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The Mission of the *Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Mission Frère-Advocacy Program* is to create an awareness of and to advocate for the needs of those most marginalized in our society. Our goal is to create a more just, peaceful and equitable world by being faithful to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice. We foster presence, compassion and liberation in collaboration with the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province, the members of the Consortium of Edmund Rice Schools and all who are inspired by the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice in the North American Edmund Rice Network.

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MISSION FRÈRE-HAITI IMMERSION 2017



In July of 2017, representatives from Iona Prep in New York, Archbishop McCarthy High School in Florida, and the Edmund Rice Christian Brother North American Province Leadership Team joined forces to embark on the first inaugural Mission Frère-Haiti immersion trip. The group spent the week in Borgne, on Haiti's northern coast. Here, they learned about the town's history and culture and worked alongside residents to refurbish a local parochial school.

In 2017, Haiti is still regarded as one of, if not the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. On the beautiful beaches of Haiti's Northern coast sits the small town of Borgne. Located roughly 30 miles west of Cap-Haitien, Borgne is home to approximately 80,000 residents, most of whom live without basic needs such as running water, reliable electricity and telephone and internet service. Most residents rely on subsistence agriculture and fishing to survive on \$1 or less per day and are isolated due to the almost non-existent infrastructure throughout the area. Most nights in Borgne are spent in the dark, as the only light comes from expensive gas generators or the few solar-powered lights across the town. Despite these challenges, Borgne is filled with hope, thanks to the determination and faith of its people and those individuals who have dedicated their lives to serve their brothers and sisters in need.

The Mission Frère-Haiti initiative developed in response to the 2014 ERCB Nairobi Chapter Calls inviting the Brothers and others in the global ER Network to find new ways of serving their brothers and sisters in need. Over the past three years, a plan was developed to create opportunities for the ERCBNA Network to assist the poor of Haiti while also allowing students from ERCB schools to both experience immersion in Haiti and to serve and advocate for those living there. Following a 2016 exploratory visit to Haiti by Sean D'Alfonso (ERCBNA Province Advocacy Coordinator and Iona Prep Asst. Director of Campus Ministry) and Brother Kevin Griffith (ERCBNA Province Leader) with Mr. Richard Jean (Principal of Archbishop McCarthy High School), Father Jean Jadotte (Chaplain of Archbishop McCarthy High School) and chaperone Maryse Emmanuel-Garcy, an immersion experience was created to bring students from Iona Prep and Archbishop McCarthy to Haiti for an immersion experience. Thanks to the partnerships and connections between Archbishop McCarthy and the town of Borgne, Haiti, the immersion became a reality this summer.

From July 5-11 2017, a joint group from New York and Florida traveled to Borgne, Haiti to experience the first Mission Frère-Haiti immersion trip. The group consisted of 6 students, Jesiah Osbourne, Robert Keane, Jack Magarelli and Michael Kang from Iona Prep in New York and Juan Martin Abreu-Melon and Victoria Jean Baptiste from Archbishop McCarthy High School in Florida. Joining these students were Sean D'Alfonso, Brother Kevin Griffith, Richard Jean, and Archbishop McCarthy teachers Ana Perez and Chris Covone. Additionally, the group was joined by two native Haitians from Borgne, Father Jean Jadotte, as well as chaperone Maryse Emmanuel-Garcy. The group's week consisted of a variety of different experiences to introduce students to the realities of life in Borgne.



Borgne (Le Borgne), Haiti was the site of the 2017 Mission Frère-Haiti immersion trip. Located roughly 30 miles west of Cap-Haitien, most residents of the town of more than 80,000 lack running water and electricity.



The group pictured alongside students from St. Rose of Lima School in Borgne, Haiti.



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After arriving in Cap-Haitien on July 5th, the group traveled 30 miles west, and arrived 5 hours later in Borgne, on Haiti's Northern coast. From the ride, students quickly learned of the dire poverty and lack of infrastructure still plaguing Haiti today. The group spent the next 6 days learning from one another, but more importantly learning from the people of Borgne. Thanks to the generosity of St. Charles Borromeo Church, the group had authentic Haitian meals prepared each day and the opportunity to spend time with Borgne's residents. Throughout the week, the immersion group's project was to repaint the school connected to St. Charles Borromeo Church, St. Rose of Lima School. Students had the opportunity to work alongside their Haitian peers, as students from St. Rose of Lima joined in the work project.

In addition to working at St. Rose of Lima, the immersion group had the opportunity to tour Borgne's streets, visiting a number of different businesses and markets to truly understand life in town. Students were struck by the poverty that they encountered in Borgne, but were more moved by the generosity and openness of its people. Iona Prep senior Michael Kang reflected,

"During the trip, I learned a lot. Not only about Haiti and its people, but I also learned about myself. Visiting Haiti helped me realize how grateful I am to live in a country where you can access any resource and have endless opportunities. I also felt a calling that I have to do something to serve them when returning home, but realize I cannot do it all by myself. I know that we have to educate people back home to be aware of the situation down there. Maybe the most important thing I learned was about education. How important it is to people in Haiti, and how crucial it is that we support it so that Haiti can continue to develop."

The immersion group's experience in Borgne was an incredible one thanks to its welcoming people. The trip would also not have been possible without the support of Archbishop McCarthy chaplain Father Jean Jadotte and chaperone Maryse Emmanuel-Garcy and her family. The ERCBNA Province thanks them and all who made the first annual trip such a great success.

In visiting Haiti, the group witnessed firsthand the hope that education brings to Borgne's youth, while also highlighting the dire need to support programs that give the town a chance to develop. Upon returning to school this Fall, students at Iona Prep are beginning to plan ways in which they can support and advocate for the people of Borgne. The ERCBNA Province has already supported St. Rose of Lima School by providing funds to purchase new desks for the 2017-2018 school year. Additionally, various works of art were purchased in Haiti to be sold at Iona College's Brother Kenneth Chapman Art Gallery. All proceeds from these sales will be returned back directly to support education programs in Haiti (Read more on page 12).



A picture of St. Charles Borromeo Church which served as the base for the immersion group's week.



The immersion group pictured at Saint Charles Borromeo church after Sunday Mass.

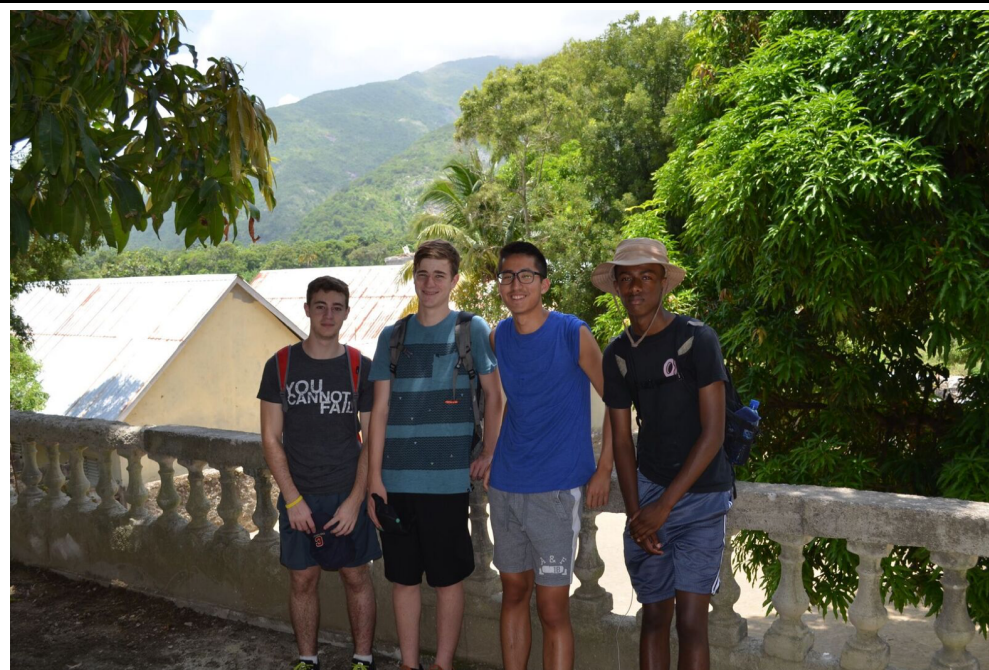


Iona Prep student Michael Kang pictured with local children from the town of Borgne.



MISSION FRÈRE-HAITI IMMERSION 2017

THE WEEK IN PICTURES



Iona Prep students (l-r) Jack Magarelli, Rob Keane, Michael Kang and Jesiah Osbourne. All students will be seniors this year at Iona Prep.



Iona Prep students Jesiah Osbourne (rear) and Jack Magarelli paint a classroom at St. Rose of Lima school in Borgne.



Thanks to the generosity of chaperone Maryse Emmanuel-Garcy's family, immersion participants were blessed with this view from their retreat house for the week.



An updated look of St. Rose of Lima School after the immersion group's work painting the school.



IMMIGRATION UPDATES

In light of the difficult climate surrounding immigration in the United States, Brother Michael Maher continues to update the ERCB Network on recent developments and their impacts on both Haitians and Canada.



August 2017

Olympic Stadium opened to temporarily house 'intense' surge of asylum seekers from U.S.

Montreal Olympic Stadium is offering asylum assistance to a quite unusual influx of Haitians from the US facing possible deportation to Haiti under President Trump's immigration policy, and increasingly, the practice of re-patriating Haitian refugees. The stadium has set up 450 beds in the face of almost 1200 arrivals as estimated by the Quebec government agency PRAIDA that helps settlement.

Haitian Refugees (Courtesy of CBC News)

Asylum Seekers at Quebec Border

More than 7,000 assylum seekers were intercepted at the Quebec-U.S. border during a six-week period during the months of July and August. The vast majority of these asylum seekers leaving the U.S. for Canada are Haitians, leaving in fear of President Trump's administration's possible termination of many Haitian's "temporary protected status," granted after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Surge of Haitian Assylum Seekers (Courtesy of CBC News)

Waiting on Waivers

Migrants with no status in the U.S. battle anxiety as they await President Trump's next move. The cancelling of waivers and other reprieves could see thousands more looking for asylum in Canada. The decision on DACA continues to add to the fear of many migrants living in the U.S.

Waiting on Waivers (Courtesy of CBC News)

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

In Jackson, Mississippi, a growing immigrant population has been marginalized. Brother Ted Dausch continues to fight for justice for immigrants living there through his work with various organizations that fight for equality in the Diocese of Jackson. Brother Ted's ministry provides immigrants with crucial resources as well as the skills and education to succeed.



In the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi there are approximately 50,000 Hispanics. Many are undocumented, have limited education, and are treated as outcasts. The people in ministry are limited in numbers, age and experience and most are not bi-lingual. In an area of 37,600 sq. miles, there are one hundred churches and missions, of which twenty seven serve the Hispanic community. Becoming more aware of the issues that the undocumented face, Brother Ted Dausch was one of the co-founders of MIRA (Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance), a voice informing the non-immigrant population and



Brother Ted Dausch (second from left) pictured with colleagues from the Southeast Pastoral Institute. Along with his work with evangelization in Jackson, Mississippi, Brother Dausch works to advocate for immigrants through MIRA (Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance).

the state legislature concerning these issues. MIRA was able to block some of the anti-immigrant legislation now doing damage in other states. In order to bridge this gap Brother Ted and his collaborators place emphasis on evangelization, formation, and lay leadership within the Hispanic communities. In cooperation with the Southeast Pastoral Institute, over one hundred people have participated or are participating in these basic courses in theology, pastoral ministry and leadership. Brother Ted sees himself as a bridge between people and communities in the Diocese and he is an advocate and educator for social justice. Even at a "mature" age he speaks of himself as being passionate and very grateful to accompany his brothers and sisters on this journey. Brother Ted says, "I try to be a bridge for them in this world and they are a bridge for me into the next -- I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

To learn more about MIRA click here: www.yourmira.org

OUR RESPONSE TO THE RECENT VIOLENCE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE



Dear Brothers, Friends, Colleagues and All Who Are Inspired by the Charism of Blessed Edmund Rice,

Greetings from the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Province Center in Elizabeth, NJ. I hope this message finds you enjoying either your summer break or the start to your new school year.

We have all been saddened and deeply troubled by the events that took place last weekend in Charlottesville, VA. It has been a trying time for those of us in the United States portion of our Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province. Below is a statement from the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) in response to the violence in Charlottesville. Our Province is an active member of CMSM. In fact, four members of our Province Leadership Team recently attended the annual CMSM Assembly which took place in Scottsdale, AZ from August 1-4, 2017.

As a member of CMSM and as Province Leader of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province, I strongly support the below statement from CMSM. I encourage all of our school and outreach ministries to use the events in Charlottesville as a teachable moment with our students to talk about the horrors of racism, of the white supremacy movement, and of Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi groups. As schools steeped in the *Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education*, I encourage all of our schools to be proactive in denouncing the violence we saw last weekend and in promoting racial harmony in our country. Our schools teach that all humans, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, etc. are created equal and share the same basic human rights that afford respect and dignity to all God's people. Let us be strong advocates in promoting these inalienable rights which can never be reserved for a select few, but which must always be at the heart of what we teach our students.

Please join me in praying for a more just society, as well as for peaceful solutions to the problems we face.

God bless,

Bro. Kevin M. Griffith
Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America, Province Leader

**To read the response to the violence in Charlottesville from CMSM,
please click here:**

[CMSM STATEMENT ON CHARLOTTESVILLE](#)



EDMUND RICE INTERNATIONAL UPDATES



REFLECTIONS OF AN IONA INTERN

-ALEXA MATO, IONA COLLEGE



My name is Alexa Mato and I am a rising Senior at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. I am finishing my Bachelor's degree in International Studies and Economics this December. For as long as I can remember, learning and traveling have been my passions. This summer I attended the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland where I interned with Edmund Rice International.

I was able to learn about the inspiring work they do on behalf of children in other countries and I was able to meet some of the people that make it all happen. One of my favorite parts was being able to attend side events at the United Nations where organizations would give a closer look at specific human rights violations occurring in a country. I found these events informative and inspiring as the people speaking were truly passionate about wanting to make a change.

Passion like this as well as the passion from the Edmund Rice brothers is truly contagious, and I hope to continue this type of work once I return to New York.



Iona College senior Alexa Mato pictured outside U.N. Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Through her work as an intern with Edmund Rice International, Alexa spent time working at the U.N. during the summer of 2017.

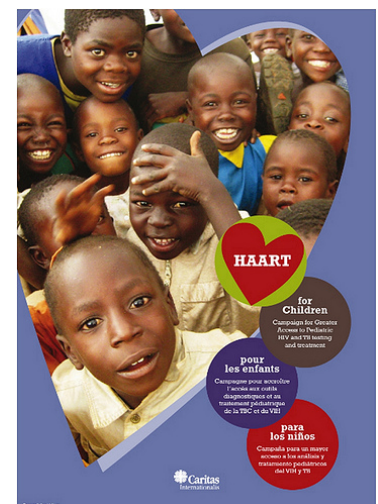
CARITAS HAART FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN 2017-2018

Edmund Rice International is again urging support for the Caritas Letter Writing Campaign on behalf of children with HIV/AIDS.

Resource materials are currently being updated and should be available next month. Our hope is that schools who supported the campaign in the past will continue to do so and that they will be joined by many more from the hundreds of Edmund Rice Network schools around the world.

The letter writing campaign is now focused on Health Ministries of those countries with a significant HIV/AIDS problem rather than pharmaceutical companies, due to the current lack of clarity regarding status of the patents for anti-retroviral medication. Governments are being asked to do more to eliminate mother to child transmission of the virus, do more to ensure children living with HIV receive appropriate treatment care and support, to strengthen the capacity of families, the community-level and social welfare child care workforce so that together they can meet the developmental needs of children living with HIV, and address the problem of stigma and discrimination associated with the infection.

To learn more about the campaign, click here: [CARITAS LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN](#)



Care of Earth Update

-Br. Kevin Cawley



July 2017

— The Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona College responded to a special invitation from the sponsors of a conference on "Spirituality and Sustainability" that was held in Rome and Assisi during June/July 2017. Brother Kevin Cawley, CFC, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Thomas Berry Forum at Iona, and Sister Kathleen Deignan, CND, Ph.D., Berry Forum Co-Convener offered presentations on the deepening legacy of Thomas Berry, who was the geologist around whom the Assisi Conferences gathered during eight years of his life. To mark the second anniversary of the papal encyclical, "Laudato Si: On the Care of Our Common Home," the sixty conferees attended an audience with Pope Francis, who acknowledged and thanked them for their work to protect our endangered Earth.



Brother Kevin Cawley (second from left) presents at the 2017 "Spirituality and Sustainability" Conference in Assisi.

— We have had a momentous interval of climate news. The loudest sound may have been the announcement of the US President that he intends to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement of December 2015. The reaction from the rest of the world has been a swift, comprehensive repudiation of this decision. We will explore a number of these responses in the July edition of [Carbon Rangers](#). I hope the array of reports on the powerful pushback reactions to the US decision to withdraw from Paris will bring some encouragement. "We are still in!" is the basic response but the wonderful energy and wide enthusiasm to absolutely maintain the course deserves a broader canvas. I also draw your attention to the note from the [Global Footprint Network](#). They have suggestions for individuals and families to take up and be a part of the re-set of the human-Earth relationship so that it is more mutually beneficial from this point forward. There is also a link to Drawdown, a new book that promises to challenge and to inspire.

August/September 2017

— Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew have issued a joint statement on the care of Earth on September 1. This is now the third year that both leaders have joined in urging greater care for Creation around the planet. This September marks the first time they have issued a joint statement as heads of their two great faith traditions speaking as one on care for our suffering planet. I have included their statement to lead this edition. The moral challenge cannot be clearer.

—What to Do? Readers will note there are two items carried forward from earlier editions on how to respond to these challenges. The bad news about our predicament can seem overwhelming but Global Footprint and Drawdown are two excellent resources to help us see a way forward. Just in time, Paul Hawken and colleagues have recently published [Drawdown](#). The name calls out the real goal we must embrace: "drawdown" of the concentration of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, rather than the insufficient objective of reducing emissions. We have reason to hope always that each of us can still make a difference. Even a few people starting to change will have an impact, most especially those of us in developed nations who tend to have a larger carbon footprint. Our changes have real impact.

To read more, please click the Carbon Rangers link in the "Advocacy Links" section on page 12.

Palma's Phoenix Alliance-

Roger Rybkowski

Members of the Phoenix Alliance, a program run by inmates at the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) in Soledad, California, presented a check to Palma School, an all-boys Christian Brother school in Salinas, to provide financial aid for a student in need. The \$6,564.30 gift is part of a commitment made by the Phoenix Alliance to fully fund a student through high school at Palma in gratitude for Palma's involvement at the prison.



During a Friday evening ceremony on August 18, 2017 that included inmate testimonials, music and even cake from the prison bakery, the Phoenix Alliance presented the check to School President Br. Patrick Dunne, C.F.C. and School Principal David Sullivan. Two recent Palma Alumni who had participated in the Steinbeck readings, Oliver Mirassou (2017, now attending UC Santa Cruz) and Nick Ottone (2016, now attending the University of Notre Dame), were invited to speak along with Director of Campus Ministry Jim Micheletti, Assistant Director Mia Mirassou and Lt. Roland Ramon, prison information officer and the spearhead for many of the inmate groups. Staff members and parents were also in attendance.

In 2014, Dennis Donahue, former Salinas mayor, Palma alumnus and member of the Palma School Board of Directors, suggested to Campus Ministry Director, Jim Micheletti, he contact prison officials to see if any collaboration could be made between the prison programs and Palma's campus ministries.



Warden Shawn Hatton addressing the crowd at the ceremony



Richard Mireles makes opening remarks in the prison gym

Meetings with Warden Marion Spearman, Capt. Ed Borla and Lt. Roland Ramon determined that the Life C.Y.C.L.E. inmate program might benefit from student participation. Life C.Y.C.L.E. (Careless Youth Corrected by Lifers' Experience) is an inmate program wherein those serving life sentences use their knowledge and experience to mentor younger offenders who will eventually be paroled and return to society. The first series of discussions initiated by Palma School was about father-son relationships. Including students in the meetings had an immediate and profound effect on all who participated — more so than anyone could have imagined.

"Our students are challenged to push themselves outside of their comfort zones when serving a marginalized population," said Micheletti. "This collaboration is exactly in line with the goals of the school's Founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, and with what we hope to achieve through campus ministry."

The students found themselves immersed in an environment that evoked both curiosity and anxiety. The discussions with incarcerated men were frank, honest and sincere and often the topics were so raw one could not avoid feeling it in his gut. All the while, the demeanor on both sides remained polite and respectful. The result of their five-week collaboration was a student-created book, *Brokenness and Blessings*, wherein stories contributed by students and inmates are presented without author to highlight the dichotomy between the upbringing of the two groups.

Palma's Phoenix Alliance-

Roger Rybkowski

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"Empathy" is the word that best describes these collaborations. As Palma campus ministry puts it, "empathy is your pain in my heart." At the center of this partnership is the willingness to embrace each other as brothers, regardless of race, economics, or opportunities seized or lost. These "exercises in empathy" are ultimately about restorative justice with an emphasis on the needs of the victims and victimizers to find possible correction in addition to mere punishment. Respectful dialogue on an equal footing on the themes that matter — sitting in circles and reporting out — is healing and humane.

Since the collaboration's inception three years ago, Palma School students, parents and faculty have met with Life C.Y.C.L.E. to examine the works of John Steinbeck. Steinbeck's books speak to the downtrodden and misunderstood while most of his stories are told right here in the Salinas Valley. The parables found in Steinbeck's themes are relatable to everyone, but especially to the men behind the prison walls.



Richard Edmond and James Jacobs perform original songs



Syon Newson-Green addresses the crowd after being named recipient of the scholarship

Through *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Of Mice and Men* and *The Pearl*, the groups engage in conversations that begin with the books' characters and progress into personal stories. The students have a front row seat to a life unimagined. The inmates revere the students' maturity and intellect and deeply appreciate the respect with which they are treated. Seeing themselves on equal footing with students who are destined for some of the most prestigious universities in the country gives the inside men a sense of purpose and self worth. Many of the inmates have never had a visitor after decades of incarceration which adds even more meaning to the meetings. Through these collaborations, the men who thought of themselves as rejected develop hope, a commodity in short supply behind bars.

The Phoenix Alliance is another ILTAG at CTF that is comprised of many of the same members as Life C.Y.C.L.E. Their purpose is to affect positive change. The men named their scholarship "Men Built for Others" to reflect what they aspire to become. To fund the scholarship, they raised money from within the inmate population. Through an outside advocate, they were also able to create a crowd-funding website, ([CROWD RISE](#)) through the Career Responsible Opportunities Programs (CROP) Foundation. The website has raised \$7,961 to date.

The Phoenix Alliance began as an ILTAG called the Higher Education Library Project (HELP), which was created by an inmate with a vision in 2007, who has since paroled. Their first purpose was to establish and maintain a library of text books for inmates pursuing their AA degree who could not afford to purchase them. Their second purpose was to fund a scholarship for Achieving Academic Excellence, a program at Hartnell Community College in Salinas that brought academically and economically challenged students into the prison for three-day empowerment workshops. The workshops were called Leadership4Life, and the first scholarships were presented in 2008.

Palma's Phoenix Alliance-

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In the early days of Leadership4Life, the program received marginal support. Through the extraordinary efforts of Leadership4Life's founders, Lt. Roland Ramon, CTF's Public Information Officer, and Renee Barnes, retired CTF teacher, it slowly built the momentum that has sustained it for the past 10 years. Hermelinda Rocha, Hartnell Instructor, was also a vital part of its success. It was her belief in the message that the men offered her students that allowed the workshops to thrive.

In 2015, the state began purchasing textbooks for inmates, and HELP transformed into the Phoenix Alliance. They continue to support the ACE scholarship and have now added the Palma School scholarship. The group also facilitates Leadership4Life, providing a transformational perspective that is grounded in the empowering concepts of responsibility, choice, commitment and the freedom to shape a future worth having to Hartnell's Ethnic 1 Studies students.



Brother Patrick Dunne, C.F.C., President of Palma School makes remarks at the ceremony

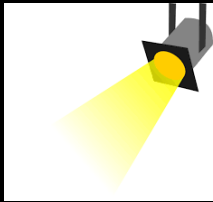


Syon Newson-Green is congratulated by members of the Phoenix Alliance

"The Phoenix Alliance is a unique, model ILTAG, not only because it positively affects the community on an on-going basis through Leadership4Life, but the men providing this service are doing it with no outside incentive (*i.e.* time off of their sentence, special recognition)," said Barnes. "Each man on the executive body has been incarcerated for many years and some still have a lengthy stretch before they are released, but they are self-driven and committed to living a purposeful, generous life while in prison."

Members of today's executive body of the Phoenix Alliance have earned degrees from AA through Masters of Philosophy and Psychology, along with certifications in drug and alcohol counseling, all while incarcerated. Warden Shawn Hatton has been an ardent supporter of the Phoenix Alliance, among other prison ILTAGs, since his appointment in April 2017.

Life C.Y.C.L.E. and the Phoenix Alliance are two programs at CTF Soledad that illustrate when inmates make a commitment to restorative justice and making amends through programs they initiate and conduct, they can affect positive change for themselves, the inmate population and the surrounding communities.



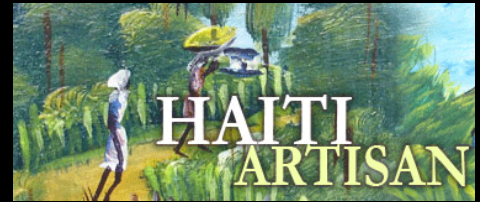
ADVOCACY SPOTLIGHT:

Advocacy Through Art- Haiti Artisan Crafts

In April 2016, the ERCB Network was introduced to the Haiti Artisan Crafts group, which uses the creation and sale of art to support various programs including educational, medical and housing initiatives to assist people in and around Jean-Rabel, Haiti. The use of art provides Haitian artists with an opportunity to practice their talents while also earning a wage to support their families. On the 2017 Mission Frère-Haiti immersion trip in July, the ERCBNA Province purchased a number of pieces of art which will be sold this Fall at the gift shop of Iona College's Brother Kenneth Chapman Art Gallery. The proceeds from these sales will be sent directly back to the Haiti Artisan Crafts group in order to support the ministries of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary in Jean-Rabel.

To learn more visit:

www.haitiartisancrafts.com



Two of the many pieces of art created by Haitian artists through the Haiti Artisan Crafts group.

ADVOCACY LINKS



Edmund Rice School Network

This is a link to the School Network, which comprises schools from the ERCBNA Province and the Latin American Region. This link contains information regarding schools and the various programs and activities in which the Office of Educational Services (OES) is involved.

[EDMUND RICE SCHOOLS](#)



Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM): Justice and Peace Alerts

An association of the leadership of men in religious and apostolic institutes in the U.S. The link below is to the CMSM publication "Justice Alert," which highlights areas where justice is needed and proposes direct action through advocacy. The ERCBNA Province is a member of CMSM.

[CMSM ALERTS](#)



Edmund Rice International (ERI): Click below to access the most recent issues of Edmund Rice International's newsletter. This newsletter highlights the various areas of advocacy that ERI is involved in at the U.N. and beyond. Mission Frère-Advocacy works in concert with ERI.

[ERI NEWSLETTER](#)



Carbon Rangers: An e-newsletter published by Bro. Kevin Cawley, CFC, ERI Team and Executive Director of the Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona College. Carbon Rangers creates awareness for climate change and advocates for responsible environmental stewardship.

[CARBON RANGERS](#)



Edmund Rice Latin America (LATAM):

The link below is to LATAM, the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers' Newsletter in Latin America. The Latin American Region and North American Province work closely together to promote justice in the Americas. Click below to see the great work being done in Latin America.

[LATAM](#)



Smart Justice Network of Canada:

Brother Michael Maher works with this organization to bring awareness to the criminal justice system. Brother Maher and his colleagues advocate for both offenders and victims through Restorative Justice, which advocates for the criminal justice system to address the harm(s) done through mechanisms of support, accountability and healing. Click below to learn more:

[SMART JUSTICE](#)



Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders:

EREBB advocates for the rights of children to receive quality Catholic school education and brings together Edmund Rice Christian Brother Schools from around the world. Click below to access their website:

[EDMUND RICE BEYOND BORDERS](#)

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We are always looking for submissions and links from across the network and beyond!



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UPCOMING EVENTS



September 19, 2017, 12:00 PM- Mulcahy Gym, Iona College

Iona College welcomes Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, Founder of Homeboy Industries, as the inaugural speaker for the Br. Cornelia lecture. All are welcome!



November 4-11, 2017

ERCBNA Brownsville Immersion, Brownsville, Texas



November 7, 2017

Center of Hope (Haiti) Inc. Annual Gala, Bryant Park, New York



Fall 2017

Haiti Artisan Crafts Art Sale, Brother Kenneth Chapman Art Gallery, Iona College