#### **Shared Reflection:**

What thought would you like to share with your colleagues?

(Fifth Reader)

## A quotation from Blessed Edmund's Writings:

"Have courage; the good seed will grow up in the children's hearts later on."

(Leader)

### **Closing Prayer:**

Creator God, we thank you for the life of Edmund Rice. He opened his heart to you present in those oppressed by poverty and injustice. May we follow his example of faith and generosity. Grant us the courage and compassion of Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service. Amen

A Reflection on The First Essential Element of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education



# Evangelize Youth within the Mission of the Church.

(First Reader)
Introduction:

Blessed Edmund Rice was given the grace to respond to the call of Jesus by identifying with Christ in the poor. His example evoked a deep awareness of God's loving presence in all with whom he came in contact. He also awakened within them a consciousness of their dignity as children of God. He invited his followers to share the Gospel insight to reach out to the needy, especially the materially poor.

#### (Leader)

## **Opening Prayer:**

Lord, when we were young, you provided us with men and women of faith to inspire us to learn of your presence in their lives. Now we are those people of faith who know your presence in our lives. Provide us with the grace that we need to pass the experience of your presence to the youth of our school. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

#### (Second Reader)

## A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them,

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

### (Third Reader)

The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education calls educational ministry sites and those working in them to . . .

#### Evangelize Youth within the Mission of the Church.

This is accomplished in our school when we ...

- proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- permeate the entire curriculum, activities, and all aspects of the educational process with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ
- encourage young people to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ
- provide opportunities for liturgies, retreats, vocation awareness workshops and daily prayer

# (Fourth Reader)

Reflection:

Jesus provides our mission, it is the Mission of the Church Go make disciples of a loving Jesus.
Go and Baptize into the life of the Trinity.
Go and teach the Good News.

How does our school participate in this mission? How does our school evangelize our students? Are we truly forming disciples of Jesus?

Your thoughts:			