituality & Conference Centre
Hamilton, Sierra Leone, West Africa



Brother John Holden

Brother John Terry Holden, who has been missioned in Africa for the past twenty-four years, and presently a member of the University Student Community in Kabwe, Zambia, has been appointed director of the newly opened *Christian Brothers Retreat, Spirituality & Conference Centre*, in Hamilton, Sierra Leone. He replaces Br Con Cerejo who had been appointed last year but has since been re-appointed to fill a vacancy on the Novitiate Team in Tamale, Ghana.

The beautiful thirteen-acre property, near Freetown along the Peninsula Highway, was purchased by the former English Province some years back, with the intention of making it a much-needed Retreat & Spirituality Centre for the country. This dream became reality through the recent generous donation of a benefactor in the U.K. The donation has been utilized primarily to develop the property. Now all 13 acres have been securely fenced and portions of the property nicely landscaped, with seven new cottages erected on the property. Five of the newly erected cottages add to the two existing cottages already on the property. A large new dining room with kitchen and a new resource centre with office and conference room have also been newly erected. A large gathering hall had earlier been built on the property. A beautiful thatched-roof chalet, erected by the original owners of the property, presently houses the Rice House Community.

Plans are still in the making just how the centre may develop over the next couple of years enabling it to operate to its full potential and capacity as a vibrant retreat, spirituality and conference centre serving the larger Sierra Leone community. With a small team of Christian Brothers and a couple of Sisters working together as team, the centre can also become a hub for youth ministry in offering programs in youth leadership training and other such opportunities for young people. John is also available to conduct occasional seminars and workshops with our

postulants in Bo Town and to help there when needed. He is hoping to set out for Sierra Leone around mid-March. Every blessing, John, as you return to your beloved Sierra Leone and in your new ministry by the sea!

Iona University Dedicates Kelly Center for Health Sciences in Bronxville.



**Alfred F. Kelly Jr. '80, '81MBA, '19H,
chairman and chief executive officer of Visa**

Iona University hosted a dedication ceremony for the Kelly Center for Health Sciences on January 12, 2023, recognizing benefactors **Alfred F. Kelly Jr. '80, '81MBA, '19H, chairman and chief executive officer of Visa, and Peggy Kelly '81, '84MBA**, who generously gifted \$5 million to name the building.

Located on Iona's new campus in Bronxville, N.Y., the Kelly Center for Health Sciences will serve as the flagship building of the New York-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences.

"It is a great honor to be opening the Kelly Center for Health Sciences, as we believe the New York-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences will become a top destination for all those who feel called to serve others through these important fields of study," said Al Kelly. "This is a proud moment for our

family and a historic milestone for our alma mater."

"The legacy of the Kelly Center for Health Sciences will be built through the many thousands of Iona students who go on to save and improve lives for generations to come," said Peggy Kelly. "Al and I are humbled by this gorgeous new facility, and we look forward to all that is still to come."

During the dedication ceremony, **Iona University President Seamus Carey, Ph.D.**, said the opening of the Kelly Center for Health Sciences marked the beginning of a new era for Iona. Classes are set to begin at Iona Bronxville for the first time on Tuesday, January 17.

"At a time when many private institutions of higher education are challenged to stay open, Iona made the move to purchase a new campus to accommodate growth," said Carey. "This building and this campus are wellsprings of hope, not only for the students who will study here, but for the people and communities they will serve. The students who pass through this school and this building will make their mark on the world by providing health care with compassion. They will be distinctive not only for what they know, but for their generosity of spirit that is endemic in the Iona culture."

Province Website

We invite readers to visit the Province Website. The website is constantly updated to reflect the many and diverse aspects of the Province.

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Calendar of Events

March 03, 2023	Westcourt Meeting
March 13, 2023	Brothers Review Board
March 13-15, 2023	PLT Meetings in Elizabeth, NJ
March 16, 2023	CMSM Region 2 meeting, Stony Point, NY
March 27 - 30, 2023	School Leaders Meeting at CM, Boston, MA
April 02 - 09, 2023	Holy Week Retreat in Long Branch, NJ



Please Pray For

- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Brothers Ross Wielatz and John Casey currently at Cabrini for rehab.
- Ann Casey, daughter of Jeanne Casey, Brother Rice, Chicago matriarch.
- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19.
- The people of Ukraine and peace in Eastern Europe
- The people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquake.



Repose of the Soul of...

- + Brother Frank Duff, Renfrew Community, Vancouver, BC.
- + Mrs. Grace McShane, the sister of Brother Chuck Gattone (Vancouver College Community).
- + Kevin Spurrell, brother of Brother Ben Spurrell RIP (Mt. St. Francis Community).
- + Stanley Sudol, cousin of Brother Peter Zawot (Province Leader).
- + Edmundian Joseph (Gregory '48) Fairleigh.
- + Edmundian Nicholas (Gabriel '49) Pierce.
- + Edmundian Michael (Cornelius '54) Brazil.
- + Edmundian Peter (William '55) Oliver.
- + Edmundian Donald (Aquinas '60) Spoto.
- + Jadeden Sanchez, Senior at All Hallows, Bronx, NY.
- + Bishop Matthew Clark, former Bishop of Rochester, NY.
- + Mr. Arumugam M. Aruldoss, former teacher at Brother Rice, Chicago, and father of two alumni.
- + Mrs. Marge Sullivan, former longtime secretary at Bishop Kearney, Rochester, NY
- + Mrs. Mary Ann Manfredonoia, a former school secretary at Blessed Sacrament HS, New Rochelle

