

Hi Year 7!

My name is Mr Bryan and I am one of the House Leaders at St Joseph's College. When you join us in Year 7, you will belong to one of the houses shown below and remain part of that house for the next five years. Each house is inspired by the logos on the school badge.

Have a look for your new house to find out some more details:

O'Donoghue

(1860-1942). Born in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland. Brother John Dorotheus O'Donoghue was the first Christian Brother to set foot on our school site in May 1931 and helped to convert what we now refer to as the Brothers' House into a Catholic school for boys. Thanks to his efforts, the school opened its doors on schedule in September 1932. He also played a key part in the building of the main school which opened in 1936.



Form: 7SB
House Name: O'Donoghue
House Colour: Blue
House Symbol: Lion



Blessed Tansi

(1903-1964). Born in Nigeria. His full name: Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi. Everyone who met him was touched by his personal goodness. One of the schools we work with in Bo in Sierra Leone is named after him.



Form: 7ES
House Name: Blessed Tansi
House Colour: White
House Symbol: Star



Kerrigan

(1937-1995). Former headteacher at St. Joseph's College from 1984-1990. Brother Edward Senan Kerrigan was tragically shot in the arm and stomach in a rebel ambush in Freetown, Sierra Leone and lost his life at the roadside. Our library is named after him - have a look for the sign above the door!



Form: 7JC
House Name: Kerrigan
House Colour: Red
House Symbol: Shamrock



Nano Nagle

(1718-1784). Born in Ballygriffin, County Cork, Ireland. Honora 'Nano' Nagle inspired the foundation of the Christian Brothers through her selfless work in Ireland where she educated the children of Cork during the day and nursed the sick by night. She was known as the 'Lady with the Lantern'. In 2013, she was declared venerable in the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Francis.



Form: 7MM
House Name: Nano Nagle
House Colour: Yellow
House Symbol: Lily



Edmund Rice

(1762-1844). Born in Callan, County Kilkenny, Ireland. Inspired by the work of Nano Nagle, the Christian Brothers' movement was founded by Blessed Edmund Rice. Our canteen is named after him: Edmund's



Form: 7AW
House Name: Edmund Rice
House Colour: Green
House Symbol: Eagle

There will be lots of opportunities to win house points throughout Year 7. For your first chance to win points for your house, your challenge is to cut out the templates on the following page and design a house-themed t-shirt. You will then need to bring it into school with you on your first day. The rules are as follows:

- Your design must correspond to the house you belong to.
- Some ideas on how to decorate it include: adding the name of your house, colouring in the t-shirt in the appropriate house colour, using glitter, adding drawings (e.g. the house symbol or the house tie). If you prefer, you can print out words and images and stick them on as well. This includes images of the house namesakes although members of O'Donoghue house should be aware that no images of him are available.
- **As a minimum**, you need to decorate the front of the t-shirt. If you wish to decorate the reverse, this would be fantastic and maximise your chances of winning house points. It would be a good idea to glue them together. As an idea, perhaps you could replicate the style of a football top with the name on the reverse (this could be your name or the house namesake) and a number (maybe your lucky number or something of special significance).
- You may print it on card to make the t-shirt more sturdy although this is not essential.
- You must include your name and form so that we can award house points accordingly.
- Finally, be as creative as you like and have fun!

Good luck! I look forward to meeting you very soon and seeing your design!

Mr.Bryan

