

The Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust,
Co. Dublin, Ireland

April 2008

Message from the Chairman:

I would like to welcome you to the Edmund Rice Bi-Centennial Trust website.

The purpose of the Edmund Rice Bi-Centennial Trust is to provide funding to support the work of the Christian Brothers in areas of the world that are not self financing especially, Africa and South America. The trust has been registered as a charity with the UK Charity Commissioners since 2003.

The Christian Brothers as a congregation are motivated by their spiritual calling to use their secular skills as a congregation, community and individual brother to enhance and support the lives of those we serve. The motivation of our mission is presence, compassion and liberation.

The mission statement of the African province outlines our objective very clearly: *to liberate youth from poverty, ignorance, injustice and HIV/AIDS through our ministry of faith-based education and care.*

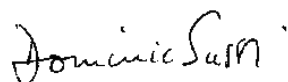
As part of this calling brothers live among the people we serve in our aim to be brothers to all. More detail will be outlined in the projects section of our site and this will be updated regularly.

Of increasing importance is the education and development of our young brothers in Africa and South America. Increasingly the Christian Brothers of today are local men working to support their local community. Our West Africa district as an example is almost completely made up of men from Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Liberia or Ghana.

As a charity we aim to raise funding to support the projects and development of brothers and any assistance you can provide would be welcomed. In time you will be able to donate online. In the interim, to discuss a donation please email donations@edmundricetrust.org.

If you would like to learn more about the Edmund Rice Bi-Centennial Trust or the Christian Brothers please fill out the learn more section of the site.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please visit the site again soon.



Br. Dominic Sassi

Chairman

Edmund Rice Bi-Centennial Trust