

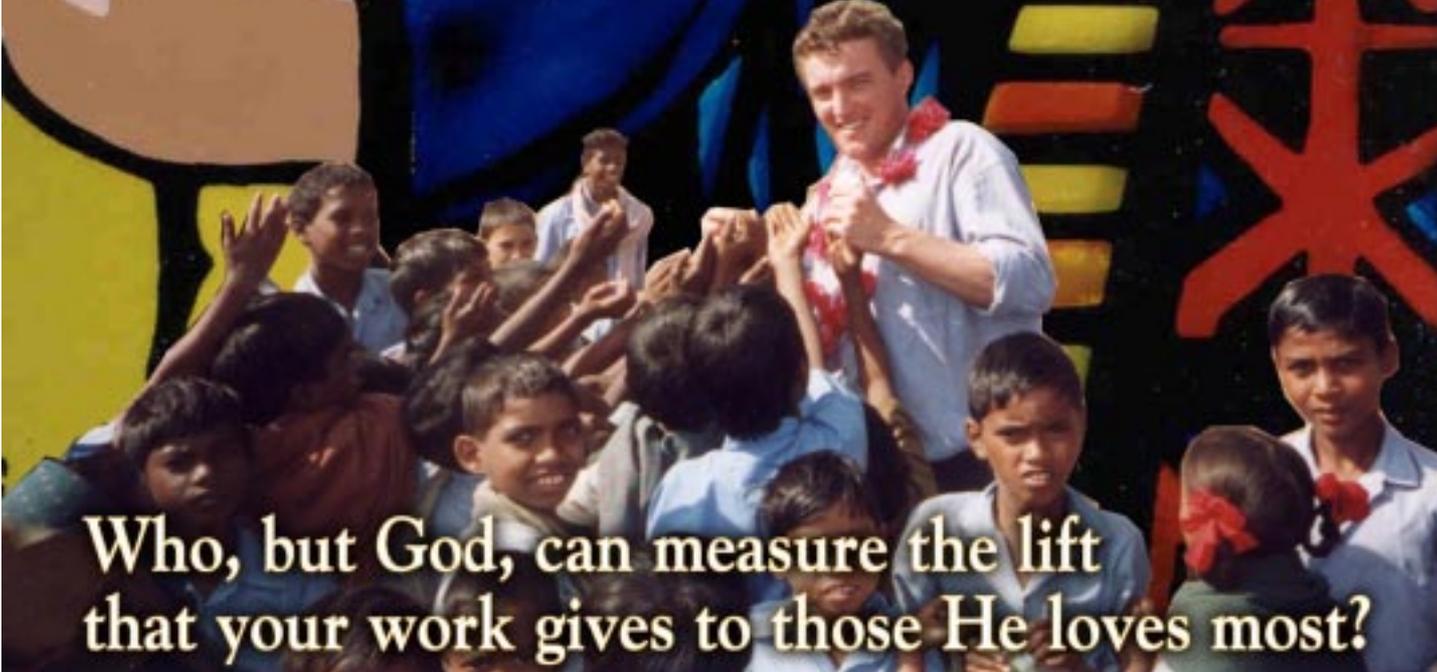
A large, stylized illustration of a man's face and upper torso. The man has a serious expression, closed eyes, and a mustache. He is wearing a blue garment over a purple garment. The background is a dark space filled with stars and a bright yellow starburst.

**Edmund
Rice
Family
News**



In the balance...

Who, but God,
can measure the lift
that Edmund Rice
gave to humanity?

A photograph of a man, Edmund Rice, wearing a white shirt and a red lei, smiling and interacting with a group of children. The children are also wearing white shirts and red leis. The background is dark with colorful patterns.

Who, but God, can measure the lift
that your work gives to those He loves most?



Mothers' Day, in retrospect, might not have been the best choice as the day on which to hold the Edmund Rice Charism Fair at Trinity College in Perth – we could have done with a larger crowd – but that didn't deter this little fella and the many other youngsters who got into the face painting in a big way!

The initiative did serve the purpose of providing visual testimony of the diversity of works being undertaken by members of the Edmund Rice Family.

No work is ever wasted in the fields we work in. The displays that were assembled for this Fair will no doubt be put to good use at various events being planned around the Archdiocese for the Great Jubilee later in the year where they will be accessible to a far more diverse audience.



The face painting stall was particularly popular with young people. Olly (at left) was there just prior to his trip to Cambodia, and Br Peter Thrupp (at right) was showing off the projects undertaken by young people at Eddy's Carpentry Workshop. Peter is now on holiday in England and emailed us the greeting at far right to pass on to all of you...

In the news again...

Br Olly Picket is in the news again and deservedly so. On 13 June, The West Australian carried a prominent photo and story on page 9. It explained Olly's latest venture with co-worker, Bob Sheridan, to the remote village of Sisophon on the Thai-Cambodian border to set up a workshop to make wheelchairs for the victims of landmines.

In the last issue of ERFN we reported on Olly's work being recognised by Prince Phillip during this recent visit to Australia. We have published an online report from Olly himself on his impressions of the situation in Cambodia. You will find it at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~cbprov>.



Hi all,
I am enjoying my stay with Mum in Birmingham. Weather is OK but overcast. I have been to Liverpool to arrange my trip to Ireland and have started the slow job of seeing all the relatives.
Please pass on my greetings to all.
Peter.

Br Edmund Garvey (l) and Province Leader, Br Tony Shanahan, chat to guests at the breakfast...



Measuring our work...

ON Sunday, 2nd July, we were treated in Perth to an inspiring address by the world-wide leader of the Edmund Rice Family and Congregation Leader of the Christian Brothers, Edmund Garvey cfc.

Br Garvey was the guest of honour at a Breakfast with over 300 members of the Edmund Rice Family in Perth held at the University of Notre Dame Australia. The occasion was a Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Barry Hickey and Fr John Archbold OMI, and breakfast to farewell a group of 26 young men and women from the University of Notre Dame who were leaving the next day for four weeks of hard work in East Timor.

This editorial reflection is inspired by the themes given to us by Archbishop Hickey in his homily and the thoughts that Br Garvey was seeking to plant in our minds at the breakfast.

Archbishop Hickey's homily explored the meaning of vocation in the light of Vatican II and contemporary theology. There has been a profound renewal of thinking concerning the parts we are each called to play in the mission of Christ. The parts played by those in the ordained priesthood, those in consecrated life, and those in lay vocation are equally important in the eyes of God but essentially different and complimentary to one another.

Archbishop Hickey used the occasion to draw our attention to the increased emphasis that the Church, since Vatican II, is placing on the specific call that God sends out to each lay person.

Br Garvey extended this further in his address by reflecting on the diversity of situations that the Brothers and members of the Edmund Rice Family are engaged in today in so many parts of the world.

From his vantage point where all of our work can be measured, Blessed Edmund Rice must smile at the irony of what became of his grand plans. He traded a life of privilege and affluence for what he imagined was to be a life of poverty and service. We can all marvel at the paradox that in diverse locations around the world an enterprise exists today that would positively draw any equivalent commercial business had he continued on as a ship's chandler. His story is among the very best examples we can look at that the dictum of Christ "in giving we receive" has substance.

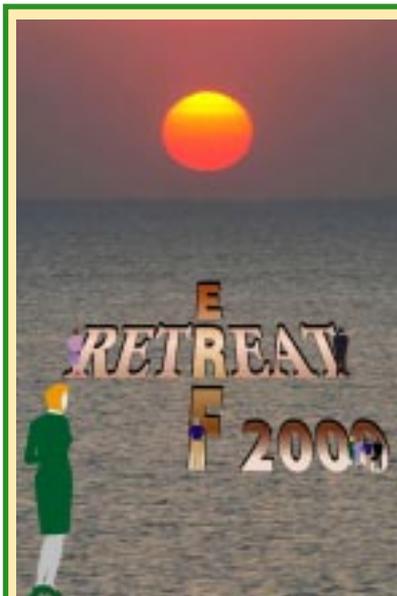
The cover of this edition of ERF News poses the question: Who, but God, can measure the lift that Edmund Rice gave to humanity? So often, as we struggle through each day wondering what the point of our work is, we might direct our attention to the paradox of Edmund Rice. It is in giving that we receive. It is precisely by not trying to measure the value of our work each day that we achieve the most. Both Edmund Rice and Edmund Garvey might caution us to not seek to try and measure the worth of our work. It is best if we leave that to God. We have enough on our plate to ask God what needs to be done each day and to do it.

WEB SITE:

Please note that the ERF News will normally be published on the Holy Spirit Province website at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~cbprov>. A link will be provided from the Edmund Rice website that was advertised in the previous issue. The web version of the newsletter contains more stories and photos than we can publish in the hard copy version.

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Pat
I have only recently read your Edmund Rice Family News and thought it was tremendous. I am particularly interested in the three Lecture Series to be held by Brother Gerry Faulkner, but will delay recording my interest until I know where I am!! With my best wishes,
Michael D Perrott



Restoring your spirit: There are retreats in both SA [July 15-18] and WA [Sep 29-Oct 5] open to all members of the Edmund Rice Family. You can make the whole retreat or you can just come for part of the time. Details have been distributed to ERF in SA and brochures for the WA retreat will be available very soon.

Brothers have traditionally made a 6-day retreat every year. The idea of making these retreats available to other ERF members is quite new. Those who took part last year in Adelaide and in Perth welcomed the opportunity provided. The Edmund Rice Family Assembly in Perth last July highlighted the need to offer retreats to the wider community. This year, the retreats are designed to suit all participants.

The word "retreat" may have connotations that are helpful to some and not to others. Don't be put off by the term. There are many kinds of retreat, and what is being offered to ERF is not a strict "head down no talk" style of solemn retreat. There is provision for plenty of personal time, however. And there is time for talking with others. Whatever is helpful to the participants is OK.

The retreat is also a way of strengthening the Edmund Rice Family as a community.

Clontarf initiative: “on track” for handover...

Br Kevin Ryan brings you up-to-date with developments at Clontarf and the preparations for the handover of the Clontarf land to the Aboriginal people

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS have owned the Clontarf property in Perth since 1901. The property over all these years has been used for the benefit of young people most of whom were severely disadvantaged in our society.

Since 1986, the Christian Brothers have willingly provided the part of this land now known as Clontarf Campus, and the facilities that are on it, for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, especially in the field of education. Initially this was for the conduct of Clontarf Aboriginal College, with whom the Christian Brothers continue a close association. The College was the first of a number of Aboriginal organisations and groups to become established on the Campus. The current tenants are listed in a separate box on page 5, and their presence on Campus reflects the commitment of the Christian Brothers to ensuring the continuation of the work which has been under way at Clontarf since 1986 to support Aboriginal cultural renewal.

Preparations for the handover...

The Christian Brothers, as current owners of the land and partners in the Clontarf enterprise, have been and are committed to the concept of partnership, and have begun a process moving toward the eventual transfer of title of Clontarf Campus to an appropriate Aboriginal authority. The basic criterion in deciding matters of transfer of title is the long term benefit of Aboriginal and Islander people, and we wish to promote such benefit by a transfer that will best allow for stable management of the Campus after the transfer of freehold ownership of Clontarf campus to Aboriginal owners.

The present Leadership Team began a new stage in the process of handover when Peter Hann was appointed in 1997 as Campus Coordinator to manage three main areas of development within his role.

- ◆ The first area of development lies in establishing dialogue with Nyoongar Elders and other interested parties about the handover of title and management to an appropriate body of Nyoongar people.
- ◆ The second area involves establishing an interim form of Campus Management Committee. Representatives of all Campus tenants have been meeting regularly to develop a collaborative management Committee for the Campus.
- ◆ The area of Peter's work relates to the individual needs of each Campus tenant as the Campus moves towards the handover. The most significant needs expressed by all tenants alike are for:
 - ◆ Security of tenure on the Campus in the form of lease agreements, and
 - ◆ New building projects and related renovation of existing facilities.

During his first 12 months, Peter consulted with various individuals and organisations about how to achieve this handover in a manner which best observed the important protocols of Indigenous people, recognising the roles of traditional owners and others who may have a more contemporary stake in the land.

This led to our decision to meet with the Metropolitan Nyoongar Council of Elders, chaired by Norm Harris. Our decision reflected a view expressed by many Indigenous people that Clontarf should be owned by the Nyoongar peoples under a form of Trust deed. Signatories would include Elders recognised as traditional

owners and other Elders who are recognised by the Nyoongar community. Our meetings with the Council confirmed their support for this concept, and they nominated a group of Elders, including some members of the Council, who had known traditional ties with the area, and with whom we should meet in order to begin to plan the handover process. We began these meetings early in 1999 with a series of gatherings attended by up to 25 Indigenous community members, including Elders, which led to the formation of a Clontarf Elders Working Party.

Working Party...

This Working Party met on a number of occasions, and suggested that representatives of the Christian Brothers meet with the group of Native Title claimants including William Worrell, Richard Wilkes, Albert Corunna, Cedric Jacobs and others. Their joint claim had passed the Native Title Registration Test. This means they have the right to be consulted and to negotiate over certain land deals. While we believe the nature of our intended transfer of freehold title does not necessarily raise the issue of resolving Native Title entitlements, it was very appropriate to follow the suggestion of the Working Party so as to ensure that proper protocols are observed. The first of these meetings was held in December 1999, and we have laid the foundations for further steps in the journey towards the handover.

As you can appreciate, the matter of clarifying the proper membership of the future ownership group has been, and will continue to be, complex. We hope, in the end, to be guided particularly by Nyoongar wisdom and the appropriate protocols. To this end, the Working Party intends to hold some public meetings for the Indigenous community this year in order to canvas support for the handover and the forms of ownership and management being considered. For our part, we have linked Peter to the Province Indigenous Review Group as a point of reference for him within the Edmund Rice family

The Christian Brothers are contributing, or have contributed, direct funding to various renewal projects at Clontarf, and are proceeding with a program of additional renovations to buildings, services, facilities, and landscapes. These include:

- ◆ foreshore renewal and regeneration
- ◆ renovation of front wall, entrances and fence line
- ◆ levelling of playing fields, and reticulation using ground water.
- ◆ provision of sewer connections for existing sewage services
- ◆ upgrade of existing gas and electrical services, and provision of sub-metering for each leaseholder.
- ◆ structural repairs, painting and other repairs to existing buildings as recommended by the Conservation Management Report.

The owners currently commit around \$200,000 per annum to Campus running costs for essential management and maintenance of buildings, services, plant machinery and facilities. Additional funding is also committed for major renovation/replacement projects.



If you would like to obtain further information about the work we have been doing or wish to discuss aspects of it with us, we would be happy to assist. Please phone Mr Peter Hann 9458 1774 or Br Kevin Ryan 9365 2800.

Province Resource Team update...

A NUMBER OF PEOPLE recently completed a brief refresher course entitled **Blowing the Dust off the Bible**. This was led by Br Joe Murphy over three Monday evenings at Westcourt. Those who participated discovered a new understanding of the Genesis stories and a new relevance for today.

Other brief courses offered to ERF members are:

Right and Not-so-Right and Wrong: June 12, 19, 26. **Jesus in the World of 2000 and Beyond:** August 10,17,24 **The Gospel of Luke for 2000** Oct 30, Nov 6, 13.

All of these courses are conducted at Westcourt 7.30 - 9.00 pm, and will be led by Br Gerry Faulkner. Detailed brochures will be forwarded later.

Further enquiries: Contact the Province Resource Team on 9365 2815



Our sincere congratulations and best wishes...

Former Trinity College Board Chairrnan John Brophy and his wife Pat (Henderson) celebrated their Golden Wedding on Saturday May 6th with a Mass in the Chapel of St. John of God Hospital Subiaco, followed by a luncheon. John and Pat's children, grandchildren and many friends joined them for this wonderful celebration.

Both John and Pat have been loyal and active supporters of the Christian Brothers for many years, and both have a keen interest in the more recent development of the Edmund Rice Family. John was inaugural Chairman of the Trinity College Board which began operation in December 1986.

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes to John and Pat.

Broome report...



THE major Edmund Rice event at present is the beginning of an Edmund Rice Family Group which had its first meeting a few weeks ago. There seems to be considerable interest from a number of people and the introductory session went well. We also have Kristy Wood here in Broome as an Edmund Rice Volunteer working at the Burdekin Youth in Action project. Kristy is pictured above with a couple of young visitors at the centre.

The project works with young people and their families.

John Webb cfc, UNDA Broome

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More SA news...



PREPARATIONS are well under way for SA Province Day on 29th July. Members are really saying that they want to know more about each other and in particular about the Brothers. Story telling might be the best way to achieve this.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Leadership 2000 Pilgrimage in a few week's time. The SA pilgrims are Rachel Hehir, Kym Burley and Ben Heathcote. The fourth member, Justyn Ambrose is working in England and will join the pilgrimage there. Justyn has also been assisting in setting up ERC's in England.

The photo above is of a new Bus Shelter recently completed by students involved in the FAME program as part of their community involvement.

Organisations at Clontarf today:

Listed here are the organisations presently using the Clontarf Campus for Aboriginal cultural renewal projects...

Aboriginal Music Corporation (Abmusic)

provides accredited music education courses for Aboriginal post secondary students

Clontarf Aboriginal College

provides TAFE accredited education opportunities for 15-18 y.o. Aboriginal students.

Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation

assists Aboriginal artists and undertakes related cultural advocacy

Lance Chadd Tjyllyungoo

Artist in Residence

Lake Jasper Aboriginal Project

provides a program based in the Busselton Nannup area for young Aboriginal repeat offenders

Marr Mooditj Foundation

provides TAFE and Tertiary level training programs in Community Health Work for Aboriginal adults

Noolbenger

provides training and employment programs.

Adjoining the Campus on land set aside for the purpose, there are two residences accommodating up to six Christian Brothers. The Clontarf Chapel sits on this land.

Pilgrimage - an opportunity to find the Christ in others, and to bring out the Christ in ourselves...



“More than anything, the children wanted to be cuddled” was the experience the students found visiting a dormitory near Mithra...

THE YEAR OF GREAT JUBILEE has brought the whole spiritual notion of pilgrimage back into sharper focus for all of us. Through pilgrimage we not only explore the world, we explore ourselves and our relationships with our neighbours.

Br Rob Callen cfc, former teacher at Rostrevor College and former Principal of St Luke’s College, Whyalla, who now works at St Ignatius College in Adelaide has written quite extensively on the rationale for making these pilgrimages to India and on the experience of the group from St Ignatius whom he accompanied to the subcontinent last Christmas.

He says, “These students had volunteered to give up their Christmas holidays and millennium celebrations to go to India to lend a hand at a number of institutions run by Catholic missionaries in Chennai and Calcutta, and to spend some time with the Jesuits in Hazaribag. But they didn’t go with any sense that they were superior or that they were taking something to give to poor people. Rather, they were very conscious that they were real pilgrims on a sacred journey, and that they were going to learn much from the people of India. It would be an opportunity for them to encounter Christ in his many guises.”

We will publish his full report on our website. In the meantime you might enjoy these photos and the reflections.



▲ The St Ignatius College pilgrims with Mother Theodore at Mithra. Br Rob Callen cfc is pictured in front.



▼ Visiting a village in Hazaribag



◀ Teacher, Richard Bryant, being welcomed in a village school near Hazaribag. This photo also used as part of the cover for this edition of ERF News.

▲ At the recent Edmund Rice Charism Fair in Perth, a number of young men from Trinity College who had been on a similar pilgrimage at Christmas time spoke of their experience.

Wisdom from Mother Theresa...

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean, I think that the ocean would be less because of that mission drop. I do not agree with the big way of doing things. To us, what matters is the individual. To get to love the person, we must come in close contact with her/him. If we wait till we get the numbers, then we will be lost in the numbers. And we will never be able to show that love and respect for the person. I believe in person to person: every person is Christ for me since there is one Jesus, that person is the one person in the world at that moment.” Mother Teresa of Calcutta – A Gift for God