

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope you are well.

As you are aware, Blessed Edmund Rice is the founder of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, the religious order that established and continues to guide Bergen Catholic High School. The Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice is held annually on May 5 and is designed to “celebrate the wealth of selflessness that he possessed and passes on to those he came into contact with.” It is in this spirit that I am excited to announce a fundraising effort to honor our local first responders and frontline healthcare workers. It is our hope that we can provide breakfast or lunch on or around **Friday, May 8** for those who work and minister at:

- Holy Name Medical Center
- Hackensack University Medical Center
- The Oradell Police Department

Blessed Edmund Rice and the Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education remind us to live like Christ and stand in solidarity with others in times of need. Our religious studies faculty has been discussing with students the value of service to others, caring for those in crisis, and loving one another during difficult times. These themes obviously coincide well with the fundraising initiative that I am announcing today.

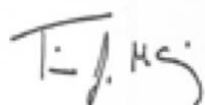
A PayPal account has been created and the link is provided below. The fundraiser will begin today and conclude on **Tuesday, May 5** – The Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice. The food will be delivered on or around Friday, May 8 to the noted organizations. Please use this link and select “donate with a debit or credit card” after inputting the amount you would like to donate.

### **Bergen Catholic Feeds Our Heroes**

Please know that I am aware that for some in our community this time is one of great uncertainty, so I ask only those who can donate to do so. However, please also know that no amount is too small as any contribution will make a difference.

In 1810, Blessed Edmund Rice wrote, “were we to know the merit of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbor for the love of God, we should prize it more than gold or silver.” We are hoping to give some small sense of thanks to those who are serving their neighbors in such caring ways – the first responders and frontline healthcare workers of our community.

Thank you,



Mr. McElhinney