



PALMA SCHOOL

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An Educational Corporation of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America

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Dear Palma Alumnus,

On April 28, 2011, the Christian Brothers Institute and the Christian Brothers of Ireland, Inc., filed for reorganization in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The filings were made in connection with the Brothers' obligation to compensate victims of sexual abuse in a single process that is being established by the Court.

In the coming days, you will receive a legal notice from a claims agent called Omni Management. I am writing to you today so that you will understand why you are receiving this notice.

We were required by the federal Bankruptcy Court through subpoena and order to provide a copy of our most recent alumni directory. The Court specified that this information could only be used to send these notices and must be otherwise kept strictly confidential. Omni is required to return or destroy all names and addresses once this process is complete.

Importantly, NO ONE on Palma's staff is named in the Court document.

I want to give you my assurance that we take careful and active steps to protect our students and make sure that these types of incidents will not happen with our students or within our school community. All of our faculty and staff undergo background checks and receive training so they know how to handle these serious issues. We are committed to continuing to provide a college preparatory education in an environment that promotes the academic, spiritual, moral and personal growth of our students.

Only the two organizations I referenced above are part of this bankruptcy filing. Palma School is an entirely separate entity and we are not part of this filing. Our assets may not be used to satisfy any claims in connection with this filing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Brother Patrick Dunne, President, directly at (831) 422-6391 or via email at dunne@palmaschool.org.

Yours in Blessed Edmund Rice,


John F. McCarthy
Chair, Board of Directors