



CHARTER



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## BLESSED EDMUND RICE PRAYER

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

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



# FOREWORD

After careful consideration and discernment, the Presentation Brothers decided, in 2009, to hand on the trusteeship of their schools in Ireland to a lay Trust. Consequent to that decision, a company, Presentation Brothers Schools Trust (PBST), was established so that the schools might continue to provide Catholic education in the spirit and tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice into the future. The company Charter, along with other information on the Trust, the Presentation Brothers and the schools is presented in this booklet.

The role of the Presentation Brothers School Trust is essentially twofold: firstly, to ensure that the “characteristic spirit” of each school is in keeping with Christ’s teaching as exemplified by Edmund Rice and, secondly, as legal owner, to take overall responsibility for the properties and finances of the schools and to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

For over two hundred years, Presentation Brothers schools promoted Christ’s vision of the Kingdom by providing a balanced curriculum that respected the dignity of each individual as a child of God possessing a variety of talents. In handing on the trusteeship of the schools to PBST, the Brothers expressed the wish that this vision of education would continue to be offered to each succeeding generation of young people. In entrusting their mission to PBST, they expressed confidence in the lay men and women who took on this important ministry and described the establishment of the Trust as a major step into a bright and exciting future for the schools.

Since establishment, PBST has taken very seriously the solemn assurances it gave to the Presentation Brothers that the four core elements of a Presentation education – respect and care for the entire school community, the provision of a holistic and comprehensive education, the building of community and partnership, and a deep commitment to Gospel values as lived in the Edmund Rice tradition – would be upheld and promoted.

PBST invites the reader – whether you are a director or a member of the Trust, a new staff member or a pupil in one of our schools, a Presentation Brother or

any member of the wider community – to embrace these core values.

The PBST Charter, which forms the heart of this booklet, is both an inspiring and a challenging document. Along with the Charter itself, this booklet contains information on the Trust, the Presentation Brothers Congregation and the schools. We hope that you will find it a useful and enriching source of information.



# SOME INFORMATION ON THE TRUST

As explained in the foreword to this booklet, the purpose of the Presentation Brothers School Trust (PBST) is essentially two fold: firstly, to ensure that the “characteristic spirit” of each school is in keeping with Christ’s teaching as exemplified by Edmund Rice and, secondly, as legal owner, to take overall responsibility for the properties and finances of the schools and to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

For those interested in a legal perspective, the Trust is a company limited by guarantee and not having share capital. It was incorporated under the Companies Act 1963 to 2006 on 7th January 2009 and was granted CHY Status in accordance with the provisions of Section 207 and Section 266 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997. The Trust was also established as an autonomous Foundation in Canon Law (Canon 115.3). The Bishops of the Irish Episcopal Conference approved the Statutes of the Foundation in June 2009 thus giving it Public Juridical Person (Universitas Rerum) status. In layman’s terms, this means that the Trust is permitted to carry out apostolic works in the name of the Catholic Church.

The Registered Office of Presentation Brothers Schools Trust is 10 Deerpark Court, Friars Walk, Cork T12 D8H3 and the contact telephone number is 021 241 7144. The Trust is governed by a Board of Directors which meets once per month to guide the workings of the Trust. An annual general meeting is held each June and is attended by the Directors and by the Members (the members are, in effect, the share-holders of the company). An annual report along with an audited financial report is presented at this meeting. On a day to day basis, the work of the Trust is carried out by the chief executive officer who is the Trust’s only employee – all members and directors (including the Chairman) are unpaid volunteers.

While the Trust was always conscious of its role in promoting the characteristic spirit of the schools, the initial years following establishment were taken up to

a considerable extent in dealing with property, financial and legal matters. Over the following five or six years, ever-more attention was devoted to supporting school management and staffs in the essential mission of promoting the Presentation ethos through the organisation of gatherings of senior management teams, visits to school Boards of Management, chaplaincy support and so on. Beginning in 2014, PBST began a comprehensive review process which involved extensive consultation with all the stake holders involved in the schools – most especially, the teaching staffs. What emerged from this was a 10 point plan – or ‘roadmap’ – to guide future development of the Trust. Among the more important areas identified for attention were a greater emphasis on new teacher induction, the development of a short leadership-focused programme for teachers in PBST schools, greater awareness of PBST among staff, parents and pupils, and the need to develop a greater sense of common purpose among PBST schools.

The Trust maintains strong links with other education trust bodies and is a member of the Association of Trustees of Catholic Schools. The Trust also reports to the Irish Episcopal Conference and meets with representatives of the Conference once per year. Needless to say, links with the Congregation of Presentation Brothers remain very strong – not only with the Congregation and the Provincial Leadership Teams but also through the Presentation Brothers Youth Ministry (PBYM), Edmund Rice Action (ERA) Camps, SHARE, Preslink, the Evangelisation Office, Christian Leadership in Education Office (CLEO) and through regular interaction with the Brothers themselves.





# THE CHARTER

## OUR MISSION

We are committed to working together to make Christ's Gospel of love known and relevant to each succeeding generation.

Our educational tradition draws on the Gospel values of love, justice, freedom, mutual respect and hope. It is both a vision and a tradition which sees education as the key to growth and transformation in the context of the search for meaning, happiness and the common good. This tradition honours Mary, the mother of Jesus, Our Lady of the Presentation, as our model in faith and in living the teaching of Jesus and of His Church.

## OUR FOUNDATION

The provision of Catholic Education by the Presentation Brothers goes back to the decision by Edmund Rice to provide schooling for deprived Catholic boys in 1802. The continuation of the contribution of a distinctive Presentation education will be ensured through the setting up of the Presentation Brothers Schools Trust.

### *... four core elements that guide us ...*

A Presentation Brothers school has four core elements that capture best its contribution to Catholic education:

- A genuine and tangible spirit of respect and caring for each member of the school community;
- A comprehensive and holistic education;
- A vibrant experience of community and partnership;
- A deep commitment to gospel values as lived in the Edmund Rice tradition.

## DESCRIBING OUR VALUES

### *... a spiritual vision ...*

This Presentation tradition has unfolded in a vision of educational communities whose guiding aim is the communication of, and an invitation into a relationship with, Jesus Christ as Saviour of all people. This spiritual vision of

life is communicated in our schools through religious teaching, the celebration of the Sacraments, a prayer life and the lived example of people's lives in a supportive Christian community setting.

*... each is precious ...*

The Presentation vision of education involves a deep respect for the individuality and integrity of each person and recognises that all men and women are children of God who have been embraced by Christ's redemptive love. This involves a deep reverence for all who form the school community based on an appreciation that they are made in the image and likeness of God. A life is seen as a gift from God that ought to be cherished, celebrated and defended. The Presentation vision sees education as the key to growth in personal responsibility and to personal formation and transformation in the context of a deep sense of mission to, and service of, others. Our vision of education has a special concern for people who suffer poverty and disadvantage.

*... in partnership with ...*

A Presentation education is one marked by a partnership approach. Our schools work together and separately, supporting and assisting one another under the auspices of the Presentation Brothers Schools Trust. Within each Presentation Brothers school the partners are invited, welcomed and enabled to participate in all aspects of school life.

*... gathered together ...*

A Presentation Brothers school is a respectful community where the importance of personal dignity is promoted. A Presentation Brothers school is a place where all members of the school community can work and learn in a positive atmosphere free from harassment, bullying and intimidation. There is an appreciation of the impact we have on each other's lives. We grow, develop and, indeed, become human only in right relationship with ourselves, each other and God. Ultimately a Presentation Brothers school is a place where positive human development is nurtured, encouraged and facilitated. It promotes the living of life to its full potential, the exercising of ethical judgements in solidarity with

and for other people. It is also a place where there is a sense of our responsibility as stewards of God's creation.

## FULFILLING OUR AIMS

The Presentation Brothers ethos and the continuation of the Presentation story will rest with committed people who embrace their role as witnesses to the Catholic faith and guardians of the distinctive Presentation identity.

### *... faith life of the school ...*

Religious education by suitably qualified and committed teachers is crucial in the curriculum of a Presentation Brothers school. Teachers will strive to develop in the individual and the school community an awareness of the presence of God and a relationship with Him. This is done by honouring and celebrating the spiritual dimension to all aspects of life. The official liturgical life of the Church's year will be marked appropriately.

### *... all involved ...*

All members of the school community are encouraged to develop a sense of ownership and commitment to community. Such a sense of ownership is encouraged, developed and facilitated in a collaborative approach to the day-to-day running of the school, to in-school management and to school development planning, which include the following as examples:

- Participation in drawing up school policies;
- Implementation of these policies;
- Organisation of, and participation in, extra-curricular activities;
- Participation in the various bodies and groups that make up the school community, for example, Boards of Management, Student Councils, Parent Associations.

### *... the student at the heart ...*

Every effort is made to provide all students with a curriculum that convinces them of their inherent goodness, that nurtures their sense of dignity and self-worth, that treats them with respect and helps them develop their every gift.

Presentation Brothers schools are committed to excellence in teaching and learning for all so that our students are well prepared and equipped with the necessary competencies and skills to take their place as responsible adult members of society. Presentation Brothers schools are characterised by the recognition of different educational needs and abilities – there is a clear willingness to engage with new research and best practice, particularly when it benefits those with special educational needs.

Presentation Brothers schools exhibit flexibility. They manifest a willingness to embrace positive change and adapt, where necessary, within the boundaries of the Presentation Vision. A Presentation Brothers school will have clear pastoral care structures and approaches in place such as Class Tutors, Year Heads and Pastoral Teams where there is a co-ordination of the caring roles in the school for the benefit of all.

*... those on the margins ...*

In keeping with the vision of Edmund Rice, the Presentation Brothers School aims to support those marginalised and rejected by mainstream society while promoting social justice and applying Christian values. There is particular concern for the members of our sister schools in developing countries.

## LEADERSHIP

The Presentation Brothers Schools Trust bears ultimate responsibility for the continuation of the Presentation story and the distinctive Presentation spirit and ethos. The Trust works in a particular partnership with its Boards of Management to carry out this responsibility. Those in positions of leadership within our schools, especially principals and deputy principals, ensure that the Presentation ethos informs any decisions they make in their different roles as leaders. Leadership in a Presentation Brothers school is marked by openness and a strong professional, spiritual and ethical purpose. Decision-making is, as far as is practically possible, arrived at by consensus with all the partners in education. Leadership prioritises the good of the school community in balance with individual needs. Leaders motivate all members of the school community to share in the Presentation vision and discover and develop a sense of ownership of their school.

## TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

All school staff are encouraged to recognise their distinct identity as members of the Presentation Family and thus acknowledge their role as partners in ensuring the continuity of the Presentation story and ethos. A comprehensive Induction Programme will be provided for new members of staff to prepare them for their journey.

Staff members are encouraged to develop their own talents and gifts. All staff exercise a commitment to the development of caring relationships with all members of the school community. This creates a learning environment responsive to the needs of students and staff where the individual can flourish. Staff are valued and appreciated for their contribution to school life, particularly when given voluntarily outside usual teaching hours.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS

Although promotion of the Edmund Rice vision, the Presentation ethos and Catholic education are the responsibility of the whole staff, and in particular of the leadership of the school, a special responsibility lies with the Religious Education Department within schools.

Religious Education Departments support and enable the celebration of special days within the Presentation tradition, namely the Feast of the Presentation of Mary and the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice.

The Religious Education Department, in conjunction with school management and school chaplaincy service, has responsibility also for the organisation of liturgical celebrations during the school year.

Religious Education Departments are adequately equipped and resourced so as to enable them to fulfil their duties and operate to the best of their ability. Support from the school chaplaincy service, the parish community, the wider Presentation Brothers family and others shall be sought to enrich the liturgical, sacramental and spiritual dimensions of Presentation School life.



## STUDENTS

The aim of a Presentation Brothers school is the fullest development of the student within a Catholic context. Students are seen as God's reflections. Their basic goodness is affirmed. They are recognized as responsible partners in education by all members of the school community and respected for their contribution to all aspects of school life. They have a role in policy formation, particularly with regard to school discipline, anti-bullying measures, pastoral care programmes and student councils. Students should leave the school having acquired a good knowledge and experience of the Catholic faith.

The wide range of backgrounds and family circumstances of students is appreciated. Awareness of the diversity of fellow classmates and other members of the Presentation family at home and abroad is acknowledged and highlighted as important. The school will seek out students in challenging circumstances and endeavour to support them.

Students should have access to a wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, sporting and otherwise, which can help to provide a sense of belonging and pride in their school, and develop their own gifts to the full. Each activity is valued as a vehicle of exploration and celebration of the many God-given talents of our students and staff.

Along with the provision of quality education in the academic, cultural, social and economic areas, Presentation Brothers schools help the student achieve a sense of personal responsibility. Thus students should be aware of their potential as 'history-makers'. The whole curriculum, broadly understood, shall help convince them of the deep significance of their lives – that they can and do make a difference. This they do both in a personal and global context. Student Councils and participation in programmes such as the Edmund Rice Awards encourage and facilitate the development of leadership skills within the student body and give students a share in the leadership process of the school.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS & THE WIDER COMMUNITY

The Catholic school is only one of the agents involved in the formation of the students. Parents/Guardians and the members of the local community of the school are encouraged to embrace their role as active partners and collaborators

in education. They, in their turn, can expect the support and collaboration of all the partners in the Presentation School in their efforts.

A Presentation Brothers school encourages parents/guardians and members of the wider community to be conscious of their special position as members or potential members of the Presentation Family.

The multi-cultural, multi-faith context in which we now live is acknowledged and appreciated by the Presentation Brothers school, while recognising and promoting our status as a community with a Catholic ethos.

Presentation Brothers schools promote a global responsibility and are characterized by awareness, in all members of the school community, of significant local and global issues.

## REALISING THE VISION

This Charter sets out a vibrant, noble and challenging vision – every member of Presentation Brothers Schools is warmly welcomed to take up the challenge. *The Presentation Brothers School Identity Project (2004)* clearly sets out the task of implementing the Presentation vision for schools:

*Getting the relationships right goes to the heart of the challenge we face in today's Presentation Brothers school. It inspires us to endeavour to build a richer form of community in our schools so that parents and students join teachers and support staff in a shared vision of education and a real sense that this is our school. (Presentation Education: Key Values of a Proud Tradition, 2004, p.15.)*

Creating and maintaining a community spirit and enabling all the partners in education to develop a sense of ownership of their school are vital to each and every Presentation Brothers school. Where these qualities are in operation, where there is loyalty to the founding vision of Edmund Rice, a vision which has its foundations in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a Presentation Brothers school will be a place of hope, happiness and joy.

*Our tradition draws its inspiration from the gospel of Jesus Christ and the charism of Edmund Rice. A Presentation Brothers school is based on the conviction that living the Gospel values of love, freedom and justice enables*



*all members of the school community to reach that fullness of life that Jesus promised: "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." Jn. 10:10 (Presentation Education: Key Values of a Proud Tradition, 2004, p.17.)*

## THE EDMUND RICE ICON

*A modern icon executed in kinetic stained glass by Desmond Kyne*



The Edmund Rice Icon was inspired by the icons of both the Byzantine and Celtic traditions. The illustrations and symbols in the various panels help us to appreciate the events and people in his life that led Edmund to a deep love of God.

*In what was arguably the most miserable period of Ireland's history Edmund Rice responded to the needs of people less fortunate than himself, practising the second great commandment, "Love your neighbour." (Mt 22:39)*







# PROFILES OF OUR SCHOOLS



## BUNSCOIL CHRÍOST RÍ

Bunscoil Chríost Rí Primary School, Turner's Cross, Cork was established in 2011 following the amalgamation of Scoil Chríost Rí Buachaillí and Christ King Girls as the new co-educational school became the preferred model of the school community. The school continues to develop and thrive while embracing the proud Presentation traditions of the former schools which were founded in the late 1930s when the Presentation Brothers and Presentation Sisters were asked by Bishop Cohalan to establish primary schools in the emerging Turner's Cross area.



*Bunscoil Chríost Rí*

Educational excellence, cultural, sporting and artistic distinction, and holistic and pastoral values remain the cornerstones of the school's vision. Great emphasis is placed on being inclusive and caring and on nurturing pupils' talents and fostering spirituality.

An extensive curriculum that embraces modern methodologies and new educational developments and attaches a particular importance to early intervention programmes also includes specific supports for pupils from a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds and for those with special needs. These and

an extensive range of extra-curricular activities are provided by a dedicated staff with a wide variety of special interests who readily volunteer their skills for the betterment of their pupils' educational experience.

The name of 'Chríost Rí' is renowned for its excellence in many sports, including athletics and orienteering, but most especially in Gaelic games where a host of football and hurling stars emerged from the school's record-breaking Sciath na Scol teams – a particular golden era being the winning of eleven Roinn A Football titles in a row from 1977 to 1988. Many past pupils have worn the Cork jersey with distinction, including two All-Ireland winning captains in Billy Morgan and Denis Allen.

Music and choral performance continue to be a source of great pride with the school's choir being famed for excellence at choral festivals and competitions.

Other famous past pupils of note include Micheál Martin, prominent national politician; Kieran O'Reilly, Archbishop of Cashel & Emlý; Professor Patrick O'Shea, President UCC; Br Martin Kenneally, Presentation Brothers World Congregation Leader 2005-2017; Megan Connolly, Ireland Ladies Soccer International; and Rob Heffernan, Olympic medallist – to mention but a few.

We are proud of the legacy left by generations of proud pupils and continue to strive to maintain the highest standards in all our pupils while remaining true to the ideals of Blessed Edmund Rice where *all are welcomed, all are included, all are enriched.*

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## COLÁISTE AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh was founded by the Presentation Brothers in 1964 with the aim of providing a Christian education for the boys of Bishopstown and adjoining parishes. In an age when the focus of education in Irish secondary schools tended to be rather narrow, Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh broke new ground.



From its earliest years, CSN established itself as a centre of academic excellence. Indicators of its success have been the consistently high standard achieved by our students in the Leaving Cert exams and their exceptional success in receiving university scholarships. Among the awards that bear further testimony to the school's academic prowess over the years are numerous Young Scientist awards (including overall winner and overall runner-up), the Observer Mace international school's debating competition, Vex Robotics awards, two Rhodes scholarships and several awards for students who achieved the highest result in state examination subjects.

Each year, we celebrate our students' achievements at our academic awards ceremony when an eminent past pupil returns to address current students and their parents. High Court Judge Patrick McCarthy, barrister Sean Gillane SC.,

Brigadier General Gerard Aherne, sportsmen Jimmy Barry-Murphy and Patrick O’Leary, and Professors Mícheál Ó Ríordáin, Calvin Coffey, Kieran McQuinn and Liam Plant are among those who have performed this pleasant duty.

CSN is a place of real spiorad. A belief in the importance of the holistic education of the student through the medium of extra-curricular involvement has been a constant hallmark of our philosophy. Staff and senior students work together to provide a wide range of clubs and activities for all students. Among the activities currently provided in the school are: Gaelic football, hurling, soccer, basketball, chess, debating, yoga, creative writing, seomra caidrimh, maths circles, computers, mini-company, Vex robotics, golf, athletics, badminton, mountaineering, drama, trad. music, tae kwon do and film-making.

Students are encouraged to share their gifts and talents with people around them. Our senior prefects and 4th Year leaders act as mentors to our first year students while many senior students are leaders in the Edmund Rice Action Camp and travel to Lourdes each year to assist pilgrims with disabilities. 4th Year students also work in the S.H.A.R.E. day-care centre and fundraise for local charities. The demonstration of exceptional positive leadership is acknowledged each year when a select group of 6th year students are awarded a much-coveted Gradam for outstanding merit and achievement.

Liturgies held in our dedicated prayer room and, on occasion, in our parish church, are an integral part of our school’s programme. 1st Year students participate in retreat days organised in co-operation with the Presentation Brothers Youth Ministry while 4th Year students take part in the Youth Alpha programme. Having recently celebrated its golden jubilee, Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh proudly continues to provide a holistic education based on the four core values of the Edmund Rice tradition in education.

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## COLÁISTE CHRÍOST RÍ

Coláiste Chríost Rí was officially opened in February 1960 to meet the growing demand for second level education in the expanding Cork suburbs. Prior to this, students stayed in primary school for an extra year in what was known as a ‘secondary top’.



Coláiste Chríost Rí is a Cork city Catholic all boys Secondary School with a multicultural mix of students from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. Our student cohort comes from 30 feeder National Schools and mirrors the national average in terms of ability. The school offers the traditional Junior and Leaving Certificate. Transition Year and LCVP are integral to options available to students at senior cycle.

The beautiful red brick building, with its terrazzo tiled entrance and parquet flooring, on Capwell Road is testament to the high standards and strong ambitions of the Presentation Brothers. Over the years, the school has built a strong reputation for high academic standards and achievements, with students winning numerous scholarships to UCC and UL, as well as Quercus awards for the standard of their work and studies in UCC. Professor Patrick O’Shea,



President of UCC, attended the school from 1970 to 1975. Apart from his academic prowess while in Coláiste Chríost Rí, he won All Ireland Cross Country gold medals in 1973 & 1974.

Great feats of sportsmanship are a hallmark of Coláiste Chríost Rí with numerous stars of the Cork hurling and football teams developing their skills and honing their talents under the eagle-eyed coaches on Capwell Rd. Famous sporting stars include Billy Morgan, Ray Cummins, Brian Murphy, John Kerins & Paul Kerrigan.

‘Coláiste Chríost Rí’ has been etched on the Hogan Cup (All Ireland Colleges Cup) several times and trophies for football and hurling championships at every age group have taken pride of place in the Críost Rí trophy cabinet on countless occasions since its foundation. Athletics and cross country running feature strongly in the school culminating in Coláiste Chríost Rí achieving 7th place in the All Ireland honours list for the last century. World Champion athlete Marcus O’Sullivan represented the school many times in the 1970s and world champion & Olympic medallist (50 kilometre walk) Rob Heffernan is another well-known name to feature among the illustrious past pupils.

Tá traidisiún láidir Ghaeilge i gColáiste Chríost Rí mar chuid d’oideachas leathan Caitliceach ina gcuirtear béim ar fhorbairt pearsanta agus cúram do ghach duine.

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## COLÁISTE MUIRE

Coláiste Muire is located in Cobh Co. Cork. It is a Catholic post-primary school under the trusteeship of the Presentation Brothers Schools Trust. The school was founded in 1976 as a result of an amalgamation of Presentation College with St. Mary's Secondary School, managed by the Sisters of Mercy. In 2009, the trusteeship of Coláiste Muire passed to the Presentation Brothers Schools Trust.



Every school has its own flavour that makes it unique and Coláiste Muire especially so. Unlike schools on the mainland that reflect particular socio economic locations, Coláiste Muire is on Great Island, an island where students grow up knowing each other from early childhood into adult life. Coláiste Muire is a microcosm of Cobh society. Coláiste Muire is the only co-educational post-primary school in the Trust.

We offer a wide curriculum to our students. Our Transition Year is highly successful and even though optional, there is an over 80% take up rate in the year. A wide range of extra-curricular activities are on offer. From hockey to hurling to soccer, all students are given the chance to use and develop their talents. Through the generosity of our teaching staff, we offer various opportunities for

students to engage in activities during lunch time eg STEM Club, Language Club, Digi Champions while, after school, activities such as drama and debating are available.

Coláiste Muire is a “School of the Community of Cobh”. We are supported by parents through the Parents Council and the Parent Fundraising Committee. The wider Cobh Community supports the school by attending the various events held by the school e.g. the Transition Year Annual Musical. We have close links with the Cobh feeder primary schools and with community groups and clubs in the town.

We take great pride in the huge number of successful past pupils. Some examples include Mr Paddy Leahy, Chief Superintendent of the Dublin Metropolitan Region; Dr. Anthony O’Donoghue, Professor of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at University of California San Diego; and Ms Deirdre O’Connor, Managing Director, Chief of Staff & Global Head of Finance for a \$40 billion global asset management firm.

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## GREENMOUNT NATIONAL SCHOOL

Greenmount N.S., also known as Scoil Mhuire na nGrás, was founded in 1854 by the Presentation Brothers to cater for children born during the Famine. Greenmount is the oldest school in the PBST family of schools. While Greenmount was a boys' school for well over a hundred years, it has been a co-ed school since the 1990s.



Since 1854, our past pupils have made a major contribution to the academic, religious, political, cultural and sporting life of Cork City and far beyond. Such pupils have included the legendary Br. Ignatius Connolly (the Man), long-serving Principal of Presentation Brothers College and a leading educationalist in Ireland for over half a century. Others who adorned their profession and proudly enhanced the name of Greenmount included: Dr. Gerard Casey, author, professor and Head of School of Philosophy UCD; Anthony Hegarty, MD of the World Bank; Michael Casey, Head of Light Entertainment RTE and Liam Herrick, Head of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties and former advisor to President Michael D. Higgins. Former teacher, C.P. Murphy, and former pupil, Denis Bohane, both served as President of the INTO. Many famous Brothers

taught at Greenmount including Br. Jerome, founder of SHARE and holder of Freedom of the City in two municipalities.

In the political arena, six Greenmount pupils went on to become Lords Mayor of Cork City: Richard Anthony, Pearse Wyse, Jim Corr, Toddy O’Sullivan, Denis Cregan and Chris O’Leary. Pearse Wyse and Toddy O’Sullivan also served as Junior Ministers in their respective governments.

In the sporting arena, in hurling, soccer, rugby, boxing, orienteering, snooker, swimming and athletics, our past pupils have represented their country in thirteen codes. Sean Condon and Gerald McCarthy captained Cork to All-Ireland Senior Hurling success and six of their schoolmates also shared in those triumphs. In rugby, the school bucked the trend by supplying two senior internationals at a time when such honours were the preserve of the traditional oval ball colleges.

In modern times, our school has heavily influenced best practice in the areas of Special Educational Needs, numeracy and literacy education. The school has a vibrant and progressive approach and it is no surprise that, among its many accolades, it is considered a Digital School of Distinction, a Green School and a Health Promoting School.

Our school prides itself on its inclusive nature and strives to provide a very high standard of education within a happy, caring environment. We believe that a broad, balanced, educational experience will allow our pupils to reach their full potential. As a proud PBST Primary School, we firmly believe that when it comes to our pupils, “each is precious.”

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## PRESENTATION COLLEGE, BRAY

Presentation College, Bray was established in 1921 by the Presentation Brothers. The chosen site, with the mountains as a backdrop and the Irish Sea in the foreground, was intended to have an uplifting effect on future students. From the beginning, the Brothers, inspired by their founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, cultivated in the school an atmosphere of love, friendship, trust and loyalty.

The resulting spirit has now become a tradition of the College and has been enhanced by the fruitful relationship that exists between the College and the people of Bray and its environs. On September 1st 2011, Presentation College opened the doors of a new school building to incoming students. This modern building has state-of-the-art technology to enhance the long tradition of excellence in teaching and learning.

In addition to a full academic programme, Presentation Bray offers a whole host of extra-curricular activities including rugby, debating, basketball, chess, soccer, GAA, cricket and athletics. Many successes, both big and small, have been achieved over the years in the above activities. All these activities would





not be possible without the voluntary commitment and dedication of many of our teachers and staff.

Alumni of the College are spread over many different walks of life and include Gary O’Toole (Olympic Swimmer and now prominent Orthopaedic Surgeon), Darren Randolph (RoI Goalkeeper), the Flynn Brothers of The Happy Pear fame, Damien Tiernan (RTÉ), Fergus Finlay (Barnardos and former politician) and Reggie Corrigan (Ireland Rugby International) to name but a few.

We are proud of all our students, past and present, and their many achievements in everyday life. The support of a strong Past Pupils’ Union is another asset of our School community.

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## PRESENTATION COLLEGE, CORK

Presentation College was founded by the Presentation Brothers in 1878 on the South Mall. Soon afterwards, it moved to the Grand Parade and, in 1887, to the Western Road. The present complex, which includes the best of modern facilities, was completed in 1985. The atmosphere of the College and the quality of the relationships formed there are among the more important formative influences at work in the school.



Pres strives for academic excellence and the curriculum 'mix' is organised so as to help the student understand himself better and to enable him to choose goals appropriate to himself in the whole range and quality of his life. Every effort is made to promote self-confidence and initiative among the pupils.

The following subjects are taken by all first years: Religion, Irish, English, Mathematics, Latin, French, German, Science, Business Studies, History, Geography, Art, Physical Education, CSPE and SPHE. In Second Year, students make a number of choices to reduce the number of subjects taken.



In the Senior cycle, the following additional subjects are available: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Applied Mathematics, Accounting, Economics, Business Organisation, Agricultural Science and Religious Education (exam).

The College has a long sporting history and endeavours to facilitate all sports. Any boy wishing to play under the school colours is encouraged to do so. However, the college is a Rugby school and invites all first years to play rugby for at least the first term. They have won 28 Senior Cups and 29 Junior Cups and have produced 27 full international players including, more recently, Simon Zebo and Peter O'Mahony.

A number of other co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are facilitated at the college. These include: drama, debating, cumann díospóireachta, essay-writing, Young Scientist, Science, Business, Geography and Maths quiz teams, S.H.A.R.E. and Preslink.

Past pupils are the outcome of a Pres education, bringing honour and dignity to Pres by their many achievements in life. Other notable alumni include Cillian Murphy (actor), Ben Dunne (Dunnes Stores), George Hook (TV presenter), Fergal Keane (journalist) and Sean Ó Faoláin (author).

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## ST. JOSEPH'S NS, THE MARDYKE



St. Joseph's NS is a Catholic school which promotes the dignity of the individual and social awareness, in the tradition of Edmund Rice. We, the school community, are the boys, staff, families and management, both past and present. We prioritise the individual development of each boy in a happy, secure and positive environment.

St. Joseph's school and grounds now occupy part of what, in the 18th and 19th centuries, were known as the 'Rough Marshes' lying along the southern bank of the northern channel of the river Lee. In 1912, the Presentation Brothers acquired the current site and the school was ready for occupation a year later. St Joseph's National School was initially intended to serve the school-going population of the Middle Parish. The school catchment area extended from the North Gate Bridge to the South Gate Bridge and from Patrick's Bridge to the end of the Mardyke. This area included the populous 'Marsh', extending from Washington Street to Bachelor's Quay. In 1929, the Cork Corporation developed housing schemes which led to a general exodus from the 'Marsh' area to the suburbs. As time went by, the pupils came increasingly from the western suburbs and travelled to school by car with their parents, a practice which continues to this day.

There is a strong musical tradition in the school. Nowadays, you will hear the strong and enchanting rhythm of the bodhrán as the ‘Bodhrán Bookkills’ practise. Guitar and piano lessons are also offered to the boys as extra-curricular activities. The pupils engage in a wide array of sporting activities, including football, hurling, rugby, soccer, cricket, athletics and swimming. Many students develop their reasoning, concentration and memory skills as they play chess after school every week. Pupils as young as Junior Infants have the opportunity to learn Spanish after school which continues as the children progress through the school.

St. Joseph’s is very proud of all of its pupils but there are a few who can claim more fame than others, including Noel Cantwell (1932-05), who captained Manchester United when they won the FA Cup in 1973 and who was capped 36 times for Ireland. Other former St Joseph boys who have become prominent in sport include Colin O’Brien (Cork City soccer); Ronan O’Gara and Frankie Sheehan (both Irish and Munster Rugby); Ronan Curran (All Star and All-Ireland winning Cork hurler); John O’Mahony (International Irish Gymnastics); John Kerrins (Double All-Ireland winning Cork goalkeeper); Martin Moloney (Irish Sailing team) and Niall Turner (MVP winner and US Colleges Champion amateur Golfer).

The late Michael O’Leary, former Tánaiste (1971-72) is a past student of St Joseph’s school as was Pat Dineen, well-known Cork business man and formerly CEO of Irish Steel. In the field of journalism, several former St Joseph’s pupils are prominent, including radio presenter Matt Cooper and Fachtna Kelly, journalist at *Sunday Business Post*. In the arts, past pupils include singer-songwriter, John Spillane, and Kieran Moore, an artist of international standing.

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PROFILES OF  
SOME ORGANISATIONS  
THAT WORK WITH  
OUR SCHOOLS

## CLEO

In partnership with those religious congregations which managed schools in Munster, Br. Matthew Feheny, FPM, established the Christian Formation Resource Centre in 1992. The purpose of CRFC was to assist these congregations, first, to prepare lay men and women to lead Catholic schools into the 21st century and, secondly, to support lay principals already in place. In view of the changing circumstances, CFRC wound up in 1997. In the same year, Br. Matthew established the Christian Leadership in Education Office, which, based at Mardyke House, in partnership with the University of Hull, UK, and the particularly generous advice and support of the then Head of the Institute of Learning and Chair of Education there, Professor V. A. McClelland, offered post-graduate qualifications



– up to and including doctoral level – in school leadership and management for aspiring and actual school leaders, especially those serving in schools under Catholic patronage. To date, some 250 men and women have completed the MEd, a high proportion attaining a

Distinction (First Class Honours) therein. Almost twenty have completed a doctorate and some 70 have been appointed principal. The bedrock of the CLEO Programme is student support, and graduates readily testify to the effectiveness of this aspect of their engagement with CLEO. In 2015, with a view to the future, CLEO was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and was granted charitable status.

For more information see the CLEO website:  
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## EDMUND RICE ACTION (ERA) CAMPS

The first Irish Edmund Rice Camp took place in Cork in August 1998. A group of young Australians, en-route to Rome for the beatification of Edmund Rice in 1996, visited Mardyke House and told us about the camps in Australia. The movement was founded there in 1979 to help the children of the Vietnamese boat people. The camps spread to every state of Australia, to New Zealand and to South Africa.



The camps were set up to provide summer camps and recreational opportunities for children who needed a break for one reason or another. The activities were run by young adult leaders who were role models for the participants. It was uncharted territory for us but, with great support from the Presentation Brothers, the Irish Edmund Rice Camp movement began. With the help of the Primary Schools Principals and staff involved in the home school liaison system, children who would benefit from the camp experience were identified. We were then, and continue to be, blessed with our young adult leaders. Over the past twenty years, hundreds of young adults have given time, commitment and energy to what we call Edmund Rice Action Camps, usually abbreviated to E.R.A.

The camp process begins each year with a Leadership Training Programme. The training on Child Protection is obligatory and this is followed by two day-long

workshops on Art & Crafts and games. The training helps the young adults to recognise their leadership qualities and it empowers them to take responsibility for the running of the camp. Team-building is an essential part of the process and experienced leaders help with the training of the new leaders. The new leaders are made aware of the child-centred approach in the camp and reminded that the children's needs must always be paramount. All leaders are interviewed and Garda vetted.



In their feed-back, the leaders always say that no training could ever prepare you for the first morning of the camp! However, the children's excitement and energy, coupled with the leaders' determination to make it a great week for the children, get the operation off to a great start.

There are several events and activities organised for the children but what seems to stand out most for them, is that young adults have given them so much time.

They have listened to them and affirmed them. The last day of the camp is a great day of celebration but is also tinged with sadness. The children don't want to leave and the leaders don't like to see them go. Some of the children say it was the best week of their lives. They have grown in confidence even in that short length of time.

Reflection is central to the whole camp experience. We have 'quiet time' every evening with the children when we take time to give thanks and the leaders share their thoughts and feelings about the day in their evaluation session. Our final celebration with the camp leaders is when we gather at Mardyke House for our end of year Mass. We are reminded of Blessed Edmund's response to a need he saw on the streets of Waterford and we are challenged by that response. The greatest need we see today is the need for the young children we work with to have positive role-models. This is what our young adult leaders provide.

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## PRESENTATION BROTHERS YOUTH MINISTRY (PBYM)

The mission of the Presentation Brothers is 'forming Christ in the young'. Presentation Brothers Youth Ministry (PBYM) focuses on developing the Christian faith of all young people.



PBYM is exploring new and creative ways of encouraging young people to grow in their faith. The Youth Ministry Co-ordinator and the PBYM Team deliver a varied programme of events for young people and young adults. Events



are open to all and most are completely free. New young members are always welcome. All activities at PBYM involve fun, food, games and faith development in a no-pressure, non-judgmental environment. PBYM start where young people are at and aim to journey with them in discovering more about their faith.

The Presentation Brothers support several youth ministry outreaches in Ireland including Edmund Rice Action Camp (ERAC) and S.H.A.R.E.

PBYM maintains a strong link with the Presentation Brothers Schools Trust and also engages with several schools around the country which have a traditional link with the Presentation Brothers.

PBYM is run out of the Youth Ministry Centre at Mardyke House in Cork. To find out more, find PBYM on Twitter @PBYouthMinistry and Facebook – Presentation Brothers Youth Ministry (@PBYouthMinistry) or contact the Co-ordinator directly Tel: (085) 858 8338 E: youth@presentationbrothers.org

## PRESLINK

Preslink was formed in 2005 by a group of PBC 2nd year students guided by a number of teachers.

# PresLink

Its original aim, which still remains, was to forge links with Presentation Brothers projects abroad. Our purpose is to support their work. This purpose became even more relevant in 2009 when the Brothers handed over the management of their schools to PBST.

We see our role as two fold; firstly we inform the student body of the Brothers' work abroad and also of their history in our school. Secondly, we fundraise throughout the school year to raise funds for their projects.

The fundraising is something 'tangible' that the boys can do. We have had great 'craic' through the years with some of our fundraising exploits – how many rugby balls will fit in the lift, First Year Sponsored Silence, Gold Rush ...

We also have the more refined Christmas Carol Concert and the 'Whole School Table Quiz' annually.

Preslink is always looking out for new and novel fundraising ideas.

The students are passing through our school but we hope their involvement in Preslink heightens their social conscience and remains with them long after the blazer has disintegrated!

Staff involvement has remained steadfast and constant, as the Presentation Brothers are in regular contact with updates on their work and on how the funds raised are being used. This fuels us!

We hope Preslink will continue to grow, long after the present staff have disintegrated!!!

## SHARE

1970 saw the beginning of SHARE, an organisation that would change the lives of the elderly people of Cork City. SHARE drew on the inspirational leadership of Br. Jerome Kelly who had returned from Trinidad and Tobago in 1969 to take up his appointment as assistant Superior General. He was returning to a country which was relatively well-off compared to the one he had left behind. This was a challenge for him but, recognising the energy of the Irish youth, he put a challenge before them.



He sent out a selection of students to witness at first hand the suffering of the elderly poor. What they came upon shocked them but encouraged them to make a difference in the lives of the people who were living in such terrible conditions. They set in motion an organisation that now cares for over two hundred people, all of whom have been provided with their own houses and apartments. Students, male and female, from twenty schools in Cork are now involved in SHARE. Each school sends two students to be part of the executive. There is also a core executive of ten chosen from the fifth year students of Presentation College and from a number of girls' schools. These students meet once a week in the first term of school year and every two weeks in the second. They plan for the Christmas collection, clean the collection boxes, get the yellow jackets prepared, visit the elderly once a week in each complex, help at the residents' Christmas parties and at the Bealtaine festival towards the end of the year.



For the students, the most taxing part of being involved is the 9 days on the streets of Cork collecting money from the citizens. They work so hard, and one can only appreciate how hard they work by witnessing them in action. Three different students do a 24 hour fast every day and it is heartening to see them do so much for the elderly of their city. They also attend funerals of residents who have no known family. All of this is done with a willingness and maturity beyond their years.

Inspired by Brother Jerome's vision, SHARE remains an extraordinary example of how young people can make a difference in society.

SHARE

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BLESSED  
EDMUND RICE  
& THE PRESENTATION  
BROTHERS

## BLESSED EDMUND RICE

1762 - 1844

Edmund Rice was born at Westcourt in the parish of Callan, Co. Kilkenny, on 1 June 1762. The Penal Laws, which had been framed in 1704 to keep in check the Catholic population, had been relaxed somewhat and a minority of enterprising Catholics were able to improve their position. Edmund's father, Robert, worked a 180-acre farm leased from Lord Desart.



Edmund attended a hedge school, an illegal pay-school set up by a travelling teacher. The religious education he received in the family home was augmented by lessons from an Augustinian travelling friar, Fr. Patrick Grace. Later, more fortunate than many of his contemporaries, he attended a commercial academy in Kilkenny city where he received a practical and classical education.



*Rice family home, Callan*

When he was 18 years old, Edmund became an apprentice in the business of his uncle, Michael Rice, a well-established victualler and ship's chandler in the thriving port of Waterford. Edmund inherited the flourishing business when he was 24.

## MARRIAGE

Edmund married Mary Elliot, daughter of a leather merchant, in 1785. Four years after they married, Mary gave birth prematurely to a daughter but died later. The baby, also named Mary, suffered a disability.

Edmund, an avid reader of the Bible, often referred to this period of his life saying 'The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, so blessed be his name forever.' (Job 1: 21)



## FAITH AND GOOD WORKS

Edmund's stepsister Joan came to Waterford to care for Mary and to keep house and Edmund continued with his successful business career. His religious life intensified. He went to Mass before work each day and in the evenings read spiritual books, especially the Bible and the works of St. Teresa of Avila.

Like many of the Catholic merchants of the time he lent money to poorer Catholics. He visited the poor in their homes and arranged the release of debtors from prison.

## INFLUENCE OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS

In 1798 Presentation Sisters came to Waterford, and Edmund, at the request of Bishop Hussey and of his friend Fr. Power, helped the Sisters establish themselves in the city. The example of the Sisters in educating the local girls and the need for similar education for boys convinced Edmund that he should commit himself to the mission of Catholic Education.

With a few volunteer helpers, he began to teach some street children in the evenings at his stores in Barronstrand Street. Later he rented livery stables and converted them into classrooms. He made financial arrangements for his daughter Mary to be taken care of by close relatives and began to wind up his considerable business interests, intending to dedicate his life to God through Christian education.

## 'THE MONKS OF THE PRESENTATION'

Early in 1802 two young men from Edmund's native Callan, Patrick Finn and Thomas Grosvenor, who had also been thinking of dedicating their lives to God, joined him. They began a form of community life, attending Mass daily, teaching all day and spending time in prayer and spiritual reading. Their home was the loft over the stables in New Street.

In 1803 Edmund and his companions moved to Mount Sion, a monastery and school that he built on a hill overlooking the city. Here 'the monks', as Edmund and his companions were called, taught up to 150 pupils each, assisted by the brighter pupils in a monitor system. They also held night classes for illiterate adults. Edmund built a small bake house to provide a daily meal for the pupils,

with a loft overhead in which tailors made clothes for them. He continued his jail visits and his personal involvement in several charitable works. Protestants, especially Quakers, appreciated his efforts and became his benefactors.

## RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

In 1808 Edmund had nine companions. His friend, John Power, was now Bishop of Waterford and he and Edmund drew up a rule of life based on the Constitutions of the Presentation Sisters. On 15 August Edmund and six others took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, officially becoming a Diocesan Congregation of Brothers, under the authority of the bishop. They were known as the ‘Monks of the Presentation’.

## 1822: TWO CONGREGATIONS OF EDMUND RICE BROTHERS

The Brothers had already established two foundations outside of Waterford city, at Carrick-on-Suir and Dungarvan, and Bishops in other dioceses began to request them to set up communities. By 1821 there were communities in five dioceses: Waterford, Cork, Dublin, Cashel and Limerick. This was encouraging but also caused a problem: when communities were established, Bishops were reluctant to release Brothers



to go to another diocese to found a new community. Amalgamating all the communities under a Superior General was the solution and approval for this arrangement was granted by Pope Pius VII in 1821. In January 1822 the Brothers elected Edmund Rice as their Superior General, becoming a Pontifical Congregation. They compiled a new Rule and renamed their Congregation the Christian Brothers.

## THE PRESENTATION BROTHERS CONTINUE ...

Br. Michael Augustine Riordan was a member of the North Monastery Community in Cork. He decided to continue to live under the Presentation Rule, subject to the authority of the local Bishop.



Br. Riordan moved to the South Monastery where he continued



to live according to the original rule. He was joined by a few companions and the small community continued as a Diocesan Congregation, the Presentation Brothers, until they also became a Pontifical Congregation in 1889.

Both the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers grew in membership though the two congregations remained technically illegal. Even when the Catholic Emancipation Act was passed in 1829, a penal clause was inserted to make provision for the 'gradual suppression and final prohibition' of male religious orders. The penalty for any new member who joined could be transportation for life to the penal colonies of Australia. Edmund worried greatly that the men who had entrusted their lives to him by joining the congregation were facing a very uncertain future, but in practice, the new law was not enforced. In 1838 at the age of 76 Edmund resigned as Superior General. He lived to see Brothers depart to set up communities in Gibraltar, USA, England and Australia, but the years of carrying a heavy burden of responsibility took their toll. He gradually became an invalid and towards the end of his life he was confined to his room.

Edmund Rice died on 29 August 1844 at Mount Sion. On 6 October 1996 Pope John Paul II declared Edmund Blessed, the final step in the process that may lead to his canonisation.

Br. Michael Augustine Riordan, whose decision ensured that a community of Brothers would continue to live the original Presentation Rule, died at the South Monastery, Douglas Street, Cork in 1848.

## THE PRESENTATION BROTHERS TODAY:

There are Presentation Communities today in Ireland, England, Canada, the United States, the West Indies, Ghana and Nigeria.

The Congregation in Ireland, as the foundation body of the schools, supports and maintains close links with the Presentation Brothers Schools Trust.

The Presentation Brothers are, firstly, a Religious Congregation, called to live a life of prayer, community and service. The mission of the Congregation is forming Christ in the young. This is finding expression in new ways today.

Many men and women, lay associates, share in the mission of the Presentation Brothers in Ireland. This movement is known as the Lay Presentation Family. It includes young people and youth groups who are passionate about the good news of Jesus Christ and the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

The vocation of the Religious Brother is part of God's answer to the lack of brotherhood which is wounding our world today. Though few in number in the 'first' world, so called, men still respond to the call of this vocation and way of life. In Africa, the Presentation Brothers are growing and the challenges are great. A new mission is about to be founded in Sri Lanka, so the work of Edmund Rice continues to grow!

The writer, John McGahern, referred to his time in a Presentation Brothers Secondary School in Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, in the 1950s as 'a time of grace'.

This is our Presentation tradition. Our aim is to ensure that all students in PBST schools experience 'a time of grace' and the liberating dynamic of education in the Edmund Rice tradition.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRESENTATION BROTHERS:

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*Pilgrim Brothers with the compassionate Christ in an evolving world*

# DIRECTORS, MEMBERS AND CEOs OF PBST

Corporate governance of PBST is shared between the members who normally meet once per year and the directors who meet on a monthly basis. In practice, one might see the members as the share-holders of the company and the directors as the executive. The Chief Executive Officer (who is neither a member nor a director) acts on the instructions of the Board of Directors and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Company. The CEO is currently the only paid employee of the Trust. All members and directors serve in a voluntary capacity.

The following have served as directors, members or CEO of PBST since its foundation in 2009:

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