

# Reflect on the Edmund Rice Icon



An icon (from the Greek *eikon*: likeness, image, figure) is simply an image of a person. In religious art this image is a spiritual one, in that the icon may not physically resemble the person portrayed, but it tries to connect us to the spiritual mystery of that person.

By the use of splendid materials and colors the iconographer puts down in symbols the spiritual journey of the person. So an icon has to be pondered for some time in order to grasp its messages. It has to be seen with the interior eye, much the same as a symphony requires being listened to with an inner ear.

The icon of Edmund Rice celebrates through symbolic pictures the holiness of Edmund, and holds him up as someone we can imitate.

**Which of these images from the Icon of Blessed Edmund Rice is speaking to you, today?**

**Take time to listen to your heart.**

