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Middle School

## Cluster Colour

# GREEN

## Edmund Rice

The Rice Cluster is named after Edmund Rice, who was the founder of the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. Ursula Frayne Catholic College inherits the Christian Brothers tradition from one of our founding schools, Xavier College.

## Crest

The crest shows three dolphins, an early Christian symbol, linked together in the middle of an unending circle representing the lifelong journey of learning. The Celtic crosses are representative of Edmund Rice's Irish heritage.

## Cluster Prayer

O God, we thank you for the life of Edmund Rice. He opened his heart to Christ and served those oppressed by poverty and injustice.

May we follow his example of faith and generosity. Grant us the courage and compassion of Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Edmund Rice was born in 1762 in County Kilkenny, Ireland. On finishing school, he was apprenticed to his uncle, Michael Rice, who was in the business of supplying ships for long trips at sea. By his late twenties, through his entrepreneurial skills, he had earned enough money to make himself and his family comfortable for life. After his wife died in 1789, Edmund turned to his special vocation, which was to provide dignity for the poor, especially through education. He started a primary school for a few poor boys and lived in a room above the classrooms. He later put up a larger building. In 1802 he was joined by two companions who shared his vision where they combined a semi-monastic life with the hard work of teaching unruly boys under primitive conditions. The order of Christian Brothers was founded in this year.



## Feast Day

# 5 May