



Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America

A Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers

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Mr. Thomas Reidy, President
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Dear Tom,

Congratulations to you and the members of the Brother Rice High School community on your completion of your *Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Education* validation process. It is clear that the charism and vision of Blessed Edmund Rice are alive and well in the minds and hearts of your school community, and that the Catholic identity of the school remains strong.

The four pillars, Respect, Integrity, Character and Excellence (RICE) are certainly a challenge for the young men but the school's enthusiastic service to its students makes it very attainable. Your students are living witnesses of the virtues of an Edmund Rice scholar and a person of faith.

The visiting team applauds the administration, faculty and staff for their dedication to keeping alive the spirit and charism of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education for many years. The team was inspired by the young people who spoke so passionately about their desires to stand in solidarity with and advocate for each other and for their community. It is evident that each member of the school community is dedicated to advancing the ideal of the *Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education*. This is a school of which Edmund Rice would be proud.

As you know, the Essential Elements Validation process is a framework to ensure fidelity to our schools' Catholic identity and the educational vision and spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice. You have wonderfully demonstrated that the school is a vibrant Catholic school where the Rice vision and spirit inform decisions and are part of the fabric of the institution. Therefore, on behalf of the Provincial Leadership Team of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America, *I reaffirm that Brother Rice High School continues to live and grow in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice and the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education.*

Please extend special gratitude to all and especially to Jen Wagner and the steering committee, who guided the school community through the self-study process, developed the school

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enhancement plan, and prepared for the visit. Please share this letter and the final report with them and your other administrators, your Sponsor Council, your Board of Directors, faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni.

I am pleased to send you the enclosed Proclamation that can be displayed in the school which affirms your commitment to living and growing in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice and the *Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education*. Thank you for all your efforts and congratulations on your success. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you move forward. May God bless you and all the members of the Brother Rice High School community.

Sincerely,

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