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Meeting Edmund Rice Again for the First Time

In September this year, Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin, from the Australian Catholic University, presented two reflection days – 1 each in Christchurch and Auckland – with the theme being “Meeting Edmund Rice again for the first time.” Denis is an authority on Edmund Rice and published “The Price of Freedom” – a biographical account of the life of Blessed Edmund Rice which received international acclaim and brought Edmund into the 21st century.



Denis’s reflection days were inspiring and served two purposes: Firstly, enlightening those who attended by presenting the Edmund Rice story in a new depth and secondly, speaking to the modern interpretation of the values of Edmund Rice and how we, as a network, can see to live out the Edmund Rice Values of presence, compassion and liberation in today’s world.

Denis’ two reflection days were well attended by members of the network in both Christchurch and Auckland and brought together people from the Brothers’ Community, the Edmund Rice Justice Trust, Edmund Rice Camps and New Zealand Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition. We would like to thank Denis for the time and effort spent in facilitating these two reflection days and for the passion he related the Edmund Story with.



Ethical Encounter - Bullying

On Thursday 21st of September 2017, the Edmund Rice Justice Trust hosted an Ethical Encounter breakfast on Bullying. There was facilitated discussion with all participants involved over the various types of bullying we experience in our community and some of the social justice issues that arise from it.

The invited guests came from a variety of backgrounds – connected to the Edmund Rice Network through the Justice Trust, Edmund Rice Camps, Edmund Rice Schools or the Indian Immersion Trip.

The knowledge and experiences of those around the table resulted in some insightful discussion over all kinds of bullying – in schools, the workplace, families etc. Various stories and insights that were brought up by the participants and key ideas around the issue of rights, different people's thresholds for bullying and power struggles were brought up.

We would like to thank all those who attended our ethical encounter and contributed to this in-depth discussion.



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