The Oceania Province Chapter recommends that the Province Leadership:

- finalises a governance structure that will sustain Edmund Rice ministries into the future.
- ensures a comprehensive, integrated provision of aged care across Oceania Province.
- reviews the cluster structure of communities in the Province in the spirit of Our Way Into the Future and in the light of the present Province reality and diversity.
- develops a strategy for the promotion of vowed Brotherhood for the entire Province.
- puts in place strategies to
  * attend to the ongoing education of the Brothers into the extent of child abuse by some Brothers.
  * provide opportunities for Brothers’ healthy psycho-sexual development.
  * promote personal, relational responses by Brothers to victims.
Dear Brothers

“Drawn by Mystery ….. Destined for life”

This has been the theme of the Congregation and Province Chapters worldwide in recent months, and it was the backdrop to our deliberations during our recent Oceania Chapter at Riverglen Indooroopilly during Pentecost, 01 – 10 June 2014. I am now happy to present to you the fruits of the deliberations from our Chapter.

What follows are the Chapter’s “Living Brotherhood” statement, and some recommendations made by the Chapter to the incoming Oceania Leadership Team.

During the Chapter we received and adopted the following reports:

Province Leadership Team Report to Oceania Province Chapter, June 2014
Oceania Province Directions 2008-2014: Report to Province May 2014
Province Bursar Report, Oceania Province Chapter, June 2014
Professional Standards Report, Oceania Province Chapter, June 2014

Vince Duggan
Chapter President on behalf of:


In attendance: Joachim ToRavit, Peter Dowling, Julian McDonald, Hugh O’Neill.

Living Brotherhood in Oceania Province

In the context of the Nairobi Chapter statement and Our Way into the Future, our Province, in its rich diversity, will risk journeying into the vulnerable places of our hearts.

We share with others our experience of encountering the Mystery we call God.

We live as healing and life-giving communities.

We will continue to listen, walk and advocate, in a spirit of respectful engagement, with those made poor and those abused.

We commit to sharing our capacities and resources, living with less, and contributing to a sustainable earth community by making a radical shift in our lives to a new simplicity.

With the cosmos we breathe new life.
We do this in a gifted relationship with the whole Congregation and others inspired by the charism of Edmund.

Brisbane, Pentecost 2014