Overcoming Evil With Good - The Edmund Rice Story
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Please respond to each of the following on loose-leaf paper. Be prepared to turn it in early in September.

Chapter 1
● Into what kind of society was Edmund Rice born?
● What were some of the influences on his early life?

Chapter 2
● What "two lives" did Edmund Rice seem to live during his "early years in Waterford"?

Chapter 3
● Describe one of the "prophets" (besides Edmund Rice) who was sent to the people of Ireland during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Chapter 4
● Would you have joined Edmund Rice in this endeavor? Why? Why not?

Chapter 5
● What were some of the challenges in the early days of "the brothers"?
• What were some of the good things they did?

Chapter 6
• What were some characteristics of Edmund Rice's "system of education"?

Chapter 7
• Why did the brothers spread out and how was this done?

Chapter 8
• What is the "Catholic Emancipation Act" and what impact did it have on Catholics, education and Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers?

Chapter 9
• Who were some of the friends and contemporaries of Edmund Rice?

Chapter 10
• What were some of the "growing pains" experienced by the brothers and Edmund Rice?

Chapter 11
• What was the controversy over "free schools vs. pay schools" and how was it resolved?
Chapter 12
• What were some of the challenges from "outside" the brothers?

Chapter 13
• Describe one (of the many) friendships Edmund Rice had.

Chapter 14
• What was one of the financial challenges for Edmund Rice?

Chapter 15
• What was meant when someone said of Edmund Rice, "he was not a stained glass window saint?"
• What were some of Edmund Rice's attributes (positive characteristics)?

Chapter 16
• From reading this chapter, what did you learn about how "Saints" are recognized by the Church?

Chapter 17
• What was the official miracle for Edmund Rice's beatification and do you think God is still working miracles through Edmund Rice today?