

***VIRTUAL COMMISSIONING SERVICE
EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA
PROVINCE LEADERSHIP TEAM
JULY 14, 2020***



***“Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant
For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”
Mark 10:43-45***

Call to Prayer

Leader: Today we gather to pray for our Brothers Kevin, Peter Z., Sean, Mike and Peter O who have been called to leadership in our North American Province.

All: Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray that these our Brothers called to leadership may be filled with generosity, love and zeal
as they lead us towards new life in the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Leader: Let us take some time now to ask the Spirit to be with us and our new leadership team.

***Hymn: O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
(St. Columba) Chris Brunelle YOU TUBE***

O breathe on me, O Breath of God, fill me with life anew. That I may love things you love, and
do what you would do

O breathe on me, O Breath of God, until my heart is pure; until my will is one with yours, to do
and do endure

O breathe on me, O Breath of God, my will to yours incline; until this selfish part of me glows
with your fire divine

O breathe on me, O Breath of God, so I shall never die but live with you the perfect life for all
eternity

Opening Prayer

Leader: There are many different gifts given in the community and network of Blessed Edmund Rice.

All: But the same Holy Spirit who gives all these gifts.

Leader: There are different ways of serving our God.

All: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: The Holy Spirit works through different people at different times in different ways.

All: But it is the same God whose purposes are achieved through them all.

Leader: We pray that the Holy Spirit may guide our Brothers as they accept the challenge of leadership.

All: We ask our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Brother. Amen.

Word of God John 20:19-22

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he showed them his hands and his side. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our Constitutions

Discernment is integral to our way of life and especially to the mission of leadership. Authentic leadership, as an expression of authentic obedience, demands a listening heart. One of the most important duties of our leaders in making decisions is to ensure that, in our mutual and continuous search for God's will in our lives and ministries, we listen to the voices coming from our world and our Church, especially to those whose voices are often stifled.
Chapter 7 Constitution 73

Period of Silence for Silent Prayer

Intercessions

Leader: Let us now make known our needs to our Creator God.

Our Response: Lord Hear our Prayer

Our Province leaders were chosen from among us to represent the Gospel of Jesus with gentleness and insight. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their ministry of service, we pray. R.

Through their ministry to our Province, may our faith, hope and love be nurtured and deepened in our Christian Brother communities and our ministries, we pray. R.

By the grace of God, may they give themselves to this calling of leadership with diligence, energy, and love, and be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God, we pray. R.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may show us as Christian Brothers how to support and encourage the efforts of our newly chosen Province leaders. We pray: R.

Other intercessions

Our Father

Commissioning Prayer and Blessing

God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You call and equip each of us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit to help build up the body of Christ in our time and space.

We ask your special graces and blessings on our new Province Leadership Team, namely, Brothers Kevin Griffith, Peter Zawot, Sean Moffett,

Mike Segvich and Peter O'Loughlin as they begin their ministry of service.

May they use their gifts to help foster a living dynamic Gospel faith among the Brothers and all who serve in the Edmund Rice Network.

We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Brother. Amen.

BLESSED EDMUND RICE, PRAY FOR US.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP, PRAY FOR US

LIVE JESUS IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER!