



Dr. Daniel Delany, bishop of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, wishing to impart a knowledge of the principles of religion to the people of his diocese, on February 2, 1808, he formed a group of catechists at Tullow, Co. Carlow,. Under his direction these zealous young men devoted their time on Sundays to the instruction of the laity, both juvenile and adult. To insure continuity in their work, the bishop formed from these catechists the nucleus of a religious congregation of Brothers.

Ever since their coming to the California in 1948, the Brothers have had as their principal aim the education of youth. More recently, other areas where youth and the poor can be served have involved the Brothers in Campus Ministry, Counseling and Parish Ministry.



Teaching, Campus Ministry,
Counseling and Parish Ministry.

The Patrician Brothers have missions in Ireland, India, USA, Australia, Kenya, Ghana and Papua New Guinea. We encourage men from all ethnic and racial groups to consider becoming members of our Congregation.

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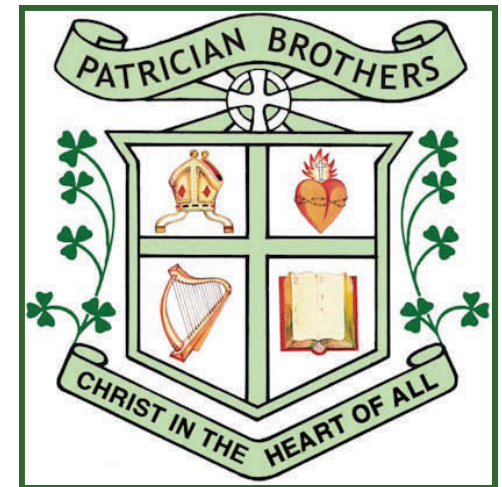
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*Listen to the voice deep
within as it calls you
to Come and Serve.*

*Do you feel ready to consider
this challenging though
rewarding way of life?*

What is a Brother?

The Brother's Vocation

Brothers are men who have been called. God calls some to be priests and some to be brothers. They are two distinct vocations.

The Brothers' vocation is a special call from God complete in itself. Brothers live in a community under the authority of a superior. We find in our way of life, satisfaction for our tastes and ideals, and we are content in a life for which our God-given talents, abilities and interests have fitted us.

Being a disciple has to do with following Christ's example with personal holiness, personal loyalty to Christ and personal love for Christ.

The Brothers are a group of men who try to follow Christ in their daily life through:

Prayer

Eucharist

Community Living

Christian Service

What Does a Brother Do?

The Patrician Community is a group of unique members of differing backgrounds, temperaments, desires, goals and ideals. Nevertheless, the Community allows such unique and differing members to come together to pray, to share Eucharist, to learn from and to help one another, and to enjoy Community. Each Brother works for a union of minds and hearts among the members.

Primarily an active congregation, the Brothers view as their highest goal God's honor and glory by the proper employment of the talents He has given them. To this end they follow a way of life that obligates them to the perpetual observance of the vows of celibacy, poverty, and obedience, and a rule of the congregation. Joining action to contemplation, the Brothers dedicate themselves to the particular end of their vocation.

The Brother lives his vocation engaged in works suited to the needs of the present time. Brothers are involved in education and apostolates such as campus ministries, hospital ministries, parish ministries, youth ministries counseling and charismatic programs.

A Day in The Life of a Brother

7:00 am—Morning Prayers and Meditation
8:00 am—Holy Mass
8:45 am—Breakfast
9:15 am to 5:00 pm—Brothers Ministries
5:20 pm—Evening Prayers
5:40 pm—Dinner
6:00 pm—Rosary and Night Prayers
6:30 pm—Recreation and Personal Work

How To Become a Brother?

Formation formally commences with a pre-Novitiate period of up to two years in which the candidate examines more closely Patrician Brotherhood by living in one of the Patrician communities. The Novitiate of two years is a time for prayer, reflection and closer study of the Patrician way of life, its rules and Constitution, the bible and Catechetics.

Formation concerns the human, spiritual and pastoral dimensions in the development of a Patrician Brother; it is adapted to the needs of the individual candidate and to the Brothers as a whole.

During the time of temporary vows, the Brother pursues college courses as needed. He will be expected to have or obtain bachelor's and master's degrees.

We cordially invite prospective candidates who may be considering giving their lives to God's service and that of youth to look into this mode of life with us.

