



Message from the Superior General and his Council

To the Marist in Australia

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the past several weeks, we, the members of the General Council, have been following closely the news of the bush fires that have ravaged so many parts of Australia.

With deep sadness, we have witnessed the terrible loss of human life—including people trying to protect their homes, farmers trying to save their livestock, firefighters and volunteers trying to protect their communities and neighbors—as well as the devastation to the bush and fauna of the surrounding areas that these fires have caused.

This tragedy has shaken us to the core and reminds us of the fragility of our planet, of our common home. We join our prayers with those of so many Marists around the world who stand with you in these difficult times.

May the God of all goodness open the heavens to quench the flames, heal the parched land, and comfort each of us, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ernesto'.

Br. Ernesto Sánchez, SG, and the General Council