



**BERGEN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

*Office of the President
Brian S. Mahoney, Ed.D.*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health and high spirits. Thank you for your continued support for our commitment to virtual learning. I remain proud of our students and teachers and grateful for all their efforts. I feel terrible for our students and truly miss seeing them each morning upon arrival. We are expected to hear an announcement tomorrow from Governor Murphy regarding the school calendar for the balance of the academic year. We will continue to update you as we receive information.

This Tuesday, May 5, is the annual celebration of the Feast Day for our beloved founder, Blessed Edmund Rice. We are fortunate to have a network of Edmund Rice Christian Brother Schools in North and South America. At 10:00am on Tuesday we will celebrate The Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice with our brothers and sisters from other schools by virtually attending Mass at Tampa Catholic. The Mass will be officiated by Fr. Kevin Yarnell and will be streamed live on Tampa Catholic's Facebook page. Please join us as we celebrate together. Tampa Catholic's Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/tampacatholic/>. We will hold a special Mass-day schedule with classes in the morning, Mass at mid-morning, and classes in the afternoon. Mr. McElhinney will be sending a Mass schedule in advance of Tuesday.

On Tuesday our religion classes will be discussing the life of Blessed Edmund Rice and the many contributions his impacts have made. Our Provincial Leader, Br Kevin Griffith, prepared a video message that will be shared in religion classes on Tuesday. A link to the video message can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRSupILrXVQ&feature=youtu.be>. We are grateful to the ongoing support and guidance our Edmund Rice Christian Brothers provide us and are blessed by their presence and spirit.

We will continue to celebrate our seniors. On Twitter, I recently posted an ongoing "Senior Salute" highlighting a different group of seniors per post. We will continue this effort and also share with our community a tribute video to the senior class. The video is still in production as a few seniors have recently come off waitlists and have just registered at the college or university of their choice. We originally were scheduled to launch the video on May 1. In reality, it will be either the end of this week or the very beginning of next week. Thank you for your patience during this time. Starting tomorrow we will launch our broader celebration of our seniors. There will be a slide per day highlighting four seniors. Each slide will proudly display the contributions made to Bergen Catholic and plans for next year. This will be posted to our website and shared on the BC Facebook and Instagram Pages.

I wish you and your family good health. May God bless you and may we live, Jesus, in our Hearts...Forever!

Warm regards,

Dr. Brian Mahoney
President

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