



New international programme for 2010Update

“Ruah” - living in the spirit of Nano and Edmund

“Ruah” is a new international programme to be run from 12 to 25 June 2011 and open to all in the Presentation Family and Edmund Rice Network worldwide. The programme aims to focus on emerging spirituality, and to see what the traditions of Nano Nagle and Edmund Rice can contribute to fresh understandings and new consciousness in those participating. How can the stories of Nano and Edmund inspire a different world today?

The Presentation Sisters, Presentation Brothers and Christian Brothers have asked a team of four people to organize the programme: Br Barry Noel FPM, Sr Anne Lyons PBVM, Br Pat Madigan CFC and Ms Anne Barry-Murphy (Presentation Family Coordinator). Watch the website www.edmundrice.net for further details.

While based around the heritage centres associated with Nano and Edmund, the programme will take a different theme each year, so it will not be the same programme repeated

Some detailed information about the new programme should be coming from the Planning Team in the next two months.

Pat Madigan

Bethlehem University Summer School

Bethlehem University is offering an International Summer School which will offer international students, from Europe, the United States and elsewhere, the opportunity to study in the Holy Land, to have first-hand knowledge of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict and the situation of human rights and responsibilities in Palestine/Israel. Courses will allow a better knowledge of the Bible, Holy Land and the three monotheistic religions. The semester will offer a life-long experience of the situation, through living with Palestinian families, visits to the Palestinian areas, meetings with human rights groups, encounters with religious and political personalities, and discussion with Palestinian students.

Students of Religious Studies, Theology and Biblical Studies will find a special interest in linking their studies with visits to the holy places and in examining the contemporary political implications of the holy places. The interpretations of the Bible will be linked with present realities on the ground. The courses, which will be conducted in English, begin on Monday, 14 June 2010 until Saturday, 10 July 2010. The deadline for registration is 30 April 2010.

For more information, the list of courses available and registration, please see our website: www.religiousstudies.bethlehem.edu [check here for 2011 courses]. You may also contact me at: jkhader@bethlehem.edu. I hope this project will contribute to a better understanding at the service of peace and justice.

Fr. Jamal Khader, D.D.
Dean Faculty of Arts-Bethlehem University

Update on Will Carland

A few years ago we were asked to pray through the intercession of Edmund Rice for a baby, Will Carland who had been born without an oesophagus and complications with the windpipe and other problems which meant many operations, months in hospital and a lot of chemotherapy. For quite some time I would send out updates on his many operations and how he was going. Now for a recent update.

This year he started pre-school at St Joseph's in Mount Isa and is going well. You will find the following story amazing. His parents took him to Santa before Christmas when they were shopping and he was sitting on Santa's knee. Santa asked him what he wanted for Christmas and he said he already had what he wanted. Santa said he hadn't brought him anything so what did he want. Again Will said he didn't need anything as he already had it. So Santa asked him what he got. Will's reply was "I've got no more chemotherapy." Santa started to cry!!!

The family have been very grateful for your prayers and the use of Edmund's relic. I am grateful to Will's aunt and Brian Cumming in giving me updates.

Tim Scott

Oceania Province Centre rallies for Rose

In late January Directors Anne Pinzon and Mary Murphy met the inspirational Rose Kum at Callan Services for the Disabled in Wewak. Rose made a huge impact on these ladies, so much so they shared Rose's story at our weekly reflection. We sat in silence listening to the wonderful work Rose and the other staff undertake at Wewak and the impact this tumour is having on her life. We all felt her plight and reflected how lucky we are here in Australia. Regardless of our socio-economic standing we are able to access medical services. Unfortunately Rose has to pay to have the tumour removed, and this needs to happen sooner rather than later. Time is of the essence.

To put things into perspective, the surgery will cost Rose approximately K72 370 or the equivalent of \$30 000 Australian dollars. To date about \$5800 has been raised. As you can see there is still some way to go.

After giving the matter some thought and discussion it was an overwhelming decision that the staff of the Province Centre would like to make a contribution to raising the necessary monies to have the tumour removed.

On the 23rd of March we will undertake a rather different morning tea reflection; instead of bringing a plate to share we intend to donate the money that would have been spent on morning tea. We will gather as a group to watch some of the DVD compiled by Cliff Fogarty featuring Callan Services and reflect on how lucky we are in our environment.

The Province Centre would like to encourage the support centres to undertake a similar activity; Rose is an inspirational staff member who needs our help

Tegan White

'Ordinary Courage' book launch

Donna Mulhearn will speak about her experiences as a human shield in Iraq when she launches her new book 'Ordinary Courage' at the OSC Conference Room, 70 Kate Street, Indooroopilly on Wednesday 24 March from 6 PM to 7.45 PM.

Donna, a journalist and political adviser, responded to a call for direct action and went to Iraq in 2003. She returned later as a humanitarian aid worker on behalf of street kids and refugee families. She went to the Gaza Strip in late December 2009 to participate in the Gaza Freedom March. Donna works for the Edmund Rice Network in Sydney and continues to write and speak on non-violence, spirituality and politics.



RSVP to Carolyn Doherty at cmdoherty@edmundrice.org or by phone to 3327 2205 by Thursday 18 March. Gold coin donation.

New journal in Catholic Education launched

Professor Gerald Grace of the Institute of Education within the University of London is the editor of a new journal, *International Studies in Catholic Education*. He encourages Religious and others involved in Catholic Education to support the venture by submitting 7,000 word articles for publication. The journal provides a great and new opportunity for Catholic education missions in various parts of the world to learn from and network with other missions.

At a time when Catholic education is under pressure from the growing influence of secularisation, atheism, materialism and globalisation there is an urgent need for greater partnership and cross-cultural learning among the leaders, the teachers and the policy makers of the Catholic education mission.

Website

Our membership is increasing. Involvement in discussions and submission of new articles are still limited to very few. If you would like to add something but do not feel confident, contact Bob Chambers or Matt Clayton and they will help you. For the more daring, additional instructions have been added at <http://www.edmundrice.org/er:How-to-Use-Part-3>.

Retreat offer

Michael Dyer invites you to a Retreat experience entitled "Passion and Possibility: Living Hopefully" which he will conduct from Friday 9 April to Thursday 15 April at Doran House, 35 Stanwell Avenue, Stanwell Park NSW.

RSVP Michael Dyer at dyerlog@tpg.com.au or visit the website: www.chrysaliscpsnulting.com.au for full details.



Novitiate life

Under the watchful care of Novice Master Brother Tom Kearny assisted by his team of Brothers Liguori Gillespie and Frank Keane and Mr. Phiri, eleven novices have begun their two years of formation in Lusaka, Zambia. They share the site with the International Spirituality Centre and the Nano Nagle Centre which hosts a number of spiritual and human formation programmes for various groups of laity and religious. In addition it is the base for the Province Renewal Team.



As well as studies in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures and the English and Chinanji languages, the Novices receive formation in prayer and self knowledge. Prayer is a significant experience in Novitiate life and much time and energy go into preparation, particularly of the Eucharist.

At table in the dining room (clockwise) Joseph Makokha (back to camera), Joseph Abdulai, Andrew Mara, Francis George, Alex Owiti and Samuel Bundi (standing), Willie Paruka, Jo Jo Karimu

Novices include Andrew Mara and Willie Paruka from Papua New Guinea. African countries are represented by Joseph Abdulai from Ghana, Jojo Karimu, Scott Bock, Emmanuel Bangura and Francis George from Sierra Leone and Stephen Wanjala, Alex Owiti, Samuel Bundi and Joseph Makokha from Kenya. Our prayerful best wishes and support go with them all.

Invitation



Catholic Religious Australia Queensland invites you to a film experience of reconciliation entitled *'The Imam and the Pastor'*

Whereas in the 1990's Pastor James Wuye and Imam Muhammad Ashafa were sworn enemies leading mutually hostile militias in Northern Nigeria, now they have been reconciled and work together towards peaceful resolution of regional conflicts.

At Holy Spirit, Beams Road, Carseldine, Sunday 13 March 2010 at 4PM. No charge.

From the Life and Mission Team Directors

The Life and Mission Team Directors would like to thank sincerely Ms Kate Redwood on the completion of her contract working on the Province Policy Development Project over the past year. Kate worked from the Melbourne Support Centre and had the task of identifying policy areas and working with many in the Province developing new Policies. Her commitment and enthusiasm were very evident in her work which has greatly assisted the process of developing the Oceania Policy Framework.

There is still work to be done to complete these tasks and Sr Margaret Endicott has kindly agreed to assist the Province in this regard. Margaret will work from the Oceania Province Centre and will predominantly be associated with the Directors and others responsible for Policy formulation in the Province. She will initially be involved for the next four months and the contract reviewed after that time. We welcome Margaret to this role to complete the good work started by Kate. Many will know Margaret from her contribution to the development of the working Model for our Oceania Province.

Steve McLaughlin

Notice to all Staff members of Callan Services

I wish to announce that I have today appointed

AUGUSTINE KOROMA

to the position of **Acting Director of Callan Services for Disabled Persons** for the whole period of Br Kevin Ryan's absence on sick leave. I congratulate Augustine, and assure him that the Oceania Province of Christian Brothers has every confidence in him as he undertakes this demanding role. We trust too that all Callan staff will give Augustine every support.

Since arriving in Wewak last night I have been aware of the depth of concern amongst the Christian Brothers and amongst all Callan staff for Kevin as he currently undergoes chemotherapy treatment in Brisbane. Kevin will probably move to Perth early next week, and is expected that he will remain there for several months. I know that the prayers of all connected with Callan will be that Kevin makes a return to full health.

The Christian Brothers throughout Oceania, and in fact throughout the whole world, are very proud of Callan Services and what it has achieved in Papua New Guinea. While the original inspiration came from Br Graeme Leach, and while Br Kevin Ryan has guided the considerable developments in the past year, none of this could have come to anything without the dedication and commitment of many people throughout Papua New Guinea. Wonderful services have been provided throughout the country for people with disabilities, and we want this to continue to expand.

At the same time we are all aware that there is still considerable fragility associated with Callan Services. At a time of expansion such as now, it is so important that staff-members maintain their commitment and do what they can to achieve "best practice" in every department. There have been instances in some centres where overseas donors have discontinued support because we did

not keep adequate records. If we wish Callan Services to survive and to thrive then every one of us must be absolutely strict in all our dealings that involve finances. Without exception we must follow all the established systems for requisition, budgets, invoices and receipts. Failure to do so could mean the total withdrawal of funds by such groups as CBM, DKA, and Cordaid. If such were to happen then Callan Services could not continue.

On one occasion Jesus said *“I have come that they may have life – life in all its fullness”*. Many Callan workers have helped this become a reality for many people with disabilities in Papua New Guinea, and I encourage all now to keep it happening as we support Kevin by our prayers, and as we support Augustine in his new role.

Wishing you every blessing,

Vince F Duggan cfc
Province Leader

Edmund Rice Network

The Christian Brothers' 2008 Munnar Chapter called for an exploration of possible forms of commitment to the Edmund Rice charism. To facilitate this exploration in our area, the Oceania Leadership Team has formed a Commitment Steering Committee comprising Steve McLaughlin, Mary Murphy, Joe Lauren, Paul Robertson and Dean McGlaughlin.

The Committee has asked the regional networking coordinators to identify any individuals or groups who would like to participate in an initial conversation around Commitment to the Charism. You are warmly welcome to be part of this conversation. Please reply to me via return email (dmoore@stpats.vic.edu.au) if you would like your name and contact details passed on to the Committee.

Danny Moore

Inter-faith Calendar

March 17	St Patrick's Day (Christian)
20	Equinox Ostara (Wicca) Northern Hemisphere Mabon (Wicca) Southern Hemisphere
21	Norouz - New Year (Persian/Zoroastrian) Naw Ruz – New Year (Baha'i) Passion Sunday (Christian)
24	Ramanavami (Hindu)

Oceania Updates

Please send any information or news items for Oceania Updates to the Province Publications Co-ordinator: Brother Nev Thornton, Email: ntthornton@edmundrice.org

I am particularly interested in receiving any good quality images of people, places, sights and faces throughout Oceania.