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"Lord, help us to see in your
Crucifixion and Resurrection an
example of how to endure."

— Mother Teresa



A Prayer for Lent

Please, Lord, guide my mind
with your truth.

Strengthen my life by the humble,
obedient example of Jesus.

He fulfilled your will by becoming
human and suffering with us.

He died so that I would no longer
be separated from you.

Help me to feel how close you are
and to live in union with you.



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Brother Peter Clinch
17th Congregational Leader
November 10th, 1953 - January 28th, 2024

It was with sadness and shock that we learned of the death of Brother Peter Clinch, Congregation Leader, in the early hours of January 28 in Rome, Italy. The Leadership Team of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America and the Latin America Mission Area sends its deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the Brothers throughout the Congregation, but especially to Peter's family, friends and Brothers in Oceania. May God grant Peter eternal rest.

Find below a beautiful tribute and remembrance of Brother Peter Clinch, written by Brother Gerard Brady, Oceania Province Leader.

In Memoriam: Br Peter Bernard Clinch CFC
17th Congregational Leader

"I thank my God each time I think of you and when I pray for you, I pray with joy."
~ Philipians 13-4

We are still coming to terms with the untimely and sudden death of our beloved brother, Peter Bernard Clinch, who died suddenly on 28 January in the early hours of Sunday morning. The expressions of condolence and consolation have been extraordinary over recent days coming from Religious Institutes and their leadership, Edmund Rice Network members and Bishops. Tonight, a memorial service will be held at the Treacy Centre, Parkville where many will gather to pay tribute to him. Peter grew up in Murrumbena, a working-class suburb in those days. His father, Kevin, was a plumber, a forthright man who had a compassionate heart. His mother, Joan, was the homemaker with whom Peter had a close relationship. In latter years Joan was confined to a wheelchair, but it did not prevent her determination to get out and about. Peter was close to his siblings Kathleen, Maureen (deceased), Stephen, Robert, Margaret, and Michael as well as their spouses and children. There were regular gatherings of the clan which Peter looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed. It was also in this home environment that he was inducted (some would say baptised) into his lifelong following of the Australian Rules football team Collingwood, attending games with his aunt Von.



Peter's education was at Christian Brothers College, St Kilda, where he was a dependable and serious student. He was taught for four of those years by Br Clem Barrett, who also coached him

in athletics. Peter still holds a College athletics record to this day. He entered the Juvenate at Bundoora to complete his Form 5 and 6 years, then proceeded to the novitiate at Mater Dei Lower Plenty, where Br Michael Borromeo Stallard guided him as his novice master. They later lived in community, both involved with the refugee homework tutoring service in St Albans, reflecting Peter's deep commitment to those on the margin Peter loved teaching and school life. He was sent to Ringwood, then Austin's Ferry in Tasmania, Pascoe Vale in Melbourne and had association with St Leo's students during his studies at Yarra Theological Union. He ran an ordered and well-disciplined classroom where students knew where they stood, while also knowing he had their back if they got into trouble. He organised trips to the Centre of Australia and to Tassie with classes and loved the interaction with young people. He had a way of relating to them that put them at ease while assuring them of his care for them. His ability to form relationships led him into pastoral work with senior students and later as Director of the Youth Spirituality Centre at Amberley where his talents shone. He established a young adult community at Amberley and oversaw the construction of a house which became home to them all. The friendships and interactions with those young adults of those years continued too today.

Peter served as a chaplain for a period at MacKillop Family Services as well as to refugees locked away in the detention centre in Melbourne. He regularly visited them and with his good friend Fr Peter Carrucan, led religious services for them. When some were released into the community, he took them under his wing, working tirelessly to get them into housing and a job. Peter often reflected on the influential period of studying theology at Yarra Theological Union. It was here he became grounded in theological reflection, scripture, and contemporary religious education praxis. He would say this was his real formation time in his life. Another defining time for him was his experience at Loreto House, Dublin preparing him to be a formator. He came away from that time with personal insight, awareness of group dynamics and the role and responsibility of a leader. Later he spent time in Nemi, Italy in a formators' program which he found very beneficial. These experiences laid the foundation for his future calling to leadership on Province Leadership Teams and later Province Leader and Congregation Leader.

Peter's leadership qualities influenced the vision and direction of Province life in both St Patrick's Province and the Oceania Province. Peter was a large-hearted man, who could be direct and determined, yet holding a vision that always took us beyond the current reality into a new way of thinking and seeing the world. His compassion for the poor and Earth was reflected in the simplicity of his life. David Silva, his Congregational team member in Rome packed his room indicating there were hardly any belongings in his cupboard.

Peter Bernard Clinch "we have loved you in life and let us not forget you in death" (St Ambrose). May you be at peace in the Divine and expansive love of a God you came to know so well. Rest in peace, my brother.

*Gerard Brady cfc
Province Leader
Oceania Province*

School Leaders Meeting Montevideo, Uruguay



Colegio Stella Maris
Christian Brothers

During the week of March 19-22, 2024, school leaders, members of the PLT and the Office of Educational Services will be attending the annual School Leaders Meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay hosted by Colegio Stella Maris. We thank the Community of Stella Maris for hosting this meeting and we wish all participants a safe and fruitful experience. More news and a description of the meeting will be forthcoming in the next edition of the Province News.



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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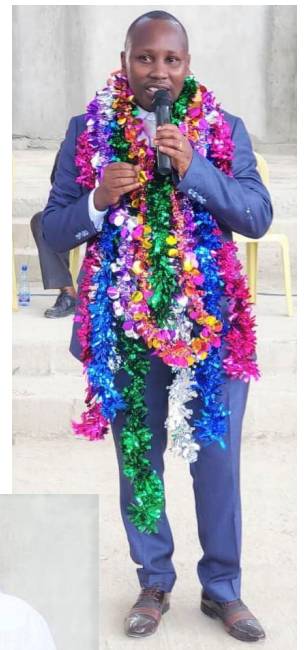
Celebration of Perpetual Profession – Brother Daniel Kyalo



On Saturday 17 February 2024, Brother Daniel Kyalo made his perpetual vows at St Michael's Parish – Otiende (Nairobi). It was a day filled with joy and jubilation, as his family, brothers and friends joined him in witnessing and celebrating this significant milestone of his life. His family, which included his elderly mother, uncles, aunties, and numerous relations were present at the ceremony. The family was accompanied by the parishioners, which included the priest from the parish. There was no doubt that Daniel had the support of his family and his local church as he made his commitment as a Christian Brother for life.

Brother Alfred Banda Province Leader gave a reflection during the eucharistic celebration. In his reflection, making reference to Daniel's timing of perpetual vows, he said "God's time is the best time". He drew various recent happening which resonated with that reality. He continued to expound on brotherhood as a vocation. To brother is to love. It is following of Jesus Christ who loved and lived for others.

We wish Daniel many joyful years in his commitment as a disciple of Christ, through living of his religious vows as a Christian Brothers.

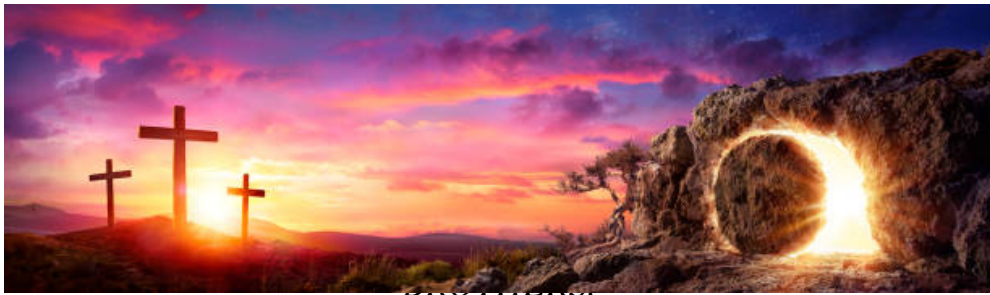


Province Life and Renewal

Please see below the following invitation to the Brothers of the Province from the Province Life and Renewal Team. We strongly urge all to take this opportunity to be together as we journey through Lent 2024.

INVITATION

LENT-EASTER REFLECTION 2024 EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA AND LAMA



*YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A
ZOOM GATHERING OF THE BROTHERS
IN OUR PROVINCE SCHEDULED FOR*

*SATURDAY, MARCH 2 AT 1:00 PM EST.
SHARING THOUGHTS ON THE LENT/EASTER SEASON WILL BE*

BROTHER HUGO CACERES CFC

*FROM THE CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP TEAM.
WE DO HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US ON THAT DAY.*

The link for the Zoom will be forwarded later in the month.

*SINCERELY,
THE PROVINCE LIFE AND RENEWAL TEAM*

Calendar of Events



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| March 1, 2024 | Westcourt Meeting |
| March 5-8, 2024 | PLT Meetings, Elizabeth, NJ |
| March 11, 2024 | Review Board Meeting |
| March 11, 2024 | Essential Elements Retreat, Tampa Catholic, Tampa, FL |
| March 12, 2024 | OES Meeting |
| March 18-21, 2024 | School Leaders Meeting, Montevideo, Uruguay |
| March 24-31, 2024 | Holy week 2024 |
| April 2-4, 2024 | NCEA, Pittsburgh, PA |
| April 9, 2024 | OES Meeting |

Please Pray For



- Edmundian Daniel (Dennis '57) McCarthy.
- All those affected by war: the Ukraine and the Middle East
- The victims of natural disasters around the world.
- Our Brothers at St. Joseph's Residence in New Rochelle, NY and in other care facilities across the Province.

Repose of the Soul of...

- + Brother Peter Clinch, 17th Congregational Leader, Rome, Italy.
- + Edmundian Andrew Ryan (Patrick '51)
- + Edmundian Albert Estrada (Rene '54)
- + Sean Sullivan, longtime teacher and principal, All Hallows High School, Bronx, NY
- + Ed Molloy, former teacher Blessed Sacrament High School, New Rochelle, NY.