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6 - 8 March	17	A Vision for Liberation 1(EREA)	Campion Retreat Centre, Melbourne Vic	Ministry Leaders, Board Members
April 30 - May 10	23	Edmund Rice International A Journey of Being Sensitised and Empowered.	ERI – Geneva, Switzerland.	Edmund Rice Leaders
2 May	22	City Justice Walk (CSSV)	Melbourne, Vic	Edmund Rice Movement
27 - 28 May	10	Edmund Rice Induction for all new staff of ERMO and Oceania Province	Amberley, Melbourne, Vic	ERMO and Oceania Province employees
12 - 14 June	17	A Vision of Liberation 2 (EREA)	Mackillop Place, Sydney NSW	Ministry Leaders, Board members
14 - 16 June	18	Lectio Terrestris (Reading the Earth)	The Archer, Qld	Christian Brothers
28 - 30 June	16	Gathering the Young Dreamers, Justice and Advocacy Weekend for Young Adults	Mulgoa, Sydney NSW	Young Adults in the Edmund Rice Movement
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August	14	A Call to leadership (EREA)	In each region	Ministry staff
17 - 19 Aug	7	Fire Carriers (ERMO)	Amberley Melb Vic	Ministry Staff and Volunteers
29 Aug	22	A River Walk at Amberley (CSSV)	Amberley	Edmund Rice Movement
4 - 7 Sept	8	Muddy Boots – Walking the Earth with Edmund	The Archer, Queensland	Future Edmund Rice Leaders
14 - 15 Sept	20	Manaakitanga Nurturing Spirit Edmund Rice Gathering NZ	Christchurch NZ	Edmund Rice Movement
22 - 28 Sept	19	Story Telling, Healing and Moving On: Retreat Experience	Amberley Melbourne Vic	Christian Brothers
October - November	16	Latin American Immersion Program (Edmund Rice Centre – Sydney)	ERC Sydney	Edmund Rice Movement
November	21	Edmund Rice International A Journey of Being Sensitised and Empowered.	ERI – Geneva, Switzerland.	Edmund Rice Leaders
28 November	22	Coastal Walk – Williamstown (CSSV)	Williamstown, Melbourne Vic	Edmund Rice Movement
4 - 6 Dec	7	Fire Carriers (ERMO)	Westcourt Perth WA	Ministry staff and volunteers
TBC	21	Take My Hand . . . Retreat	Christchurch NZ	Women in the ER Movement

Inspiration

In the work of Edmund Rice Mission we draw our inspiration from Edmund Rice who, over 200 years ago, founded the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers.

Edmund was a successful businessman who, following the tragic loss of his deeply loved wife was led to see that the world of Waterford Ireland was marred by poverty and injustice. Having had the experience of meeting young men locked away in prison for petty crimes and despairing at their unfulfilled potential, Edmund experienced a deep call to work towards the liberation of this harsh and cruel world. He recognised that an education built around the practicalities of enabling these vulnerable young people to engage in a more fulfilling life, would bring about such liberation.

Edmund himself drew inspiration from the gospel call of Jesus who, in first century Palestine, decided to leave his settled life in Nazareth to spend his time with people struggling to survive on the very edges of life and society. As a married man Edmund experienced the intimate love and devotion of his young wife and their daughter, Mary. The significance of being part of this nurturing family found expression in Edmund's fatherly gentleness, a quality that characterised his life and relationships. It is no wonder that he saw potential in forming communities of men and women to live out a vision of bringing healing, hope and liberation.

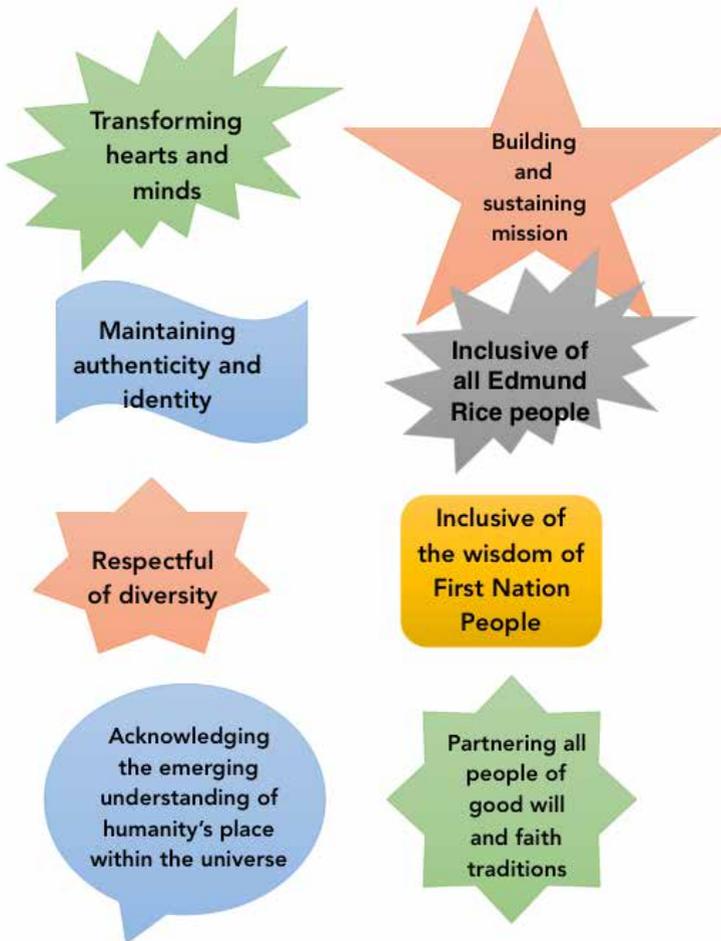
Here in Australia the Edmund Rice community credit its foundation to the community of Christian Brothers, Ambrose Treacy, Fursey Bodkin, Barnabas Lynch and Joseph Nolan, who arrived in Melbourne in November 1868 with absolutely nothing apart from their basic belongings. From this very humble beginning emerged the Edmund Rice story we belong to today. In Ambrose Treacy and his early community of Christian Brothers we connect to a spirit of mission and a deep innate trust in an unfolding spirit of love and compassion.

Today as Edmund Rice people, we see our life as intimately entwined with the 14 billion year evolution of the universe. Within this evolution we recognise the presence of a creative spirit, deep mystery, constantly drawing us into life. In listening to this deep mystery we are called to choose life and stand in solidarity with the cry of earth and the cry of the poor and work towards the liberation of all life.

Formation

Nothing else will change a person's life except an experience of God. You may use all the other terms you want – but – at the heart of it – is a spirit that flows through our Universe that almost demands of us a response.
(Philip Pinto)

The Formation Framework of Edmund Rice Communities in Oceania *The Good Seed Will Grow* identifies a number of key principles of formation. The experiences outlined and identified have been based on the following principles.



Formation Experiences

In planning the formation landscape of Oceania Province, attention has been given to the development of experiences designed to lead people and communities into liminal spaces: Places where one's eyes and ears are opened to the wonder and awe of mystery and where one's safe and secure harbour might be disturbed. The very formative experiences in Edmund's life were on one level destabilising; visiting young adults in prison, grieving the loss of his wife, letting go his business interests, the final surrender of control of his Brothers and the search for peace at the end of his life. These are the places of transformation, the very centres of growth and being called to move beyond, to embrace new realities and the yet to be imagined. They are the spaces where the opportunity to explore the deeper mysteries of who we are, our ever emerging potential and which life path we are called to, are most critically present.



Edmund Rice Conversation Circles

*We are standing at the edge willing and ready to enter a radically different way of being a follower of Edmund.
Nairobi Chapter*



Conversation Circles are being established in the regions of Oceania Province. Conversation Circles provide a forum for members of the Edmund Rice Network and Movement to come together and share reflections and thoughts surrounding issues that impact on the liberation of people and all of life.

The Conversation Circles are based on The Circle Way process designed by Christina Baldwin and Ann Linnea. People who have experienced the circle often refer to an energy emerging that brings forward creativity, innovation, problem solving and vision.

Each regional conversation circle will aim to meet 3 times during 2019. You can make enquires about the conversation circles in your region by contacting the Edmund Rice Oceania Province Formation Team or the local regional coordinating team.

Queensland: Jim Darcy (0402 441 134)

Victoria: Peter Hay (0409 008 319) or Danny Moore (0427 010 432)

Western Australia: Trevanna Cooper (0401 015 846)

New Zealand: Cathy Harrison (0410 857 730)

Edmund Rice Fire Carriers

The same stream of life that runs through my veins night and day runs through the world and dances in rhythmic measures.

Rabindranath Tagore

This experience is aimed at keeping the fire of Edmund alight in Edmund Rice ministries through the up skilling of key leaders/ volunteers. The experience is designed to provide ministries with suitably trained people who will be able to plan and facilitate formation experiences for their own community.

The areas that are covered in the experience are based on the key stories that give meaning and inspiration to our work of mission. They are the great

story of the universe, the first peoples of the land, Jesus and Edmund and our own experience of connection to this evolutionary emergence. The fire-carrier in Australian Aboriginal culture was one who took the fire's coals from one communal gathering place to another. It was their responsibility to 'keep the fire alight' so that at the next gathering place there would be light, warmth and fire for cooking. This carrying of the fire is the essence of this experience.



Fire Carriers Formation Experience Auckland 2018

In 2019 there will be 2 Fire Carrier programs offered.

1. *Edmund Rice Centre Amberley Vic 17th – 19th August (residential)*
2. *Westcourt Centre, Perth WA 4th – 6th December (residential)*

Muddy Boots – Walking the Earth with Edmund

At the core of our call to be people for the world is our being drawn into the Mystery we call God.

Nairobi Chapter

As Edmund Rice people we are called to listen deeply to the groaning earth and her suffering people. It is in this experience of listening that we are inspired to be agents of change, hope and liberation.



The view of the Glass House Mountains from the Archer

The Muddy Boots – Walking the Earth with Edmund experience is designed to enable you to deepen your own spirituality so you can engage others in the deepening of their own spirit. The experience will help you become more aware of how you can be an agent for change in your ministry or community.

This four - day residential experience will be based at the Edmund Rice spirituality centre; the Archer Mountain Community in Queensland. As a participant you will be welcomed into the reflective daily life of the Mt Archer

community and immersed in a number of experiences designed to deepen your understanding of contemporary Edmund Rice spirituality.

**When: 5th – 8th September
(travel days 4th and 9th September)
Where: the Archer Mountain Community –
Mt Archer Queensland**

Walking in the Footsteps of the First Peoples of the Land

Our desire for new life leads us to attend to the obstacles that are blocking us and, with open minds and hearts we participate fully in the creation of a new era.

Nairobi Chapter

The First Peoples of the Land in Oceania enjoy a deep and enriching connection to country, a connection that sustains and brings life to themselves and their communities. We have much to learn from their deep spiritual and cultural connections to country. This half day workshop is aimed at introducing the participants to the first peoples of the land within their own ministry context.

Being able to know and tell the story of the first peoples of the land enriches our own connection to Earth, its mystery and wonder.

This workshop will be organised in each Region of the Province during 2019.



Edmund Rice Induction of New Staff

The cries of our world in need call the Congregation to reclaim our founding charism.

The spirit impels us to open our hearts and minds, to embrace our fragility, and to move forward with newfound humility.

Nairobi Chapter

New staff employed into Edmund Rice Ministries are welcomed into a community that is drawn to finding their own liberation as tied up with the liberation of those with whom they are engaged. This induction experience for new staff is designed to develop a deeper understanding of the Edmund Rice story, the contemporary expression of this story and the inspiration that energises each ministry to do what they do.

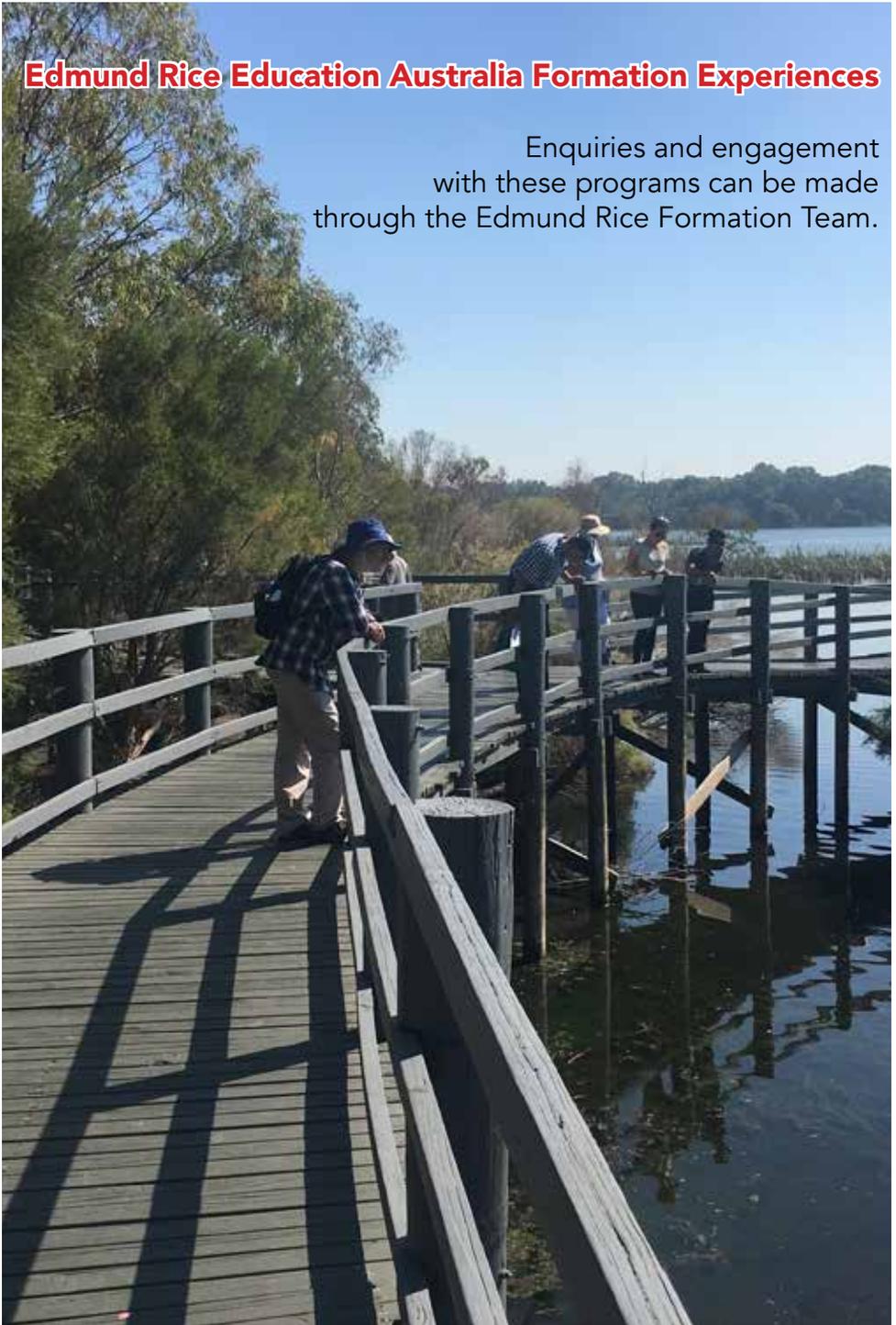
When: 27th and 28th May

Where: Edmund Rice Centre Amberley, Melbourne



Edmund Rice Education Australia Formation Experiences

Enquiries and engagement with these programs can be made through the Edmund Rice Formation Team.



Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Leadership Certificate Program

Towards an Inclusive and Liberating Education

The Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Leadership Certificate Program is an online course that is completed through the Marino Institute of Education, an Associate College of Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin. It includes 4 modules:

1. History, heritage and Charism
2. Edmund Rice Education and Values
3. Spiritual Leadership
4. Social Justice, Advocacy and Human Rights.

This is an online academically recognised program that would be ideal for those wanting to engage in a formalised program of study.

Journeying with Edmund: A Pilgrimage from Kenya to Ireland

Many stories have been handed down about the founder of the Christian Brothers and Presentation Brothers, Blessed Edmund Rice. These stories help to shape our identity as women and men who follow in Edmund's footsteps. They reveal what is important to us and open a window on the gospel of Jesus. Edmund's story is told today in the work of those who have followed in his footsteps throughout the world. The Pilgrimage will explore how the Edmund Rice story is given expression in Nairobi Kenya, before journeying onto Ireland.

During the Pilgrimage participants will have the opportunity to:

- ❖ Walk the very streets that Edmund walked and visit the places of his birth, life and death in Ireland;
- ❖ Explore Celtic spirituality and the Irish church in the sacred landscape of Glendalough;
- ❖ Discover the story of the Presentation Brothers, also founded by Edmund, as well as the stories of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters and Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy;

- ❖ Discover the lived expression of the founding charism through visits to the Christian Brothers' communities and ministries in Kenya;
- ❖ Encounter the cultural and spiritual richness and diversity of Kenya
- ❖ Explore the evolution of Edmund's vision within a society characterised by extremes of poverty;
- ❖ Reflect upon the spirituality of justice which began with Edmund and continues to grow and develop through the evolving story of those who walk in Edmund's footsteps.

When: 24th November to 10th December 2019



A Call to Mission

An induction program for people new to Edmund rice communities and EREA schools.

This two-day, non-residential program provides an opportunity to meet people from other ministries and schools, to listen to their stories and to share hopes and expectations. Through conversation, input and reflection, participants are invited to engage with what it means to be part of an

Edmund Rice community and consider the ways in which they can contribute to an inclusive global network.

There are 2 A Call to Mission programs being run in each region throughout Semester 1 of the school year in 2019. See calendar at the front of this booklet.

A Call to Leadership

A program for leaders in Edmund Rice communities and EREA schools

This two-day residential program provides participants with the opportunity to meet and connect with other people called to the service of leadership. The program is intended for newly appointed leaders, those beginning their leadership journey or emerging leaders nominated by their community.

A Call to Leadership program will be held in each region during August 2019.

A Vision for Liberation

A program for senior leaders in Edmund Rice communities and EREA schools

This three-day, residential program brings together leaders from across the EREA community, providing opportunities for personal reflection, dialogue with other leaders and exploration of the stories that shape the way we understand our identity and mission. This program invites participation from those who have previously completed A Call to Leadership.

Date: 6th May – 8th March 2019
Where: Campion Spirituality Centre, Kew Vic

Date: 12th – 14th June,
Where: MacKillop Place, Sydney NSW

Let's Talk

A Journey with the Indigenous Communities of North West NSW

An Edmund Rice Centre Sydney Program

The Let's Talk program was developed in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and London in 1997 amidst the climate of the Irish Peace Process. Let's Talk events have centred upon issues of peace and conflict, identity, human rights, socio-economic issues and Australian Aboriginal principles of reconciliation.

Through the journey, elements of these issues will arise through dialogue with locals and elders when visiting communities and places of significance to the Aboriginal people of north-west NSW. The Let's Talk facilitators, led by Cassandra Gibbs and her Indigenous community, will ensure all participants are guided and supported through what has proven to be an inspirational journey, an experience you will never forget. This immersion is a three-way partnership between the Edmund Rice Centre, Edmund Rice Education Australia and the Indigenous communities of North-West NSW. This program involves journeying with others to learn about the Myall Creek Massacre near Bingara and the Freedom Rides in Moree, spending time in the remote community of Goodooga at the school and youth centre, and hearing the stories of celebration and ritual beside the river in Brewarrina.

When: 3rd – 9th August (ERC Sydney and EREA Program)

Where: Northern NSW

For registration and information about other Let's Talk programs and dates contact Br Pat Lynch patlynchcfc@yahoo.com.au or the Edmund Rice Centre Sydney.



Gathering the Young Dreamers **A weekend about Justice and Advocacy** **for Young Adults**

*You've been walking in circles, searching.
Don't drink by the water's edge. Throw
yourself in. Become the water. Only then
will your thirst end.*

- Jeannette Benson

A chance to be empowered and to learn to empower others, exploring how to make a difference in simple ways. Exploring positive ways forward in a negatively geared world! We are aiming at a passionate and practical weekend. Guest speakers to be announced soon.

When: 28th – 30th June

Where: Winborne, Mulgoa (NSW)

For further information contact:

Adrian Brennan: 0414 826 326 abrannan@stpius.nsw.edu.au

Br Geoff Whitefield: 0409 477 107 gtwhitefield@edmundrice.org

Latin American Immersion Program

An Edmund Rice Centre Sydney Program

This immersion will be to El Salvador and Guatemala hosted by ERC's Sean Cleary who is also the Co-ordinator of the Asia -Pacific Romero Network. The trip will trace the life of Oscar Romero, his spirituality, values and advocacy; and provide access to the Restorative Memory movement of the Church in Guatemala. The visit will also spend time with communities in both countries who still face oppression and exploitation and experience how they are able to organise to resist, reconcile and recover. It is an inspirational journey where participants are encouraged to examine how faith in action meets the daily reality of systemic injustice, and are challenged to do the same upon return to Australia.

When: late October - early November (tbc)

Contact: Sean Cleary 02 8762 4200

Internships Volunteer Program

An Edmund Rice Centre Sydney Program

ERC offers internships for individuals who would like to work at the Centre in a voluntary basis to gain exposure to the work of research, education, advocacy and partnerships of the Edmund Rice Centre. Internships in research, case work, public presentations, political lobbying and media training are available. Sydney-based and subject to negotiation.

When: on-going

Contact: Sr Daphne McKeogh: 02 8762 4200

Social Justice Forums and Educational Programs

An Edmund Rice Centre Sydney Program

Edmund Rice Centre staff offer in-services, seminars and public presentations on social justice issues, advocacy training, Catholic Social Teaching, Reconciliation with First Peoples, Refugee and People Seeking Asylum issues, and issues related to climate change and its impact on the people of the Pacific.

When: ongoing

Contact: Phil Glendenning, Carmel Clark: 02 8762 4200

(philg@erc.org.au) www.erc.org.au

Retreat Experience for Christian Brothers of the Oceania Province

Lectio Terrestris *Reading the Earth*

Each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, God's boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. (Laudato Si 84)

A reflective 3-day experience using a model similar to "Lectio Divina" where the participants are invited into contemplation through creation. The experience will be facilitated by Br Kevin McDonnell and Br Peter Harney.

Expressions of interest may be directed to:

Br Kevin McDonnell: 0419 765 353 or klmcdonnell@edmundrice.org or

Br Peter Harney: 0431 258 412 or pjharney@edmundrice.org

When: 14-16 June

Where: The Archer Mountain Community QLD



Story-telling, Healing and Moving on . . .

It is in reflecting together within dislocation that we experience the presence of God drawing us ever deeper into the Mystery that leads to life.

This “retreat” will offer participants a chance to share the story of their “rough patches in life”- the hurts, the upsets and even the traumas... And then to work with those hurts in a safe environment hopefully moving along the continuum towards healing. People with expertise in the field of hurt & healing are involved in the development of this retreat experience and will be engaged to share some theory and facilitate the healing process.

Further details will be circulated in coming months.

When: 22nd – 28th September

Where: Edmund Rice Centre Amberley, Melbourne

Forms of this retreat experience may also be offered in Brisbane, Perth and other centres where interest has been expressed!

Expressions of interest may be directed to Br Geoff Whitefield:
gtwhitefield@edmundrice.org or 0409477107

Enquiries & Bookings: Br Peter Richardson

Phone: 03 8359 0162

Mobile: 0400 066 627

pjrichardson@edmundrice.org



Manaakitanga – Nurturing Support

Edmund Rice National Gathering New Zealand

Manaakitanga is a powerful concept with different possible translations: making someone feel at home, being a responsible host, showing kindness, hospitality, caring for the environment, treating people with respect, nurturing relationships, caring for others and reciprocity of kindness, respect and humanity. The idea of caring about others, uplifting each other, supporting and making all feel at home and loved is a central value of all the Edmund Rice groups and entities. It is like family and having lots of friends in and around the family home – sitting together at the table filled with good food, for hours and hours, talking, laughing, just being together. But apart from providing nourishment for the body, this principle also means to provide food for the soul if it is needed. We need to talk when something is not quite right in our lives, often it helps to see a bit clearer. When people come to us and ask for help or support. It's about sitting and listening, respect for others, taking them seriously and showing that we care by our actions.

This Gathering is open not only to the Edmund Rice Movement/Network in Aotearoa – New Zealand, but to anyone who wants to join the conversations, listen to challenging keynote speakers, participate in focussed workshops, build networks and gain valuable insights to take back home.

When: 14th – 15th September
Where: St Thomas of Canterbury College,
Christchurch, New Zealand
Further details and registration go to
http://www.edmundrice.nz/?page_id=1165



Take My Hand . . .

A journey into the story and contemporary expressions of Edmund Rice in search of the Feminine Divine.

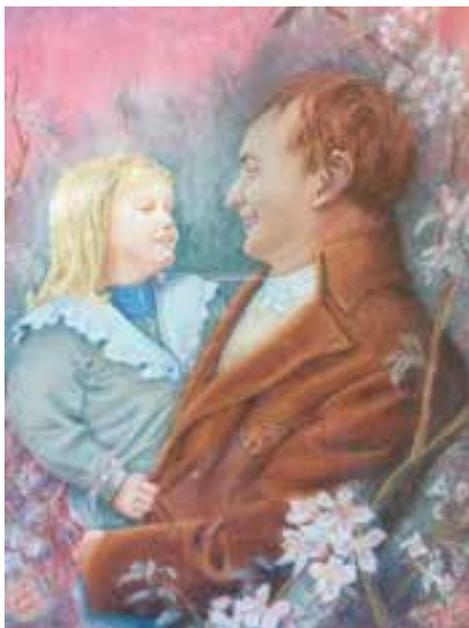
In his book *Price of Freedom* Denis McLaughlin says, 'Rice's experiences of love, marriage and fatherhood . . . were significant and life-defining as for many men. They have the potential to change and deepen men's personalities in so many ways. These cannot be ignored as influential on the second half of Rice's life.' Denis is illuminating among other things not only the role of women opening him to love, but the role of the Feminine Divine in what was a patriarchal society and church.

As women who are inspired by the Edmund Rice narrative and the many expressions of the Charism, particularly in your own communities, you are invited to come and reflect on the presence and role of the feminine spirit in our world today.

- The role of Margaret, Mary and Mary Rice and Nano Nagle (and other significant women) who took Edmund's hand and led him across gender, social and cultural divides to places deep within his heart and beyond.
- Characteristics of your own story and involvement in the Edmund Rice tradition and community.
- Ways we can make a difference as women in nourishing the spirit of Edmund Rice.

This experience is facilitated by
Cathy Harrison

When: to be confirmed
Where: Christchurch New Zealand
Further details Cathy Harrison
CMHarrison@edmundrice.org



Walking the Land with Catholic Social Teaching

Applying foundational principles in an environment empathetic to the flourishing of creation, the pursuit of justice and the deepening of mission.

Are you leading mission and culture development within your ministry? Come along for a day of personal challenge and enrichment that will resource you in animating and developing your community in mission awareness and confidence.

'What is involved in the creation of a better world . . . it aims at an authentic and integral development, at efforts to provide dignified living conditions for everyone, at finding just responses to the needs of individuals and families, and at ensuring that God's gift of creation is respected, safeguarded and cultivated.'

Pope Francis message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees (2014)

During the year there will be 3 workshop days:

- ❖ Autumn Workshop – May 2nd A Justice Walk through the CBD of Melbourne
- ❖ Winter Workshop – August 29th A River Walk at Edmund Rice Centre Amberley
- ❖ Spring Workshop – November 28th A Coastal Walk at Williamstown Beach

Catholic Social Services Victoria, Presentation Sisters and Edmund Rice Formation Team jointly facilitate these workshops.

Enquires: Peter Hudson 03 9287 5570 phudson@css.org.au



Edmund Rice International Training Program

A Journey of Being Sensitised and Empowered

In April and November of 2019 Edmund Rice International will be conducting their training program, A Journey of Being Sensitised and Empowered. This program is designed to equip participants with an understanding of the United Nations, how it works, a Rights based approach to Advocacy, learning about the Universal Periodic Review system and engagement with many other United Nations organisations including the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. The urgency of calling the nations of the world to account for Climate Change will be another area of learning.

During the course participants will form a universal community of Edmund Rice people from across the globe. Participants in this course will be expected to engage in a preparation program and contribute to the strategic planning for the mobilisation of the Edmund Rice movement in responding to the Agenda of the World through justice and advocacy.

For application form and further details contact Peter Hay (phay@edmundrice.org) or Geoff Whitefield (gwhitefield@edmundrice.org)



