

EDMUND RICE PILGRIMAGE-IMMERSION

# Journeying with Edmund

## FROM IRELAND TO INDIA

Monday 18th September – Thursday 5th October 2017

Many stories have been handed down about the founder of the Christian Brothers, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice: born in Callan in 1762, he established his first school in Waterford in 1802 and died there in 1844. These stories help to shape our identity as women and men who follow in Edmund's footsteps. They reveal what is important to us and open a window on the Gospel of Jesus. Edmund's story is told today in the work of those who have followed in his footsteps throughout the world.

Arriving in India in 1848, the Christian Brothers have established themselves within a culturally and spiritually diverse society. Their work has flourished through traditional forms of education and more recently through community development and advocacy projects. The character of this work is formed through an emerging spirituality influenced by an awareness of the integral nature of creation which impacts us all but the poor most particularly.



**At its heart, the journey of each life**

**is a pilgrimage, through unforeseen sacred places that enlarge and enrich the soul.**

(John O'Donohue)



**For more information go to:**

<http://www.erea.edu.au/pilgrimage>





### Who should attend:

Senior leaders in Oceania Province and Ministries, Edmund Rice Education Australia schools and Associate schools.

### The total cost for this year is still being determined.

As a guide, the estimate is \$4,900 per person (\$4100 for participants from EREA member schools) however, this is subject to exchange rates and the final costs of the program.

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### How to apply:

Go to: <http://www.erea.edu.au/pilgrimage> to download and complete the Edmund Rice Pilgrimage-Immersion 2017 Expression of Interest Form.

### Return the completed Expression of Interest Form to:

Jo Hart at:  
[jo.hart@erea.edu.au](mailto:jo.hart@erea.edu.au) by Friday 10th March 2017.

**All stories are true: some actually happened. All stories are about truth. All stories have the power to transform and to convert.**

*(Megan McKenna, story teller and theologian)*

*This program forms part of the Christian Brothers' commitment to internationality and supports EREA's initiative to connect globally by engaging beyond borders.*



### During the Pilgrimage-Immersion participants will have the opportunity to:

Walk the very streets that Edmund walked and visit the places of his birth, life and death in Ireland;

Explore Celtic spirituality and the Irish Church in the sacred landscape of Glendalough;

Discover the story of the Presentation Brothers (the other congregation Edmund founded), as well as the stories of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters;

Discover the lived expression of our founding charism through visits to the Christian Brothers' communities and ministries in Ireland and India;

Encounter the cultural and spiritual richness of India;

Explore the evolution of Edmund's vision within a society characterised by extremes of poverty and religious diversity;

Reflect upon the spirituality of justice which began with Edmund and continues to grow and develop through the evolving story of those who walk in Edmund's footsteps.