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*Prayer to the
Holy Spirit*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

*"Then there appeared to them
tongues as of fire, which parted
and came to rest on each one of
them. And they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit."*

Acts of the Apostles 2:4



*Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested
upon you, may the same Spirit rest on us,
bestowing his sevenfold gifts-*
*First, grant us the gift of understanding, by which
your precepts may enlighten our minds-*
*Second, grant us counsel, by which we may follow in
your footsteps on the path of righteousness-*
*Third, grant us courage, by which we may ward off
the enemy's attacks-*
*Fourth, grant us knowledge, by which we can
distinguish good from evil-*
*Fifth, grant us piety, by which we may acquire
compassionate hearts-*
*Sixth, grant us fear, by which we may draw back
from evil-*
*Seventh, grant us wisdom, that we may taste, fully
the life-giving sweetness of your love-*

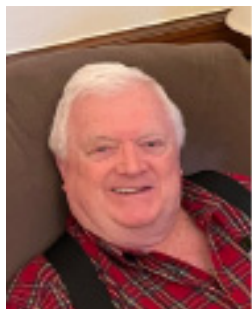
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Appointments



Br. Greg McNally

The Province Leadership Team has reappointed Brother Greg McNally as the Community Leader of the St. Joseph's Residence Community. Greg will continue as the Pastoral Care Coordinator. We thank Greg for all his dedicated work with Brothers at St. Joseph's.

Laudato Si' Week

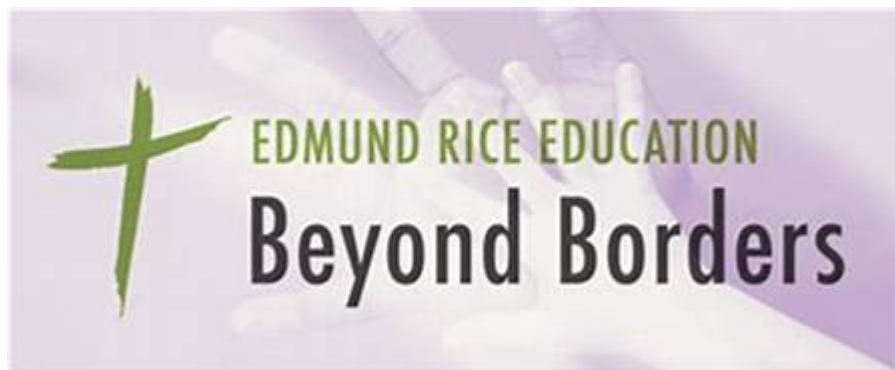


Laudato Si' Week, May 21 - 28, 2023, marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care of our common home. This global celebration will unite Catholics and others



to listen and respond together to the cry of creation while reflecting on the progress that has been made in bringing Laudato Si' to life. Join us in intensifying our efforts through the dynamic Laudato Si' Action Platform (of which the Congregation and Province are a part), as together we walk the "Synodal" path. For more information on Laudato Si' Week, please visit laudatosiweek.org.

Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Congress



Thanks to Dr. Cristiana Ritchie-Bonomo Director of the Office of Educational services for providing the following reflection re: the recent Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Congress held in Dublin, Ireland.

Educating with Hope in our Heart and Hands

By Cristiana Ritchie-Bonomo, Ph.D.



**Dr. Cristiana
Ritchie-Bonomo**

The theme of this year's Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Congress, held in Dublin, Ireland was *Educating with Hope in our Heart and Hands*. However, educating with hope involves forming deeper connections with one another and solving problems together.

Br. Damien Price, CFC of Australia, who facilitated the Congress, frequently referenced this idea by holding his arms stretched forward with his palms together and then moving his arms wide open. Throughout our meetings we were reminded to move beyond isolation within ourselves and our schools and embrace connection to our

Edmund Rice brothers and sisters across the globe. Indeed, during the entire Congress delegates formed relationships which connected hearts and inspired hands to work together.

The bridge building began for several delegates from North America who elected to attend the Pre-Congress. During the Pre-Congress, schools in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland provided a three-day immersion experience. President Stephen Garland from St. Thomas More Collegiate, President, Mark Donohue from Brother Rice Chicago, and President, Dr. Joe Martinez from St. Laurence, Chicago spent several days in Belfast. While there, they formed lasting friendships with colleagues and eagerly exchanged new ideas and potential opportunities for collaboration between Belfast Edmund Rice Schools and North American Schools.

I had the privilege of spending the Pre-Congress in Tralee at CBS "the Green" which is located on the West Coast of Ireland. My fellow pilgrims from Australia and I were warmly welcomed by CBS administrators, faculty, staff, and students, who shared their culture, history, classrooms, tea, and legendary hurling team with us.

We then traveled to Waterford to "Walk in the Footsteps of Blessed Edmund." Delegates visited Callan, walked the streets of Waterford where Edmund worked, married, suffered the loss of his wife, and established a community that continues to change the world for countless generations. The North and Latin American delegates were excited to see Br. Ray Vercruysse, CFC who served as our tour guide at beautiful Mount Sion. Liturgy was celebrated by the Bishop of Waterford, Alphonsus Cullinan, at the Edmund Rice Chapel. A combined choir from Waterpark College, Ardscoil na Mara, and Mount Sion CBS, added energy and enthusiasm to the celebration.

Following our time in Waterford the delegates moved back to Dublin for the work of the Congress. Sessions involved sharing the reality of educating young people in our various locales

and cultures followed by reflection and dialogue. These conversations served the purpose of helping delegates consider future steps for the EREBB and for their schools. The results of those conversations will be shared in the coming weeks.

For me, the most significant take away from our Congress is that we must commit to action through joining hands with our Edmund Rice global community. All of us grow and make a difference in our efforts to build God's kingdom here and now when we listen deeply, when we give voice to the many challenges facing our world, when we seek to find solutions in partnership with one another, and when we are moved to advocate with and for those who have no voice. Live, Jesus in our Hearts! Forever!



Left to Right: Kieran Daly, Christine Chana, Cris Ritchie-Bonomo, Stephen Garland, Dominic Zimmerman, Maureen Kiers, Br. Tim Smyth, Deirdre Mone, Michelle Rapier, Mark Donahue, Joe Martinez, and not pictured, Thane Hall

Founder's Day at the Province Center

The Mt. Sion Community, Elizabeth, NJ hosted a Founder's Day liturgy, social and dinner on Saturday, May 6, 2023 in Elizabeth, NJ. More than twenty-five Brothers and colleagues gathered to celebrate Blessed Edmund Rice. Mass was celebrated by Father Robert LaFerrera. Below are some photos from the day.



The Feast Day Cake



Father Robert LaFerrera



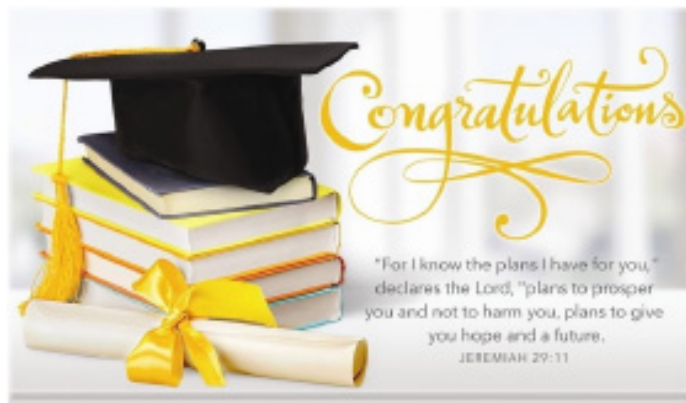
The Gathering Crowd

Praesidium Reaccreditation



The Province's Praesidium Reaccreditation process occurred May 22 – 25, 2023. Many thanks to all those who participated in helping the reaccreditation go smoothly.

Graduation 2023



The Province Leadership Team offers its congratulations to all graduates from the Consortium of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Schools. Special thanks to all our administrators, teachers, and staff for your efforts this past academic year. We wish all a safe and rejuvenating summer break.

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

May 25, 2023	West Court Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
May 28 – June 10, 2023	Rome – CLG Meetings
June 03, 2023	Vancouver College – 100 th Anniversary Mass
June 05, 2023	World Environment Day
June 19, 2023	Juneteenth Day
June 26 – 29, 2023	PLT Meetings – Elizabeth, NJ



Please Pray For

- Brother Jim MacDonald, (Mater Dei Community) recovering from recent cancer surgery.
- Brother Sebastian Adams, (Santa Maria, West Park) recovering from surgery.
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.
- Edmundian Kevin (Jogues '59) O'Connell. battling cancer.
- Philomena Rice longtime friend of the Brothers.
- All those who continue to be affected by COVID-19.
- The people of Ukraine and peace in Eastern Europe



Rest of the Soul of...

- + Mrs. Mary Maistre, the mother of Brother Matthias Maistre (Mt. Vernon Community)
- + Edmundian James (Leo '68) Wood
- + Robert DePiro, uncle of Brother Jim DePiro.
- + Irene Fischer wife of Edmundian Larry (Philip '58) Fischer.