BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Young Alumnus,

Greetings from your high school alma mater! I hope this year has found you well as we approach spring and an end to another school year.

There is a lot that has been happening around the school this past year. Brother Rice as a community is looking to the future with renewed vigor and commitment to the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice.

You, as an alumnus, are already a part of this mission. Edmund founded the Congregation of Christian Brothers in 1802 in Waterford, in order to provide quality, Catholic education to the materially poor. The first Brothers came to the United States, to All Saints Grammar School, in 1906 and opened their first school in the United States in Harlem in 1909. The Congregation of Christian Brothers has successfully provided this education for almost two hundred years in 250 schools and colleges throughout the world, always trying to be true to the mission of Edmund Rice. You now have an opportunity to contribute to that mission. Brother Rice High School is excited to introduce the Edmund Rice Volunteer Corps.

The purpose of The Volunteer Corp would be to provide young men the opportunity to work **in direct service and ministry to Brother Rice in areas of need, while living a simple lifestyle in community** with other volunteers. Community living includes prayer, meals together, recreation, and sharing in household chores. A significant amount of our charism would be instilled by the presence of, and interaction with, the Christian Brothers and lay faculty at our school. The spirit of our Brothers and the charism of Edmund Rice are central to this experience.

Simple lifestyle means that Brother Rice would provide: free housing in a home close to the school, a **small weekly stipend**, a daily lunch card to the school cafeteria, a wide range of work experience, and the opportunity to grow within your faith and give back to your school and community.

The Volunteer Corp will assist with substitute teaching, supervising school events, assisting with organization and running of Kairos and other retreats, securing and maintaining the indoor grounds, assisting various staff/teaching departments, and other duties that would help the school. The Edmund Rice Volunteer Corps will provide young alumni with the opportunity to use their talents and gifts nurtured at Brother Rice, for the betterment of the whole school community.

As a member of the Edmund Rice Volunteer Corps (ERVC) you would be expected to:

- Serve among people in need as Jesus did.
- Hold a degree from a four-year college or university.
- Live in community with other volunteers
- Show a willingness to participate in communal activities with students, parents, faculty/staff, and the greater Brother Rice Community.
- Make a commitment of at least one school year.
- Submit a resumé with two letters of recommendation.

If you feel that you would be a good candidate for the inaugural year of the Edmund Rice Volunteer Corps, please complete the on-line application. If you have further questions, please contact Br. Michael Segvich, CFC, Principal, or the Campus Ministry Office for more information at (248) 647-2526. I hope that this program gives you the opportunity to join us here next year living out the mission of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Yours in Christ,

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