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Lavalla, the name given to this magazine, is taken from the village in France where St Marcellin Champagnat established the world's first Marist school in 1817. There are now Marist schools in 80 countries.

Cover Photo

Staff and Students at Sale Catholic College who received service awards for the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat.

Editorial



Dear Brothers, Colleagues and Friends

I was once deservedly chastised by a Principal on whose staff I was serving for not keeping him up to speed with what I was planning and doing. "I can't support what I don't know," he pointed out. I have never forgotten his wisdom.

In the complexity of the modern school, communication is a perennial challenge. Ironically enough, when information sharing has never been technically easier, it remains one of the most frequent complaints of staff members that they are not in the loop on what's happening. Exasperated Principals or event organisers might point to the notice that's been up for the last three weeks, or general email that went out ten days ago. "Did you see it? Are you blind?" No, the message wasn't received. That's because communication is about much more than information sharing.

Communication, effective communication, is relational rather than functional. The word stem shared between "communication" and "community" is no accident. Schools and other institutions can often find themselves information-rich but communication-poor.

As we build the Australian Marist Community, and especially the significant segment of it that are our Marist schools, we must attend to communication. A staff journal such as Lavalla is one way of doing that – among others such as the fortnightly MSA Newsletter to all staff, the *Champagnat* journal, the MSA website, and the range of brochures and posters that are published. But all of those attempts will count for little if there is an inadequate sense of community among the real human beings who understand themselves to be today's Marists.

At the end of this month, about two hundred Marist educators will gather in Cairns for the biennial Marist Schools Conference. It promises to be a wonderful event, on which a generous planning committee has been working for the last eighteen months. Over recent months, there have been other events that have brought us Marists together – jubilee celebrations, MLF programmes, Marist sports carnivals, the Feast of St Marcellin on 6 June, funerals. We gather often, we take the time and make the effort to do so. It is essential that we do, because without doing so our Marist way will be only a house of cards. Community – real, relational, flesh-and-blood community – is of the essence of Church.

May your reading of this latest issue of Lavalla help you to be in communication with your Marist companions in the richest sense of that word.

Nisi Dominus

Brother Michael Green FMS

National Director
Marist Schools Australia



Marist Pilgrimage 2013

Pilgrimage to Israel, France and Italy



This year the annual Marist Pilgrimage was re-structured to begin in the Holy Land and finish at The Hermitage. Thirty-five Marists from member schools across the Province took part.



Mission Council takes up its reins

A new model of co-responsibility for Marist Australia

After two years on training wheels, where it worked in shadow with the Provincial Council, the new Mission Council of the Province this year has taken up its responsibilities in a formal way. It is a concrete response to the call of the last General Chapter for Marists to begin a "new epoch" of communion and co-responsibility

There are six members of the Mission Council (four Lay Marists and two Marist Brothers) in addition to the Provincial (who sits as Chair) and the Executive Director of Marist Ministries (who acts as executive officer of the Council). They meet seven times per year. To them has been delegated most matters to do with oversight of the ministries, institutions and works of the Province, and also Lay Marist life, that would have in the past come under the purview of the Provincial and Council.

From the Council's Charter, we read that the *raison d'être* for the Mission Council is "underpinned by a recognition of the

breadth and depth of those who feel called to live out Marist spirituality in the tradition of Saint Marcellin, to share in realising God's mission in the Marist way." The Charter goes on to describe the purpose and scope of the Council's work: "to provide advice and support to the Provincial in his leadership and animation of those aspects of Marist life and mission in the Province that have been delegated to it by the Provincial and Council." It takes forward the aspirations and plans of the triennial Mission Assembly and "provides oversight of the ministries and institutions of the Province by offering the Provincial strategic advice, and attending to financial, personnel and policy approvals as required."

The Council has adopted a meeting format which sees it consider a sequence of agenda at each of its meetings: Marist Mission and Life; Marist Schools Australia; Marist Youth Ministry; Marist Solidarity; Marist Youth Care; and general matters. For each area, its attention is given to issues

of the moment, to finances and specific governance matters, and also to broader strategic planning. At each meeting there has been scheduled an extended conversation with a leader of each area. During the first half of the year discussions and decisions for each area have included these topics among others:

Marist Mission and Life

- Options for new models for Marist mission and life can be lived and which respond both to a smaller number of Brothers and an enhanced lay Marist involvement. Central Australia has been a specific focus for exploring how this may develop.
- Progress with the proposal for a new canonical association to include both Lay Marists and Marist Brothers.
- Reflection on the initial work of the AMC Pastoral Team
- Future directions for the MLF Team

Marist Schools Australia

- Consideration of the reports of the meetings of the three MSA Regional Councils (which meet four times per year).
- Specific professional and pastoral matters associated with various schools
- Approval of the suite of policies that have been developed for Province-governed schools
- Negotiations with a number of Dioceses

Marist Youth Ministry

- Strategic planning for the new MYM Council and MYM team
- Enhancing flow-on from in-school to post-school youth ministry
- Strategic growth of Remar, and options for new ways of delivering the programme
- Planning for a national Marist youth festival in January 2015

Marist Solidarity

- Strategic Plan 2013-2017
- Marist Volunteers Australia: dissemination of Brother Emili's Letter *To the Ends of the Earth*.
- Appointment of reference committee for Marist Advocacy
- Consideration of the MSol Quarterly Reports

Marist Youth Care

- Scope, growth, challenges and strategic directions for MYC
- Options for greater integration of MYC into the mainstream of the Province

In addition to these five areas of Province life and ministry, other general topics that have been discussed include:

- Outcomes of the joint strategic directions workshop involving the MSA Leadership Team, the MLF Team and the AMC Pastoral Team

- The Royal Commission
- The new Child Protection Policy
- Refurbishment of Marist Centres in Brisbane and Melbourne

At the joint planning day on 14 May for the members of the Provincial Council and the Mission Council, five areas of strategic priority were identified:

- The new canonical structure
- Enhancing connections among areas of Marist ministry
- Young Marists
- New models of Marist community
- Evangelisation

A number of concrete proposals were developed for each area to help the Mission Council during its mandate for the next three years.

REMAR

The dynamic young Christian leadership program referred to as 'Remar' has flung into full speed in the months of May and June with camps for Year 10 and 11 students (known as "Rowers") from each State involved with the program. The Remar Ministry Team (or 'RMT') have travelled around the country for five weeks delivering these camps to students from the following schools:

- Marcellin College
- St. Francis Xavier College
- Penola Catholic College
- Marist Sion College
- Assumption College
- Notre Dame College
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College (Alice Springs, NT)
- Trinity Catholic College (Sydney, NSW)
- Sacred Heart College (Adelaide, SA)

Recently, the Year 11 students in Remar were given the opportunity to join the RMT for a retreat experience unlike any other. 'Blue Retreats' are an invitation to take a 'step out' of their demanding lifestyles for three days to allow time for personal development,

reconciliation, and deep reflection on their faith and images of God. Lachlan (a Year 11 from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Alice Springs) says of the experience;

"Over the weekend I learnt about how God is in all of us, he is love, how Jesus showed us to His Father and how to live as Christ's disciples... not to mention the bonding I did with my 'caravel' [the name a group of rowers from the same school is referred to]"

Lachlan also said he really appreciated the time to "absorb the information and love".

Year 10 rowers have been interacting in a two-day camp experience centered around social justice issues, friendship and communication, and leadership. This 'Red Caravel Day' camp provided a chance for these students to push themselves out of their comfort zones and to continue to live in unison with their motto of the Red year, "Sailing away from mediocrity". The Year 10's also had fun in the trivia night where they had a chance to celebrate in fancy dress. Year 10 rower, Luke, from Penola Catholic College in Victoria said that;

"The people we met were so energized and full of energy, it was unbelievable!"



His fellow rower Gaby (also from Penola Catholic College, VIC) fondly talked of the discussions taken place in small-groups being her highlight over the two days because;

"you could really just be yourself knowing that everyone would listen... everyone will support you".

On both the Blue Retreats and Red Caravel Days, rowers are encouraged to look deep within themselves to investigate the different gifts and roles they have, and to learn the nature of their true (and honest) selves.

The Remar Ministry Team would like to extend a warm appreciation for all the post school leaders, helms and school support staff who have assisted in the running of the Remar program so far this year.

Ellen Strochnetter



Mission Council pictured at the Marist Centre Sydney: Brother Michael Green, Sophie Fenaughty (Minutes Secretary), Brother David Hall, Cate Sydes, Brother Jeff Crowe, Brother Greg McDonald, Joe McCarthy, John Finneran and Erica Pegorer

Marist Centenary in Western Australia



There is a very special town about 100kms from Perth, Western Australia, which is unique in two aspects. It is the only abbey town in Australia and it is where the Marist Brothers began their apostolate in Western Australia.

In 1913, the Marist Brothers accepted an invitation from the Benedictine Monks to staff a school at New Norcia. The school was called St Ildephonsus, honouring a Saint

of the Benedictine tradition. Over the next century, Marist Brothers have conducted in schools and other ministries in Perth, Northam, Bunbury and Port Hedland. Currently Marist education continues in Western Australia in the three member schools of MSA: Newman College in Perth, Catholic College Bunbury, and St Joseph's School, Northam.

During 2012, a group of past students from St Ildephonsus formed a Committee to organise the Centenary celebrations for the Australian Marist Community in the West. The Committee's work culminated in a Centenary Mass of thanksgiving celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral in Perth on 25 May 2013.

The celebration was a wonderful occasion. Firstly, it was a reflection of Marist simplicity. A Mass celebrated without any ostentation followed by a simple cup of tea in a paper cup with a biscuit. Secondly, it was a wonderful, deeply enriching experience. This was because about 700 people had come together, simply because they wanted to, in order to express in a prayerful manner their gratitude for the Presence of

the Brothers among them, the dedication (love of work) of the Brothers to the families they serve and for the witness of the Marist spiritual underpinnings of their lives. Having so many students present at the celebration as ushers, altar servers, choristers and catering assistants added a special dimension to the day for it was school aged children the Brothers originally came to serve.

The Mass was concelebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Bishop Gerard Holohan (Bunbury) a past Chaplain of Newman College, and Bishop Justin Bianchini (Geraldton), along with eight other priests. Archbishop Costelloe displayed his understanding of the Marist spirituality and Marist education in his very moving homily and Australian Marist Provincial, Brother Jeff Crowe, by acknowledging the past and present, focussed on the future by encouraging all to live their lives according to the exhortation of Saint Marcellin.

Bernie Boss

Principal
Newman College, Perth

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Marist Centenary

Western Australia, 1913 - 2013

On February 22nd, 1913 the Marist Brothers formally opened their first foundation in Western Australia, St Ildephonsus College, a boarding school, in the grounds of the Benedictine Mission at New Norcia.

The Marist Brothers had entered into a partnership with these Spanish monks who had been labouring in this district for the previous 67 years, ministering to the local indigenous people. The Marist Brothers had come to Western Australia at the express invitation of the then Abbott, the Right Reverend Dr Torres.

On that day, at a special ceremony, the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Gerald Strickland, declared the college opened. There were many other distinguished guests present including Mr T Walker, the Minister for Education, Mr Drew Colonial Secretary and that famed Western Australian statesman and his wife, Sir John and Lady Forrest. All had motored up from Perth for the occasion.

There were seven Brothers in that original Western Australian community. The Brother Director, at the special request of Bishop Torres, was Br Stanislaus Healy. Br Stanislaus by his presence linked the new establishment immediately with our Australian Marist origins. He was the fifth novice received into our original novitiate at St Patrick's. Br Ludovic himself was his novice master. He became the first Australian to hold many important offices in the province including that of Provincial, and Director of St Joseph's College Hunters Hill. Our Marist necrology describes Br Stanislaus "a man of deep religious conviction, joined to the highest intellectual culture. He had great skill in poetry, music and poetry."

Unfortunately the hardships of those pioneering years in the semi-isolated surroundings of New Norcia took their toll. Br Stanislaus died in Perth in August 1916 at the relatively early age of 59. He was buried in the Karrakatta Cemetery in Perth. The Marist Brothers were leaving the bones of some of their most distinguished in Western Australia's care.

His deputy was Br Sebastian Hayden, another outstanding personality in early Marist history. He was born in New Zealand but spent his adult life in Australia. He was very much involved in the troubles at St Mary's in 1911, before spending the next two years at Mittagong. The necrology tells us he was "a man of commanding presence and a gifted speaker. He was the confidant and adviser to many provincials, and a mine of information on Australian Marist history."

By the end of the year the Brothers had established a flourishing college with 116 boarders on the roll and an additional eight locals enrolled as day boys.

We reproduce a sonnet printed in the front of the year book St Ildephonsus College published at the end of 1913. The poem is not signed, but it would almost certainly have been written by Br Stanislaus. It is his tribute to the Marist Brothers latest field of ministry, Western Australia.

Sonnet

*Aloft upon their azure path and free
With fascinated gaze we watch the flight
Of sable swans in serried line when light
In playing in the West all-gloriously,
And nature chants her vesper psalmody.
Above earth's strife they wing their way aright
In chase persistent of the sun till night,
When weary he sinks in the quenching sea.*

*Even thus, from blush of morn till day is done,
With purpose high, we bear upon our way
Undeviating, till the crown is won.
O faithful Sea-star! By thy guiding ray,
"Keep thou our lives unblemished," hear the pray'r
We breathe to thee, O Fairest of the fair.*

Br Brian Etherington
Archivist, Sydney



Left: His Excellence Sir Gerald Strickland, Count della Catena, K.C.M.G, who officially announced the Opening of St. Ildephonsus' College, 22nd February 1913. **Right:** Rev. Dom Fulgentius Torres, O.S.B., Bishop of Dorylaeum, Lord Abbot of New Norcia, Founder and Patron of St. Ildephonsus' College.

Western Australia Marist Centenary Mass

At St Mary's Cathedral



Marist Centenary Mass cont.

At St Mary's Cathedral



Marist Centenary Celebrations

The Bunbury Celebration - Western Australia



iBelieve Program

Perth May 2013



Assumption College Kilmore

Providing a Marist Education for those from Remote Areas



Assumption College, Kilmore remains committed to boarding and to providing an education to rural students from some of the most remote areas of Australia. New boarding houses are being built and we continue to enrol students from many kilometres away.

Year 8 student Sean Carroll, 13, is from Lombadina Aboriginal Community, on the Dampier Peninsula, a seven-and-a-half-hour drive from Broome. He started at Assumption last year and was enrolled because of the greater educational opportunities here and because he has family living in Melbourne.

Laine and Nash Fitzgerald are in a similar situation. They live at Clarebank station, 165 kilometres north of Balranald, NSW. Laine, 14, is in Year 9 and has been here since Year 7. Nash, 12, arrived this year. Both came to board because of the excellent academic and sporting opportunities offered by the college. They attended primary school at Clare, 19 kilometres from home, in a mixed-level class of 12 students.

"The nearest secondary school at home is at Balranald, too far away, and there are not many academic or sporting opportunities there," Laine says.

Like his brother, Nash is boarding here for the education he is receiving. "I enjoy school and love PE the most because it involves physical activity, you're not just sitting in a classroom."

Another less isolated boarder who values what ACK offers is Jorji Burke, from Finley (where former boarder Shane Crawford came from). The nearest big town is over 100 kilometres away. She is in Year 12 and has been here since Year 10. Her brother, Bailey, in Year 10, started at Assumption this year.

"The local high school didn't offer the range of subjects. It didn't offer Health and Human Development and Media, which I especially enjoy. And there's no school sport at home, you have to play with a local club."

Christine Roberts, 18, from Mildura, is in Year 12 and believes inter-school sport was a deciding factor in her decision to board three years ago. "I enjoy playing against other schools, which isn't available at home." Neither, she says, is VET Hospitality which ACK offers.

When asked what she loves most about the college she says, "boarding, definitely boarding. I look on these kids in Year 12, especially the girls, as a second family pretty much, there's a real sense of family."

Stephen Calvert



Top left: Laine, the proud sportsman. **Middle left:** Christine at work in the Marlies Hospitality Centre. **Bottom left:** Nash at home with his sister and cousins. **Bottom right:** Jorji, playing her favourite sport.

Footsteps 1, 16 - 19 June 2013

Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved



Participants: Alana Armitage, Craig Robinson (Marist College, Ashgrove, QLD); Pauline Bellofiore, Siew Eng Lim (Marcellin College, Bulleen, VIC); Narelle Hunt, Jean Lendon (St Augustine's College, Cairns, QLD); Terry Heinrich (LaValla School, Takhmao, Cambodia); Wayne McAuliffe, Carla Weijers (Marist College, Canberra, ACT); Brenton Gurney, Jason Scanlon (St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas, NSW); Allison Pitt (Marist College, Emerald, QLD); John Haskell, Trish Martin (Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes, NSW); Alan Dawson, Lesley Maher (St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, NSW); Amanda Hingston, Kerrilene Jones (St Francis De Sales College, Leeton, NSW); Michael Blake, Michael Dellit (All Saints College - St Peter's Campus, Maitland, NSW); Mischa Hibberd, Chris Massingham (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton, QLD); David Glasscock, Julian Wood (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville, QLD); Holly Andrew, Jane Rorke (Marist College, North Shore, NSW); David Price, Tim Victory (Mt Maria College, Petrie, QLD); Annette Emms, Jeannie Scevity (Marcellin College, Randwick, NSW); Chris Randell (Catholic College, Sale, VIC); Alex Dighton, Dan Ryan (Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park, SA).

Team: Br Michael Akers, Br Neville Solomon, Br Tony Leon, Br Mark Paul, Br Tony Paterson, Julia Lederwasch

Marist Life and Formation

Footsteps 1 June 2013



Gippsland Celebrates the Feast of St Marcellin

The Feast of St Marcellin 2013 had a special celebratory element for Marists in Gippsland. Principals of the three Marist schools in the area met earlier in the year and agreed to hold a Marist Dinner on the 6th of June. Members of the school communities and their respective Marist partnership groups were invited to attend. Brothers Majella, Frank, Ron and Paul were amongst the Sale contingent and even managed to round up Mons. Allman to attend. The main purpose of the evening was to bring people together to celebrate their Marist connections while also raising funds for Marist solidarity. This inaugural dinner was hosted by Lavalla Catholic College with nearly 60 people enjoying the evening.

Paul Herrick, Regional Director of MSA, spent the day at Lavalla on a school visit then joined us for the evening. He spoke of some of the Province plans for the future, in particular about how Marists will be formed and nurtured, and some of the structures the Province has put in place to support this.

While it was a relatively informal gathering, the high light was a presentation from Sue Haeusler and Sharon Gardiner. This intrepid pair had taken leave from their work at Marist Sion to volunteer in Southern Sudan,

training teachers in Malakal, with placement arranged through Marist Volunteers. Their pictures and stories gave us a very clear understanding of the living conditions and educational circumstances of the people in this area. Sue and Sharon painted a picture of life in the newest country in the world which is struggling to move into the future after being torn apart by sixty years of war. There is a daily struggle to gain access to clean drinking water or reliable power and an even bigger struggle to work with an entire generation which missed out on education because of war. A further complication for the students Sue and Sharon worked with is that the government has mandated English as the official language, meaning that the Arabic speaking people need to not only learn the art of teaching, they also need to learn English.

Sue and Sharon touched our hearts when they spoke of the pride and gentleness of these stoic people who have suffered so much and now cling to the hope that things will improve for their children. Through their work, Sue and Sharon have made much more than a contribution to teacher education, their work will reach beyond the lives they have directly touched; their legacy will be an improvement in the

lives of their students, the extended families and future generations. All of us present were inspired by Sue and Sharon's work standing in solidarity with the Sudanese.

We left the dinner with a detailed booklet prepared by our speakers to tell us more about the Sudan experience and a 'personal' letter from Champagnat:

"How happy I am to announce a bit of respite from your demanding tasks. Come all of you, to be reunited and warmed. It will fill me with the sweetest joy to see you renewing yourselves."

We took this message to heart and really did renew our relationships with the wider Gippsland Marist community.

Naturally after such a great evening there are plans that we all meet again as Marists gathered at the same table. It was truly a wonderful way to celebrate the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat.



South Sudan and East Timor

Catholic College Sale

On Wednesday 19th June Catholic College Sale students welcomed two guest speakers to the Sion Campus. Deng Chuor, a Sudanese trainee priest and Br Frank McIntosh, leader of the 2013 CCS East Timor Immersion. Both Deng and Br Frank spoke to the group of Year 7 & 8 students about schools in South Sudan and East Timor for which they are raising awareness and afterwards the students held a fundraising barbeque to raise money to support these worthy causes.

Deng presented a touching and emotionally charged speech revealing his upbringing in Southern Sudan, Northern Africa where civil war, poverty and hatred are customary and peace uncertain. Deng recounted his childhood growing up in a land of anguish and famine as the Southern Sudanese were unable to grow food or earn money to feed themselves, therefore malnutrition and starvation became widespread.

At a young age Deng recalled walking for days with his family in the torturous African heat without any food or water to flee to Kenya in an attempt to avoid the dangerous war raging in their homeland. At this stage of his early life Deng was doubtful that he would survive. His family, along with thousands of other families lived in one of the biggest refugee camps in the world; called Kakuma Refugee Camp, which is located in the northern part of Kenya. The most astounding and heart breaking information that Deng shared with us was of his brothers, as young as nine years old being recruited by the Sudanese Army as 'child soldiers', to fight for their country and for the Christians in the civil war. Deng's mother was desperate to take her children and herself to a free country where life was promising and where dreams could come true.

After twelve years in the Kakuma Refugee camp, Deng, his mother and his siblings left Sudan to start a new life in Australia. After completing his schooling in Adelaide, Deng remembers the difficult times in Sudan and the caring and compassionate priests and nuns from the Western World who had dedicated their lives to helping those less fortunate in Southern Sudan.

Deng spoke to the Year 7 and 8 Catholic College Sion students saying "I found it



difficult to understand why these priests and nuns would leave their wonderful countries to come and live with refugees. When I thought back later, I was deeply moved by their work and commitment. I still remember what my parish priest would say to me "They take your cattle and burn your homes, they take your mothers and kill your fathers, but be sure of one thing they will never take away, our faith, hope and love of Christ is always yours to keep". This is what inspired me to become a priest". This career path will allow Deng to go back to African countries and provide support and assistance to those who are experiencing the life that he once lived.

Deng is now supporting a school in Southern Sudan called Cabra Primary School. The school is named after Cabra Dominican College; Deng's old high school in Adelaide.

Educational opportunities for children are rare in Southern Sudan and the gift to learn is considered a small token to too many of us; however, the children in Southern Sudan consider it a unique privilege. Deng is aiming to enhance the quality of the school to ensure that each child achieves an education that will create a brighter future. Currently the school has only two inside buildings for the children to learn and Deng is working to raise money that will allow the construction of classrooms that will be more productive in the rain seasons. It costs only \$700 - \$800 Australian to build a new classroom! Catholic College Sale has recognised the inspirational and honorable work that Deng is currently doing and hope that they can assist with the fundraising in the future years.

Regardless of the extreme poverty in Southern Sudan it is pleasing to note that there is one inspirational man named

Deng who is dedicating his life to making a tremendous difference to the fate of this unfortunate country. He is helping to ease the poverty, heart ache and hatred in Southern Sudan by teaching the school students to forgive. "They need to learn by heart the golden rule of loving God and above all to love one another. The aim for Cabra Primary School is to teach the children Christian values that are based on love as this is what this country needs. My dream is that the message of Christ will be received by the young Sudanese people so that they may in the future create a better Sudan where peace, love and freedom reign. In my life as a refugee, I have learnt that anything that does not kill me makes me strong, for me life is precious and valuable. It deserves respect from conception to natural death. Coming to Australia has opened my eyes to know that there is more to life than war".

This year some of our Year 11 students are having an Immersion Experience in East Timor to become acquainted with the life and culture of the East Timorese and in some small way help these people.

The Marist Brothers' involvement in East Timor began in 2000, when the Brothers were asked to assume the leadership of the newly founded Teachers College in Baucau. We have identified three places in and around the city of Baucau that we consider we are able to assist - the Catholic school at Abafala, the Literacy & Youth Centre at Ponte Leste and a youth and study centre called 'Oasis' in the poor area of the town of Baucau.

We will be joining two other Marist Colleges, Galen College Wangaratta and Notre Dame Shepparton, in raising funds for the rebuilding of the Catholic Primary school at Abafala.

Celebrating The Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat

Marist Youth Care (MYC) celebrated the Feast of St Marcellin on 5 June this year at Blacktown International Sports Park. Over 200 hundred staff gathered at the AFL function centre for an address from our CEO Cate Sydes, followed by a motivating presentation from Br Alexis our Chaplain on the life of Marcellin Champagnat – one of Br Alexis profound insights from this presentation was that without Marcellin there would be no Marist Brothers or MYC!

Another major highlight of the day was the Team Building session with the AFL Development Staff who organised a skills session followed by team games with staff – see quotations and photos.

Christine McGee

Manager Marketing and Fundraising

"The day was a moment to stop, relax and reflect. The similarities of present times with Marcellin's days gave us a confidence that the same spirit will see us continuing our life giving work for young people"

- Br Alexis

"We were able to stop, reflect on what it is we do and who we do it for, plus spend time alongside hard working and committed colleagues enjoying each other's company while playing games. A true sense of family spirit was present on the day. In short, it was fun" - **Eddie**

"I was really impressed with the location, presentation, the get together and the sporting in the afternoon which really allowed people to bond together. I think that MYC doing this is such a important

factor in working in this sector. I felt that it allowed for some relationship building and also getting to see people that are usually in roles actually being part of the bigger picture. It was good to see everyone participating" - **Richard**

"I absolutely enjoyed the day. The schedule was pitched well, the team photos lightened the mood as well. What the highlight was, not the food surprisingly, but the AFL sports. It was a hoot! There was laughter across both fields and fun in learning skills of the sport. The joyful sounds were like I'd not experienced in Marist before. The staff I bumped in to, not literally; exclaimed they too thought it so worthwhile preferring it to sitting in a room. To top it off, we got paid for a fun filled day – Thank you!" - **Annette**



Melbourne Marists Celebrate

6th June 2013

On the Feast of St Marcellin, the Brothers Community at Fitzroy hosted a celebration for about seventy Lay Marists and Marist Brothers from in and around Melbourne. Mass was celebrated in the Ursula Frayne Chapel at the Academy of Mary Immaculate. Fr Greg Bourke, chaplain to the Brothers at Fitzroy Community, presided at the Eucharist which was followed by a delicious and hearty meal at the Brothers' residence.

The Mass and the celebration that followed afterwards also provided an opportunity for us to farewell the World Youth Day Pilgrims who are heading to Rio de Janeiro.



Marist College Ashgrove

Citations for the Champagnat Awards 2013



At this year's Mass for the Feast of St Marcellin, Marist College Ashgrove acknowledged those who model to us through their daily lives the qualities that St Marcellin Champagnat shared and nurtured in the first Marist Community. The citation on the certificate reads as follows:

In his life Marcellin Champagnat displayed among others the qualities of being Faithful, Encouraging, Persistent, Trusting, Caring, Hardworking, Generous, Respectful.

There are three recipients of the Champagnat Day award 2013:

Tony Hogarth - Parent

Mr Hogarth, a parent, first encountered Marist College Ashgrove as a boarder over forty years ago. During his time as a student at MCA he was involved as a Prefect, Swimming Captain and member of the 1st XV and in recent times as a parent.

Mr Hogarth has been heavily involved in the Old Boys' Committee, serving two years as President as well as many years as a committee member. He has been involved as Chair of the College Foundation for five years and has contributed personally to so many fundraising initiatives including being one of the driving forces behind one of our Biology laboratories being named after his year group, 1976.

He has always shown a great respect for the Marist Brothers and the contribution they have made to his life. This is particularly shown in the high regard with which our recipient holds Br Alexis Turton who was Headmaster during his time at the College.

Ray Rogers - Staff

Mr Rogers, a member of staff, will not be quite so well known to students of the College but upon this person's work rests so much of what we manage to achieve here year after year. He is a person trusted by staff, Brothers and families. In large institutions such as our school there are "hidden people", those people in the background without whose quiet, unobtrusive work in the Finance Office, the work of the rest of us would not happen, certainly not with the same level of efficiency and done over so many years.

Mr Rogers has been on the College staff for 37 years and has served under eight different Headmasters each of whom acknowledges Mr Rogers as one of the best operators in this role in the Marist network of schools.

He became an Affiliated Member of the Institute in 1997 for his dedicated support and service to the Brothers. This affiliation is recorded on an honour board in the College Chapel. When Mr Rogers began work here the school had 800 students. In his time that number has doubled to 1600.

Martin Boga - Student

Our Champagnat Day student award goes to a Year 12 student who would probably best display daily those qualities Mr McLoughlin, Headmaster, so often speaks to us about. During his years at the College Martin has been meticulous and determined in all he has thrown himself into and in all the things thrown at him.



Mr Tony Hogarth, his wife Sandra and Headmaster, Mr Peter McLoughlin.



Br Ray Mulvogue, Brothers Community Superior at Ashgrove and Ray Rogers.



Martin Boga with his parents

Martin is a person of clear insight, deep compassion and intellect and he has shown repeatedly that he has been willing to share these gifts and capacities with different groups within the College and beyond. He is reflective and thoughtful. He is, as the award says, faithful.

Martin brings a sense of openness to the way in which he relates with younger students; he has a strong sense of justice relating to people on the margins and world issues in general. In his work with and for others, he is always cheerful and has an encouraging word for everybody. He has been an active contributor to St Vincent De Paul, BBQ with the Homeless and many House responsibilities. He has completed more than 100 hours in the College MATES program.

By his presence, Martin demonstrates the Marist qualities of doing good things quietly, of always being patient enough to do the "little things" in life to the best of his ability. Persistent, hardworking, caring, respectful – these are some of the qualities he quietly practises. He represents a group of students in every Year group at our school – boys who fulfil their responsibilities to the best of their ability, without fanfare or fuss, who cause no one any harm or concern, who work for the good always, for others and for themselves. These are the boys upon whom the reputation of our College is built, and the boys whose persistence and faithfulness creates our school as a good place to live and grow, to share and strive. Marist College Ashgrove is the better for having been the recipient of so much of Martin's generosity, fidelity and commitment.

Marist College Ashgrove

Old Boys Sport Day - June 1 2013

The Headmaster Peter McLoughlin, Old Boys Association and the College community were delighted to welcome back members of the Ashgrove 1st XV from 1953, 1963 and 1973 to the Ashgrove V Iona College, AIC premiership game.

This annual event is enjoyed by all. It was a perfect day and many acquaintances were renewed.

Following a welcome and lunch for these teams, they were all presented and acknowledged by the large crowd present. Many stayed on for the 1st XV match and were impressed by the high standard of play.



1953 Team (Top left) - Back (L-R): Terry Kassulke, Paul Comerford, Brian Lindsay, Jack Laracy, Br Roger (Ray) Burke. Front (L-R): John Nutley, Ron Craven, Des Connor, Michael O'Reilly, Vince Nipperess

1963 Team (Top right) - Back (L-R): Barry Low, Kieran McCormack, Maurice Liussi. Front (L-R): Peter Palaziol, Errol Allan, Barry Honan, Greg Dux.

1973 Team (Bottom right) - Back (L-R): Peter Lung, Greg Moynihan, Brian Batch, David Barbagallo, Michael Coman. Front (L-R): Julian Counsel, Michael Geraghty, Mark O'Connor, Gary Allen, Br Alexis Turton (coach).

Marist Solidarity (MSol)

Nurturing Hope in a New World



A young girl now able to go to school because her mother can work in the MSol supported café in Baucau Timor-Leste.

MSol empowers young people by enhancing their human dignity and developing their capacity to transform their own lives and communities.

The thirteenth century Persian mystic and poet Rumi exhorted us to:

"Speak a new language, so the world will be a new world."

Brother Allen Sherry introduced this notion as he unveiled the new face of MSol for over one hundred and fifty guests in Melbourne at the first of five Marist Solidarity (MSol) launches across Australia. The atmosphere was unique, the people were passionate and the message was fresh and crisp.

The language of solidarity introduced into the ecclesial lectionary by John Paul II in 1987 and the work of photojournalists such as Conor Ashleigh, exhibited at the launch, create a unified voice that speaks of the urgency of a global re-shape. Amidst the

exhibition photographs of Bougainville and Timor-Leste, those attending witnessed a new language emerging as photography and a theology of solidarity spoke as one. There is real power for imagery to change the world.

In light of this, Brother Allen emphasised Marist Solidarity's desire and vision for a new global human community where the

Majority World, the people of developing nations, shape their own destinies with justice and more equitable access to resources. The exhibited photographs and accompanying exhibition guide provided glimpses into the diverse ways that MSol is addressing this desire with the support Australian Marists, lay and brothers and all associated nationally.



The Little Blue Book About Marist Solidarity was published to celebrate the launch of MSol and distributed on the night. The pocket-sized book explains the three offices of MSol and the vision, work, and needs of current projects using a selection of photographs from the night.

The most recently established office under MSol is Marist Volunteers Australia (MVA). Headed up by Catherine Hannon, the focus is on volunteering opportunities that can enable skills transfer from Australian volunteers to young people on the margins of communities in Asia and the Pacific. Volunteers often return

with a greater sense of self and their place in an ever-changing world.

Prior to this Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) was established and is now under the MSol brand. AMS is involved in resourcing overseas initiatives that are strictly of a development nature. AMS now has overseas aid tax deductibility status for donors.

Finally, the oldest office to be integrated into MSol is Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity (MAPS). This office caters for a broader range of projects in 15 countries including welfare, educational support and pastoral

assistance. Schools of Marist Schools Australia network provides 40% of the funds for this office from generous students and associated families across the nation.

Brother Allen Sherry emphasised that nurturing hope for a new world through solidarity is core to each office of MSol and is what drives volunteers on committees, and those in active service overseas. Testament to this is that many present at the evening recognised the sense of hope in the faces of those shown in the exhibition. The mother with her child with a disability learning physio in her village; the young teachers training in Baucau and those re-starting Bougainville education projects after the civil war. In return the people of Asia and the Pacific educate us with their persistence and resilience.

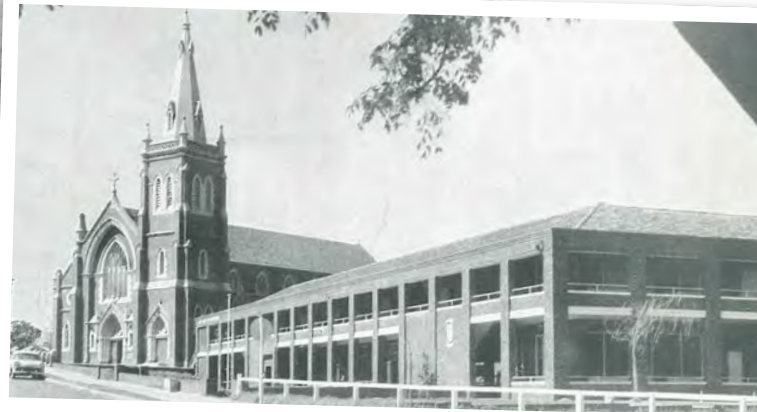
If you are interested in attending upcoming MSol launches in Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney or Perth, for further information on supporting work of Marists in Asia and the Pacific or to request a copy of *The Little Blue Book About Marist Solidarity* contact us on msol@marists.org.au or visit our website www.maristsolidarity.net.au.

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Marist Centenary Western Australia

From the Archives – scenes from the early days



Top left: First building at St Francis Xavier's College, Bunbury.
Top right: Early photo of St Joseph's College, Subiaco.
Centre left: Students in St Ildephonsus College Chapel at New Norcia.
Centre right: First building at Newman College, Churchlands.
Bottom right: Fermoy House, original school of the Marist Brothers at Northam.
Background (below): St Ildephonsus College, New Norcia.



All Saints College Maitland

St Peter's Campus

Saint Peter's Campus, Maitland gathered as a community on the 6th June to honour Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers. As a Marist school, Saint Peter's held the day as a celebration of the Feast of Saint Marcellin, in recognition of the way he pioneered for equal opportunity in education for all.

The day began with a whole school Mass lead by Father Paul, the Chisholm Region Parish Priest. The Mass affirmed the Marist principles of justice and courage through living in the light of Mary, our Good Mother. It concluded with an energetic version of Sub Tuum sung by all staff and students. Guests included Ray Collins, Director of the Catholic School Office, and Mrs Sharon Williams of our Parents and Friends group, who joined St Peter's in prayer.

Organised by Paul Dart and Paul Venables, the school's Pastoral Student Coordinators, the students ran stalls at recess and lunch supervised by their Tutor Group teachers. Students bought tokens to spend at various stalls including food, fun activities and guessing games. Also held throughout the day were the annual St Peter's Got Talent Quest and Trivia Competition.

All students were excited and eager to participate in the fun. Jorjia Hampton (Year 8) said, "It was good to see everyone had fun and got involved in the celebration." Paige Darcey (Year 8) said she saw Saint Peter's embodied Champagnat values as "people were pitching in and helping others to make the day successful."

At the conclusion of the day, the Saint Peter's community had raised a total of \$4700 which was then donated to the Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity to help disadvantaged communities. Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity is an organisation which strives to provide the same quality education means and resources that Australian student's access.

The Champagnat celebration offered a time when the staff and students united in and reflected on their faith and worked towards goals of compassion and empathy – things that Saint Marcellin himself was invested in. The Saint Peter's community is proud to celebrate its Marist heritage and always seeks to live in the loving presence of Mary our Good Mother.

Claire Sams (Year 8)





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Catholic education in the tradition of St Marcellin Champagnat

Archdiocese of Adelaide

Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park
Sacred Heart College Middle School,
Mitchell Park
Marcellin Technical College, Christies
Downs

Archdiocese of Brisbane

Marist College, Ashgrove
Mount Maria College, Mitchelton
Mt Maria College, Petrie
St Joseph's School, Murgon
St Peter Claver College, Riverview
St Teresa's College, Noosaville
St Thomas More School, Sunshine Beach
Trinity College, Beenleigh

Diocese of Darwin

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College,
Alice Springs
Lyentye Apurte, Santa Teresa

Archdiocese of Melbourne

Assumption College, Kilmore
Marcellin College, Bulleen

Archdiocese of Perth

Newman College, Churchlands
St Joseph's School, Northam

Archdiocese of Sydney

The John Berne School, Lewisham
Marcellin College, Randwick
Marist College, Eastwood
Marist College, Kogarah
Marist College, North Shore
Marist College, Pagewood
Marist College, Penshurst
St Josephs College, Hunters Hill
St Michael's School, Daceyville
Trinity Catholic College, Auburn/Regents
Park

Diocese of Bunbury

Bunbury Catholic College

Diocese of Cairns

St Augustine's College, Cairns

Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn

Marist College Canberra

Diocese of Lismore

Trinity Catholic College, Lismore
St Mary's Catholic College, Casino

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton
St Peter's Campus (All Saints College)
Maitland

Diocese of Parramatta

Parramatta Marist High School, Westmead
St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas

Diocese of Rockhampton

Chanel College, Gladstone
Marist College, Emerald

Diocese of Sale

Catholic College, Sale
Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon
Marist-Sion College, Warragul

Diocese of Sandhurst

Notre Dame College, Shepparton
Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta

Diocese of Townsville

Burdekin Catholic High School, Ayr
St Francis Xavier School, Ayr

Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes

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