Learning Outcomes

1. Develop an understanding of the nature and scope of the involvement of the ER Network around the world

2. Advocacy within the ER Network

3. Gain a knowledge of the role and work of Edmund Rice International

Contextualisation

The strap-line of the Congregation today is “Presence, Compassion, Liberation.” This represents a shift in focus for the Congregation’s Mission from traditional classroom-based education towards being with, concern for and empowerment of those made poor. In fact, this is entirely faithful to the charism of Edmund himself.

“Presence, Compassion, Liberation”
- Edmund Rice Brothers are to be found in ministry in over thirty countries around the world where they attempt to be a compassionate, liberating presence.

- Wherever they have had a presence they have attracted the support and involvement of others which has given rise to the Edmund Rice Network.

- Members of the Edmund Rice Network work alongside Brothers in ministry and in many cases have assumed responsibility for the ministry, as is the case with Edmund Rice Schools – the traditional work of the Christian Brothers.

- Community, relationships and the sharing of the spiritual journey continue to be at the heart of what the Brothers and Edmund Rice Network are about even while moving into an increasingly diverse range of ministries.
Task

- Create a poster that explains your understanding of what the ER Network is today.
Stimulus

Through the Edmund Rice Icon we can explore the life of Edmund to identify how he was a social justice activist of his time.

Q. Which elements of the ER Story can be linked to justice and advocacy?

Reflection & Engagement

Here are some examples of advocacy in action within the Edmund Rice Network:

- Link http://www.edmundriceinternational.org
- Link http://www.nineismine.in/about-us/
- Link https://www.eraforchange.org
- Link http://www.stillsomebody.org
- Link https://www.justicedesk.org
- Link http://www.erebb.org/our-vision/
- Link https://www.caritas.org/what-we-do/health-hiv/haart-for-children/

Q. How do ER ministries demonstrate Presence, Compassion and Liberation?

...and who is my neighbour?” (Luke 10:29)
Task

- Create a social justice action plan for your school, using campaigns promoted within the Network. Focus on identifying one local, one international, and one environmental issue.