

The Brothers today

From the humble beginning of his work in the New Street stable the mission of Edmund Rice has spread to twenty-five countries. His Brothers (Christian and Presentation), now numbering 3,000, working with 7,000 other teachers, instruct over 212 000 boys in 560 schools. They conduct orphanages and schools for the poor, primary and second level schools, university colleges and colleges of education, schools for the deaf and for the blind, technical schools and agricultural colleges.

Desmond Rushe

Prayer for vocations

O God, who has chosen the Apostles to propagate the Faith and to establish Thy Holy Church throughout the world, we earnestly beseech Thee to choose from amongst us, many Priests, and Religious Brothers and Sisters who will gladly spend their entire lives in making Thee known and loved by all men.

Heart of Jesus, we pray Thee, deign to multiply, bless, keep and sanctify those chosen by Thee.

Amen

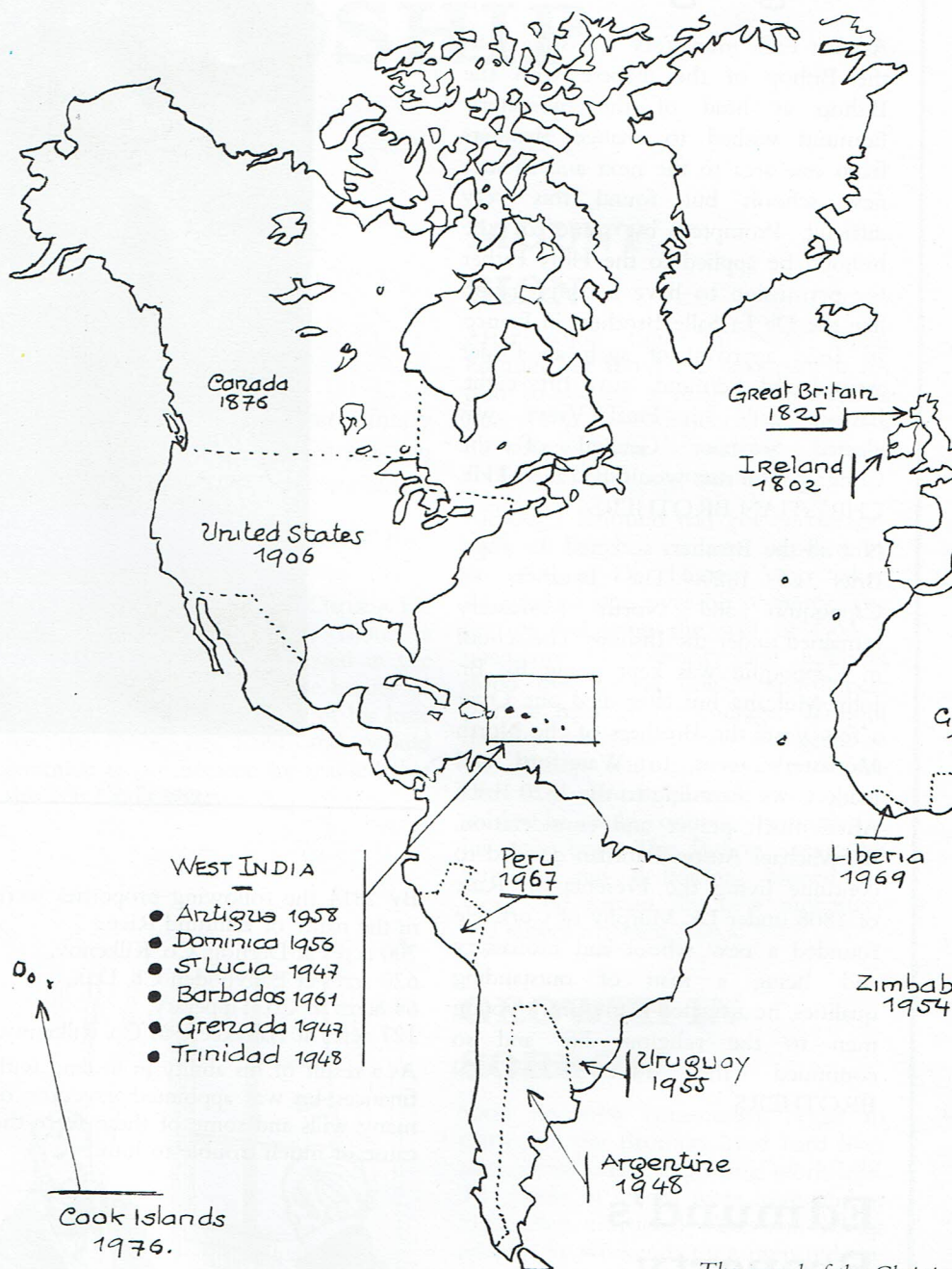
Prayer for Guidance

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, You see in my heart a sincere desire to be guided by You in the choice of a Vocation.

Grant me, dear Lord Jesus, the grace to know the state of life I ought to choose, so that I may save my own soul and help to bring other souls to heaven.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

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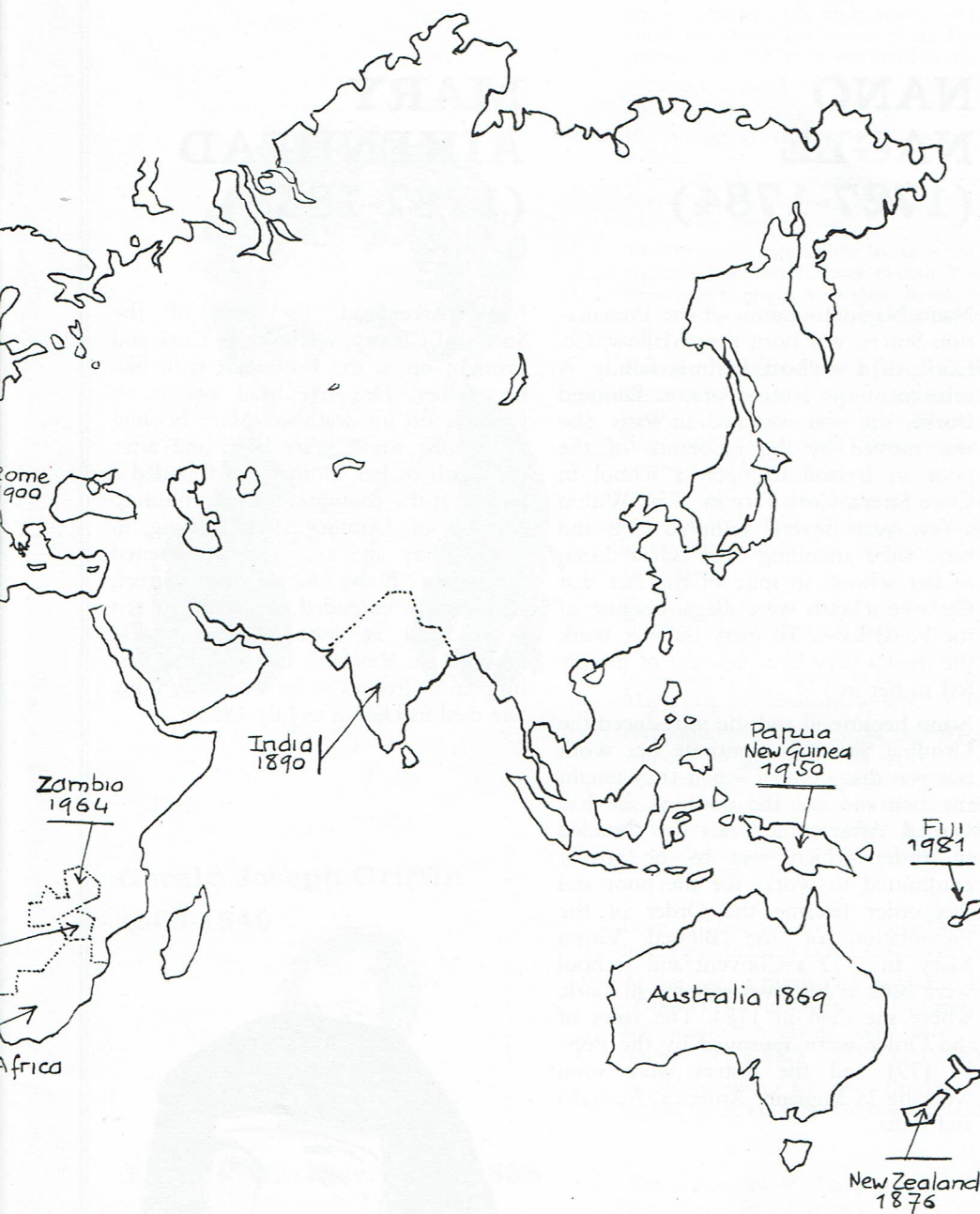


The spread of the Christian

Vocation prayer

Lord, speak to me.
 Tell me what you wish me to do.
 I want to do your holy will.
 Are you inviting me to spend my life in teaching and leading others to love you?
 If so - speak to me, Lord.
 And help me to listen when you speak.

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and the Presentation Brothers throughout the world

Prayer for a favour through the intercession of Edmund Rice

O God, you inspired Edmund Rice to follow your Son in a life of consecrated service of the poor and of all in need of a truly Christian education. Grant through his intercession, I beseech you, the petition I

now make (.....) and so hasten the day when he will be publicly honoured among the Saints of your Church. Amen.

Kindly report any favour you believe to have received through the intercession of Br. Rice to the Superior of the nearest house of the Christian Brothers or of the Presentation Brothers.

Prayer for the Canonization of Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice

O God, who in your love for the souls of innocent children chose Edmund Rice to establish a new family in your Church for their instruction, look favourably, we beseech you, on his virtues and good works, and, if it be for Your glory and the sanctification of souls, mercifully hear our prayer that soon he may be raised to the altars of your Holy Church. Amen.

Memorare

Remember,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
That never was it known,
That anyone,
Who fled to your protection,
Implored your help,
Or sought your intercession,
Was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you,
O Virgin of Virgins, My Mother.
To you I come,
Before you I stand,
Sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the word Incarnate,
Despise not my petitions,
But, in your mercy,
Hear and answer me.

Amen.