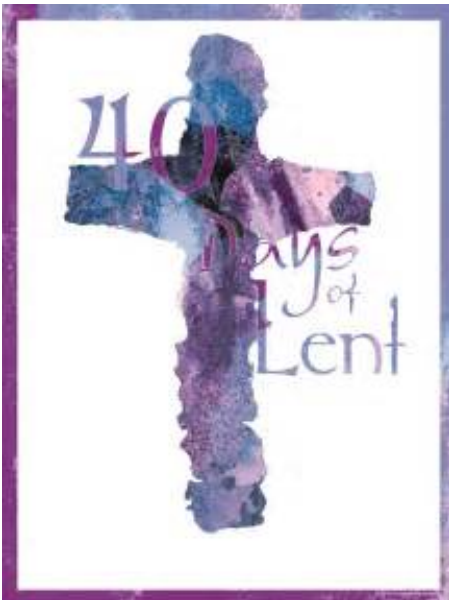


SPEAK, LORD, YOUR SERVANTS ARE LISTENING

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As we enter the middle of this Lenten Season, we are reminded by world events that we are all living in a period of rapid change, challenge and some would say chaos. But as a well-known hymn reminds us: *Come back to me with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart. Trees do bend, tho' straight and tall; so must we to others' call. Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life (Hosea 14-1).* As we wait for the coming of the Lord we are encouraged to pray, fast, and give alms; to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. In his Ash Wednesday talk Pope Francis reminded us that the Lenten Season provides us with an opportunity for conversion and interior renewal. *“Let us prepare ourselves with confidence to follow the Lenten journey that begins today as an opportunity for conversion and interior renewal in listening to the Word of God, in prayer, in the daily exercise of charity towards one’s*

neighbor.” So let us take this opportunity to slow down and contemplate God’s presence in our lives and in the lives of those who come into our lives daily. May this Lenten season be one of renewed hope, renewed courage and renewed faith in the loving embrace of God for his people.

Brother Peter O’Loughlin



School Leaders Meeting

The annual School Leaders Meeting will occur March 27 – March 30, 2023, in Boston, MA. The meeting will be hosted by Catholic Memorial School, West Roxbury, MA. We wish all attendees a safe journey as they travel from various parts of the Province. Coverage of the meeting will be in the next Province News.



Heritage Week – Iona University



Br. Sean Moffett

Iona University celebrates Heritage Week Sunday, March 26 – Thursday, March 30, 2023. This year Brother Sean Moffett and Dr. Elena Procario-Foley will be honored at the Loftus Awards Dinner on March 29, 2023. We offer congratulations to Sean and Elena.



Dr. Elena Procario-Foley

Sunday Kickoff Mass 6:00 PM Sunday, March 26, 2023 Christian Brothers
Vow Renewals
Church of the Holy Family

Loftus Dinner 5:30 PM Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Honorees this year
will be:

- Br. Patrick Sean Moffett, ERCBNA Province Leadership Team (Congratulations!)
- Dr. Elena Procario-Foley, Br. John G. Driscoll Professor of Jewish-Catholic Studies at Mulino's Lake Isle

Waterford Gathering 5:00 PM Thursday, March 30, 2023
Gathering for Christian Brothers School Graduates, Iona in Mission Members, and Christian Brothers at Spellman Burke Lounge

Companions of Edmund

A series of meetings for the Companions of Edmund will be take place in the Chicago area during the upcoming months.

March 25, 2023 @ 9 am; Speaker – Brother Tim Smyth;
Topic – Bishops’ Synod

April 29, 2023 @ 9am; Speaker – Brother Michael Segvich;
Topic – Life of Brother Chuck McKenna and Laudato Si’.

May 6, 2023 @ 4:00 pm Mass; St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave
three blocks from Cicero Ave;
Celebrant – Fr. Mark Walters;
Topic – Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice.

May 27, 2023 @ 9 am; Speaker – Brother Kevin Bernard;
Topic – His Life in South America.

For further information please contact Mr. Mark Quinn at m-quinn@sbcglobal.net

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.

www.ercbna.org

Calendar of Events



March 26 - March 30, 2023	Heritage Week @ Iona University.
March 27 - 30, 2023	School, Leaders Meeting at CM, Boston, MA
March 29, 2023	Loftus Dinner – Iona University
April 02 - 09, 2023	Holy Week Retreat in Long Branch, NJ
April 11 - 13, 2023	NCEA in Irving, TX
April 23, 2023	Community Support Corporation Meeting
April 24 - 26, 2023	PLT Meetings – Elizabeth, NJ
April 30, 2023	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 01, 2023	Religious Brothers Day



Please Pray For

- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Mrs. Maureen Campbell, aunt of Brother Peter O'Loughlin (Mt. Sion Community) recently diagnosed with cancer.
- 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.

Rest of the Soul of...

- + Edmundian Joseph (Gregory '48) Fairleigh.
- + Edmundian Nicholas (Gabriel '49) Pierce
- + Carol Ann Goodman, sister of Brother Alan Ralph (Vancouver, BC)
- + Domenick F. Peragine, brother of Brother Vincent Peragine (LAMA)
- + Veronica Dart, cousin of Brother Tom Higgins (St. Joseph's Residence Community)
- + Bishop David O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, CA
- + Father Patrick (Pat) Curley, Blessed Sacrament Parish, NY, NY
- + Mr. Ed Kietopski, former teacher and coach at Bishop Kearney H/S., Rochester, NY.
- + Mr. Jacob Lofgren, age 51; the son-in-law of Tom Ondrla, former president of Saint Laurence High School.

