



Blessed Edmund Rice

Brief Timeline of His Life and Legacy

1762 (June 1st) Edmund was born in Callan, Ireland.

1779 Edmund Rice went to Waterford, Ireland, to work with his uncle, Michael Rice, who had a ship chandler's and provisioning store.

1785 Edmund met and married Mary Elliott.

1789 Daughter Mary born, wife Mary died.

1802 Edmund, with two others, formed the first community of brothers in rooms over the New Street School in Waterford, Ireland.

1803 Edmund opened his first school and monastery, Mount Sion, in Waterford, Ireland.

1820 (September 5th) Apostolic Brief by the Holy See - The Christian Brothers are the first Irish order of men formally approved by a charter from Rome.

1838 Edmund resigned as Superior General of the Congregation and retired to Mount Sion, Waterford, Ireland.

1844 (August 29th) Edmund died in Waterford, Ireland.

1876 The first permanent community of Brothers in North America is established in St. John's, Newfoundland.

1906 The first permanent community of Brothers in the United States.

1910 The Superior General of the Brothers takes the first steps in the official process of having Edmund declared a Saint of the Catholic Church.

1961 Cause for Canonization officially introduced in the Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland.

1976 Possible miracle performed through the intercession of Brother Edmund Rice.

1988 Tribunal set up in Ireland to investigate the possible miracle of 1976.

1993 (April 2nd) Pope John Paul II bestowed the title "Venerable" on Edmund and declared him a candidate for beatification.

1995 Congregation of Saints attested to the intercessory role of Edmund in the miraculous cure and the Holy Father gave his approval to the miracle.

1996 (October 6th) 152 years after the death of Edmund, Pope John Paul II beatified Edmund who is now known as Blessed Edmund Rice.