



*Edmund Rice*  
Edmund Rice Network  
South Australia

# Living the Vision Award Scheme 2015

## Edmund Rice Network South Australia Oceania Province



*Living the Vision*  
AWARD SCHEME

### INTRODUCTION

*Edmund looked into his own heart. His inner spiritual journey was fundamental to all that he achieved and undertook. Looking at the world of his time, he saw people who were very poor, people neglected by others, people who were lonely, afraid and without direction in their lives. He realised that God was leading him to do something to make life better, especially for neglected young people.*

*The Living the Vision Award Scheme acknowledges and celebrates South Australian members of the Edmund Rice Network who explore authentic ways to respond to the needs in their community, local environment or national and international community in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice.*

*The Edmund Rice Network encompasses all groups, ministries, schools and individuals who identify, share in, or are in intentional relationship with the charism of Edmund Rice. The commitment may be life-long or temporary.*

### RATIONALE

The Living the Vision Award Scheme has been developed:

- ☞ to celebrate those who provide a model for Living the Vision of the Edmund Rice Charism (Spirit);
- ☞ to promote the identity and value of the Network throughout our schools, ministries and groups;
- ☞ as a way of raising awareness about the essence and characteristics of the Edmund Rice Network.

There are three awards within the scheme. They are based on the three values of the Oceania Province – PRESENCE, COMPASSION and LIBERATION. The Oceania Province have adopted these values as fundamental qualities for the work of the Province – qualities that Edmund Rice strived for and embraced in all that he accomplished.

Like Edmund, the actions and reflections of the Living the Vision Award Scheme recipients make a real difference to the lives of others. Evident in their action is their appreciation and contemporary expression of the Edmund Rice Charism (Spirit).



## AREAS FOR NOMINATION



### **Margaret Rice Award for Presence**

*Alive to the wonder of all creation opening us to intimacy with the Mystery of God.*

This award is named after Edmund's mother. Margaret Rice's deep-rooted faith, and her warmth and sensitivity created a home of security and support. Margaret fostered great faith and dedication to prayer in the family home, all of which were instrumental in laying the foundations for Edmund's spiritual journey and interiority; similarly, presence is the foundation stone for authentically living the vision of the Edmund Rice Charism (Spirit).

In living the vision, the nominee strives to live a heart centred spirituality and supports others in mission. The nominee should display something of the following:

- ☞ honour the presence of the sacred in all creation;
- ☞ demonstrate respect for the uniqueness and preciousness of all life;
- ☞ foster hospitable and inclusive relationships embracing mutually enlivening connections with other cultural groups and faith traditions;
- ☞ values reflective practice and support others in their spiritual journey.

**2010 Award Recipient – Br John (Jock) McGee cfc**

**2011 Award Recipient – Br Peter Faulkner cfc**

**2012 Award Recipient – Mr Bernie Tobin**

**2013 Award Recipient – Mr Anthony Maguire**



### **Nano Nagle Award for Compassion**

*Opening our hearts to and standing in solidarity with the suffering world.*

Nano Nagle was the founder of the Presentation Sisters. She was arguably Edmund's greatest inspiration – her words sank deeply into his heart and brought about change in his life. Having heard the call to open his heart in compassion for those in need, he committed himself, as Nano Nagle had done, to 'spend himself for the poor'.

In living the vision, the nominee strives to build healthy compassionate relationships and opens their hearts to the cry of the poor and the earth. The nominee should display something of the following:

- ☞ through action and advocacy, stand in solidarity with the cry of the poor and the earth;
- ☞ demonstrate prophetic leadership;
- ☞ demonstrate active and effective relationships with marginalised and vulnerable individuals and communities;

**2010 Award Recipient – Mr Justin Chung**

**2011 Award Recipient – Br Michael Coughlin cfc**

**2012 Award Recipient – Mr Peter Hartman-Kearns**

**2013 Award Recipient – Mr Adrian Szabo**



### **Ambrose Treacy Award for Liberation**

*Freeing and enlivening a world groaning under the weight of injustice.*

This award is named after the Christian Brother who established the first permanent Brothers' community in Australia. Ambrose Treacy was an educationalist undaunted by the many obstacles in establishing catholic secondary schooling in Australia. His initiative and dedication shaped the pattern of education and the school environment for teachers and students regardless of social or financial standing. It is in his honour that the Liberation award is so named.

In living the vision, the nominee strives to be moved to prophetic action through works of justice. The nominee should display something of the following:

- ☞ offer a life giving and transformative presence to others;
- ☞ moves beyond their own comfort zones in participating in mutually enlivening justice works;
- ☞ is committed to works of transformation, for themselves and the whole earth community;

**2010 Award Recipient – Br Reg Whitely cfc**

**2011 Award Recipient – Mrs Helena Sweeney**

**2012 Award Recipient – Ms Sage Othams**

**2013 Award Recipient – Mr Peter Hartman-Kearns**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Post-school members of the Edmund Rice Network are eligible for nomination. You do not need to be engaged in the Edmund Rice Network to make a nomination.
2. Employees of schools, ministries and other Edmund Rice Network groups may be nominated. The nominee's contribution needs to be more than the expected fulfilment of an employment role description. It will have an element of demonstrated dedication and contribution beyond the ordinary demands of a paid position.
3. Awards are for individuals only. Nomination of groups will not be considered.
4. You may submit more than one nomination. Each nomination must be completed on a separate nomination form relevant to the Award for which the nomination is being made.
5. Only one award will be granted per recipient. Only one of each award will be granted each year. In the event that a suitable nomination for an award is not received, the award may not be granted.
6. Suitability for a nomination can be found in the context of volunteering, teaching and learning, co-curricular activities, faith and spiritual life, social justice, ecological sustainability, pastoral care, leadership, service and support and reconciliation.
7. The contribution of a nominee need not necessarily have been made in one place, or in one position only.
8. **Nominations are to remain confidential, and the nominee is not to be told of the nomination.**
9. **Nominations for 2015 must be submitted by 30 October 2015 to**  
Living the Vision Award Scheme  
103 George Street                      or                      [lahack@edmundrice.org](mailto:lahack@edmundrice.org)                      or fax (08) 8354 1723  
Thebarton SA 5031
10. The SA Regional Wisdom Group delegates the confidential selection of award recipients to the Living the Vision Award Selection Committee. Members of the SA Regional Wisdom Group may not sit on the Living the Vision Awards Selection Committee. Discernment of the selection committee is confidential.
11. SA Regional Wisdom Group members are eligible for nomination.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

1. Nominations must be submitted using the relevant Living the Vision Award Scheme nomination forms available at from your Head of Ministry/School or by calling Lee Hack on 08 8354 2100.
2. Nominations must be signed by the person making the nomination, not the person being nominated.
3. Closing date for nominations is 30 October 2015.
4. Acknowledgement of receipt of the nomination will be sent to the person making the nomination.

## **JUDGING AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

1. All nominations will be considered by the Living the Vision Award Selection Committee on the basis of the information contained in the nomination form.
2. The recipients of awards will be announced and awarded at the Edmund Rice Network Christmas Drinks and "Living the Vision" Presentations on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.
3. Recipients of the Living the Vision Award Scheme will receive a plaque and a grant of \$500 to support and further the work in the ERN for which they are being recognised.

**For further information or general enquiries, please contact:**

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