

Extracts from Edmund Rice

- 1810 ...it's a poor thing I must own to be expecting a reward of labour from creatures who frequently are forgetful and ungrateful for favours done them, but let us do ever so little for God we will be sure he will never forget it, nor let it passed unrewarded. How many of our actions are lost for want of applying them to this end...ⁱ
- 1810 ...but one thing you may be sure of, that whilst you work for God, whether you succeed or not, he will amply reward you.ⁱⁱ
- 1810 The will of God be done in this and everything we undertake.ⁱⁱⁱ
- 1810 ...I hope God will supply our inability....^{iv}
- 1813 May the will of God be done...^v
- 1813 The world and everything in it is continually changing which proves to us that there is nothing permanent under the Sun, and that perfect happiness is not to be expected but in another life.^{vi}
- 1825 We have said many prayers to beg the direction of almighty God which we hope he will give.^{vii}
- 1825 ...we must wait for God's time.^{viii}
- 1826 ...You will please to join your prayers with the rest (of the Brothers) until God is pleased to hear us.^{ix}
- 1829 Be intent on prayer and whatever may happen will turn to our good. Cast all your cares into the arms of Divine Providence...join in fervent prayer and supplication to our Divine Lord and to Mary, Help of Christians...^x
- 1830 Pray to God to direct the matter...^{xi}
- 1832 ...I am not one bit in dread that a Priest, Nun or Monk will sink under its dire hand (cholera).^{xii}
- 1835 It is a painful anxiety, but to some of us it is not so much as one may imagine. The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, so blessed be His name for ever and ever'. This should be all our motto.^{xiii}
- 1836 Providence is our inheritance.^{xiv}
- 1840 God will send us enough.^{xv}
- 1842 Pray... that God's will may be fulfilled in me.^{xvi}
- 1826 Mr Trappes promised me in Dublin that the Brothers should have an opportunity afforded them of getting Mass every day. Let me know if this be done.^{xvii}

- 1827 Tell Mr Burke to say 30 Masses for which I shall pay him.^{xviii}
- 1832 Live Jesus in our hearts.^{xix}
- 1836 May He be blessed and praised forever and ever.^{xx}
- 1840 God did we even now rightly begin to serve you, your loving heart would take us all to its final embrace.^{xxi}
- 1844 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.^{xxii}
- 1810 ...were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we would prize it more than Gold or Silver.^{xxiii}
- 1826 you will require great watchfulness over yourself to perform well the task which is assigned to you, and you should beg frequently of God light and Grace to effect it and above all beg of Him to give you the virtue of humility, which is so necessary...for those who have the care or direction of others. If you acquire this virtue, it will always guide you safely let your path be ever so cross or difficult. Never allow Vain notions of your own sense, abilities, or other natural or acquired qualifications to take root in your mind, but always beseech God to make known to you, your sins and imperfections.^{xxiv}
- 1826 You should be always careful never to do or say anything that may give...the least offence.^{xxv}
- 1827 I am glad to hear of the account you give me of your boys^{xxvi}
- 1830 I could wish with all my heart that I had it in my power to render you any little service for the many acts of kindness which I have received at your hands...^{xxvii}
- 1832 P.S. I enclose you £20 which you'll have the kindness to send to the Mendicity Asylum, Waterford. I have reasons for wishing that my name should not be identified with it, and therefore shall thank you not to mention it^{xxviii}
- 1836 ...give (to) the poor in handfuls...^{xxix}
- 1837 ...have courage; the good seed will grow up in the children's hearts later on.^{xxx}

ⁱ Rice to Brian Bolger, 10th August, 1810, Normoyle, 1977, p.7

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ⁱⁱⁱ Rice to Brian Bolger, 10th August, 1810, Normoyle, 1977, p.8

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- iv Rice to Brian Bolger, 10th August, 1810, Normoyle, 1977, p.7
- v Rice to Mother Mary Biggar, 20th December, 1813, Normoyle, 1977, p.15.
- vi Rice to Mother Mary Knowd, 2nd November, 1813, Normoyle, 1977, p.12.
- vii Rice to Fr. Trappes, 24th June, 1825, Normoyle, 1977, p.117.
- viii Letter to Mother Joseph Wall May 4th 1835, J.E. Carroll, *An Edmund Rice discovery: two new letters, Christian Brothers' Educational Record*, Rome, 1986, p.133.
- ix Rice to Corbett, 16th December, 1826, Normoyle, 1977, p.163.
- x Rice, Circular letter, January, 1829, J.D. Fitzpatrick, *Edmund Rice*, Dublin, 1945, p.207.
- xi Rice to Corbett, 27th March, 1830, Normoyle, 1977, p.337.
- xii Rice to McGrath, 12th June, 1832, Normoyle, 1977, p. 402.
- xiii Rice to Corbett, 3rd July, 1835, Normoyle, 1977, p.461.
- xiv Normoyle, 1976, p.283. The last quotation is in the minutes of the 1836 Chapter.
- xv Br. Alphonsus Collins recollections of Br Rice, 1912/13, Normoyle, 1977, p.62.
- xvi Br Stephen Carroll's recollections of Rice, August 28th, 1888; Normoyle, 1979, p.40.
- xvii Rice to Br Austin Grace, 20th September, 1826, Normoyle, 1977, p.161.
- xviii Rice to Br Patrick Corbett, 4th July, 1827, Normoyle, 1977, p.178.
- xix *Rules and Constitutions of the Society of Religious Brothers*, 1832, Dublin, Joseph Blundell, p.8 (Chapter 3, article 9).
- xx Rice to Mother Patrick Keeshan, n.d. but c. 1836, Normoyle, 1977, p.495
- xxi *History of Institute, Vol I*, p.393
- xxii Br. Thomas Drislane's recollections, 24th March, 1912, Normoyle, 1979, p.87.
- xxiii Rice to Brian Bolger, 10th August, 1810, Normoyle, 1977, p.7
- xxiv Rice to Br Austin Grace, 20th September, 1826, Normoyle, 1977, p.160.
- xxv Rice to Br Austin Grace, 20th September, 1826, Normoyle, 1977, pp.160-1.
- xxvi Rice to Patrick Corbett, 4th July, 1827, Normoyle, 1977, p.179
- xxvii Rice to Newport, 5th July, 1830, Normoyle, 1977, p.347.
- xxviii Rice to Newport, 5th July, 1830, Normoyle, 1977, p.347.
- xxix Rice to Mother Patrick Keeshan, n.d. but c. 1836, Normoyle, 1977, p.495.
- xxx Rice to Br Patrick O'Flaherty, 28th June, 1837, Normoyle, 1977, p.500.