



Mission Frère Initiatives

The **Mission Frère Initiatives** are part of the **Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province** response to living **Our Way into the Future** as called for by the 2014 **Congregation Chapter** in Nairobi, Kenya. The **Mission Frère Initiatives** focus on providing ministerial and educational opportunities assisting the poor, the marginalized and youth. They are not bound by geography, nor are they created with brick and mortar. Rather, they offer opportunities for **new ways of being Brother** that are fluid and life-giving and that evolve as the needs of those being served evolve.

Edmund Rice Mission

Compassionate Presence
Community Engagement
Advocacy
Education

Mission Frère-Haiti

Mission Frère-Haiti is an outgrowth of the advocacy program. It seeks to be a presence to the people of Haiti and to advocate on behalf of the needs of the poor in Haiti. The **Mission Frère-Haiti** initiative has raised monies through the sale of Haitian art, created by local Haitian artisans, to support the ministries (school, orphanage and mobile clinic) of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary in Jean Rabel, Haiti. It works in collaboration with Iona Prep (New Rochelle, NY) and Archbishop McCarthy H. S. (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) to provide immersion experiences for students from these schools in Le Borgne, Haiti. The immersions focus on service while in Haiti and advocacy once home.

Mission Frère-Harlem

Mission Frère-Harlem serves those in need and those who minister to them. It strives to be aware of the Spirit in the lives of those involved through prayer and contemplation. The Brothers are especially committed to hospitality and collaboration, to support and mentoring and to awareness and affirmation of our sisters and brothers, both those who serve and are served. It responds to the needs of the People of God in Central and East Harlem through community engagement, and it is based in the Brothers' community on 103rd Street in NYC. **Mission Frère-Harlem** serves the poor through direct service, volunteer ministry, mentoring and advocacy. It facilitates retreats to Catholic schools and extends hospitality to co-workers, other Religious and lay persons. It offers opportunities for vocational discernment, volunteer service and immersion, especially to young adults.

Mission Frère-Advocacy

The mission of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers **Mission Frère-Advocacy** program is to create an awareness of and to advocate for the needs of those most marginalized in our society. Its 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. It fosters 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. A quarterly publication – *NorAm* – helps to spread the message.

Mission Frère-Edmund Rice Young Adult Services

The **Mission Frère-Edmund Rice Young Adult Ministry** focuses on providing leadership development programs for young adults. It has been embraced by the Province Office of Educational Services, and it is intended to facilitate the continuity of student participation in engagements such as: The ACTION Student Leadership Workshop, mission immersions, volunteer services, vocation discernment and faith development. It provides opportunities for peer interaction, community engagement, advocacy, shared ministry and prayer for young adults who have heard the call of the Gospel in their Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education.

Presence
Compassion
Liberation

Mission Frère-Miami

The **Mission Frère-Miami** initiative seeks to provide service to Haitian and other immigrants in Miami, FL. The Christian Brothers-Miami Community embraces this endeavor by providing ministerial and educational outreach to the St. Mary's Cathedral School and Parish in Little Haiti and at Catholic Legal Services of Miami by ministering to immigrants.