



From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

As we mourn the victims of the massacre last Friday in Christchurch, the ubiquitous nature and capacity for influence of social media, poignantly arrests us as educators. Social media when used appropriately is a most natural and uplifting sharing of life and experience among family, friends, and colleagues. The live, uncensored, multi media nature of the platform and its incredible reach around the globe is compelling and powerful. It is a form of communication replete with good news and moments of joyous significance. However, as witnessed last Friday, social media can be used as a destructive tool for evil, inciting hatred and inflicting immense pain and suffering. Broadcasted murder of innocent, defenceless people praying to God, violently and indescribably shocks us. The massacre was the antithesis of love, nurture and care, God's gifts to the unique nature of human kind.

In this current global outpouring of grief, sympathy, questioning, and solidarity, what messages do we choose to amplify when listening and sharing with the young people in our care, many of whom are voracious users of social media? On Sunday at Saint Mary's Cathedral in the presence of Muslim Leaders, Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher OP, spoke to the alienated, resentful, and brutal mindset of the radicalised. Below is an excerpt from the full text, which is commended to you and can be found [HERE](#).

If it is real strength you want, you will find it in compassion and mercy, not hate and violence.

If it is real devotion you seek, dedicate yourself to God and goodness and your fellow man and woman, rather than ego and ideology.

If you want to be worthy of admiration, cultivate a generous inclusivity rather than divisive arrogance, be willing to serve rather than seeking to dominate.

We stand together today, in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters, in their grief, horror and disgust, for if someone has killed, maimed and terrorized our neighbours they have killed, maimed and terrorized us.

But today is about more than fellow-feeling.

Where there is grief, we will bring consolation;

where there is horror, we will sow trust;

where there is despair, we will offer hope.

Let us keep in our prayers the victims and their families.

Yours sincerely

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

21 Mar	In the Marist Way - Adelaide	5-7 April	Remar Blue Retreat - NSW
21 Mar	In the Marist Way - Northam	7-11 April	Marist Basketball Carnival
22 Mar	Remar Red Caravel Day - VIC	1 May	Remar Red Caravel Day - QLD
27 Mar	In the Marist Way - Forbes	3-5 May	Remar Blue Retreat - QLD
2 April	In the Marist Way - Central Victoria	9-10 May	Marist Leaders Next Gen - Melbourne
3 April	Remar Red Caravel Day - NSW	19-22 May	Footsteps1 - Mittagong

ACU Centre for Liturgy launches Liturgy Nexus for Schools

A key element in the life of any Christian community is gathering as a community in prayer. I commend to all schools an initiative of the Australian Catholic University, aimed at building capacity among teachers in **preparing prayer and liturgy**. The ACU Liturgy Nexus for Schools aims to provide a forum where Catholic educators can ask important questions and raise issues related to prayer and liturgy, in a welcoming space moderated by liturgical experts. It is hoped that being a part of the conversation among the Liturgy Nexus for Schools will help to increase confidence and competence in preparing and celebrating liturgy.



ACU Centre for Liturgy Assistant Director Dr Jason McFarland said that too often, those with the role of preparing liturgies do not have sufficient training for the task.

All liturgy-related questions are welcome on the Liturgy Nexus for Schools. Some examples of the type of questions suitable for the Nexus include:

- Which Rite do I use for a liturgy of Reconciliation (Penance)?
- How can I assist new teachers in preparing liturgies?
- What readings do I use for a particular liturgy?
- What is an Ordo and how do I use it?
- How do I apply the principles of the Directory for Masses with Children?
- What should I include (and not include) in a printed worship booklet?

The membership fee is \$30.00 per year (not pro-rated) and can be renewed on or before March 1 each year. Application can be made by clicking [HERE](#).



LAVALLA & CHAMPAGNAT JOURNAL

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia, and/or consider submitting an article for the Champagnat Journal.

The cut-off date for contributions to the first edition of Lavalla and Champagnat Journal for 2019 is **Friday, 29 March**. All submissions should be sent to Br Tony Paterson (tony.paterson@marists.org.au).

ON THE MARIST GIPPSLAND HIGHWAY!

In 1982 The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education made the comment that “*Catholic educators in schools, whether teachers, directors, administrators, or auxiliary staff, must never have any doubts about the fact that they constitute an element of great hope for the Church.*” In a time where hope is needed most, we are encouraged by new Marists who bring a certain energy and passion that only further fuels our commitment and care in walking alongside our young people. It is their presence that supports us in being powerful beacons of hope.

In a recent visit to the Gippsland area of Victoria, new staff gathered in Sale where they explored what it meant to be a Marist educator in the 21st century. The group was a great blend of youth and experience learning together about the Marist story, and focusing on our core mission as Marist educators - a mission done ‘In the Way of Mary.’ Mary anchors faith, inspires hope, and exemplifies the “*love [that] never ends*” (1 Cor 13:8).

Our concluding prayer reminded us “*what a privileged vocation we have as Marist educators, encouraged by the knowledge there are thousands of young people whose lives are being transformed by us.*”



From left: Andrea Elgueta, Megan Stewart-North, Ashleigh Dalton, Michelle Barnes, Allison Speairs (Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon)

O Taste and See DR BONNIE THURSTON

Dr Bonnie Thurston will be delivering the Marian Lecture this year. The following quote from her book O Taste and See taps in beautifully to our Holy Today theme for the year.

Taste and see that the Lord is good, is an invitation-indeed, a command - to experience God, not in some rarefied, sacred environment, but as potentially discernible in everything, everywhere... Indeed the simple act of breathing, the life of the senses, seeing and tasting, such common, almost banal activities, provide entrée to the divine. God isn't somewhere else, but exactly where we are in this present moment.

AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY

Australian Marist Solidarity works through four key project areas: Formal Education Pathways, Learning Centres, Skills Training and Community Development. Throughout the year we will be drawing attention to each of these areas and examples of the work we're supporting.

This week we focus on Formal Education Pathways and St Louis High School in Kiribati (pronounced 'Kiribas').



FORMAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Strategic support of primary, secondary and tertiary education programs that assist and expand education systems in communities across Asia and the Pacific.

Project in Focus: St Louis High School Kiribati

St Louis High School is located on the small island of Tarawa in Kiribati. Just under half of Kiribati's population (approximately 40,000 people) live on Tarawa, placing significant pressure on the environment and its limited resource base. This region experiences a high level of poverty and vulnerability and is under threat from rising sea levels. Kiribati's population is also growing quickly and is expected to double by 2025 with half the population under the age of 21.



Image Source:

<https://www.volunteerinternational.ca/st-louis-high-school-teaoraereke-tarawa-kiribati/>

St Louis High School was established by the Marist Brothers in 1984. With aging infrastructure, environmental pressures and a growing cohort, St Louis High School requires upgrades particularly to its unhygienic bathrooms.

The new amenities block will directly benefit 365 students between the ages of 12 to 14. There will be two separate toilet blocks, one for boys and the other for girls. This project will help provide the school and students with a high standard of hygiene.

Supporting this project will help St Louis High School build a new amenities block for students.

For more information on this project visit the information page on our website:

<http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/country/kiribati/>

Alternatively, check out the schools campaign materials to start fundraising today:

<http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/partnerships/schools/>

THE NEW REMAR MINISTRY TEAM

The year has started very well for the new Remar Ministry Team members, after a MYM formation weekend with the other national MYM staff, the RMT assisted the MYM leadership team by helping facilitate the National Remar Conference at the Hermitage in February.



The RMT on their first day at the office. Ronan Long (Marcellin College, Bulleen), Georgina Down (Notre Dame College, Shepparton), Edwin Bakker (National Remar Coordinator), Liv Carver (Sacred Heart College, Adelaide), Kyre Rizkalla, Marymede Catholic College, South Morang).

Group photo of National Remar Conference

At the Conference 53 Helms (school staff who are involved with Remar) attended for 3 days of spiritual formation, key notes and workshops on a variety of Youth Ministry topics. It was a fruitful time with some great feedback from the Helms:

"It was really valuable to be given an opportunity, to discuss ministry options for our Rowers that other schools have participated in".

"I feel better prepared, because I was able to connect with other staff and share ideas with one another".

"I was able to learn from other Helms and MYM staff, which helped me prepare for the year ahead".

RED CARAVEL DAY

The RMT members facilitated their first retreat of this season at Marist Sion College on Friday 15th March, with over 40 Rowers from three different schools (Lavalla Catholic College and Marcellin College, Bulleen). The Rowers were engaged in a variety of activities discussing global and local social justice issues and engaged in community building and leadership games during the day. The RMT will continue to travel around Victoria and fly to Sydney, Brisbane, Alice Springs and Perth to facilitate the other camps and retreats and they look forward meeting you and your students.



Red Rowers doing a group activity to illustrate we are all needed in our community.

REMAR CARAVELS IN 2019

Earlier in the year thirty six Remar Caravels (youth groups) across thirteen schools Embarked on their Remar journey. Part of that journey is gathering to attend six Red Caravel Days (Year 10), six Blue Retreats (Year 11), two Red Leadership Camps (Year 10) and a Gold Retreat (Year 12) over the next 8 months.

Thanks again for your support to Youth Ministry in your schools, your efforts are not in vain as we meet many young people who have grown as a Marist, because of their involvement in Youth Ministry at your school.

Edwin Bakker
National Remar Coordinator

THE 2019 **MARIAN** LECTURE

“AFTER THE ANGEL DEPARTED”

*Seeking God:
hints and glimpses of the God within*



Join us in an encounter with international speaker, biblical scholar, ordained minister, author and award-winning poet, **Dr Bonnie Thurston**, who will draw on the rich tradition of contemplation and how to be attentive to the God within.



SYDNEY TUES 14 MAY

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
THE PETER COSGROVE CENTRE, NORTH SYDNEY

BRISBANE THURS 16 MAY

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
THE LEADERSHIP CENTRE

MELBOURNE TUES 21 MAY

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
CHRIST LECTURE THEATRE

6.00PM - 7.30PM



A Message from John Hickey...

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Brothers,

A very warm welcome to the year and in particular to this first communication from Marist Tertiary Education for 2019. While Br John McMahon focuses on recovering from illness and thus cuts back a little on his commitments to MTE, I will assist as the new Executive Officer for this year.

The phrase 'lifelong learning' is bandied around often these days and indeed it is true to say, particularly for us as educators, we need to be keeping ourselves updated and focused on the 'signs of the times'. Through the diverse range of formation programs on offer from Marist Tertiary this year, there are a variety of opportunities to consider which will allow participants to engage and reflect both personally and professionally. These accredited programs have been taken up by many Marists in past years and we look forward to the same level of engagement in 2019.



While acknowledging that there are many ways to keep learning, a path of formal study provides a meaningful and challenging environment in which to collaboratively learn with our peers. I'm sure many of you are either undertaking further study at the Masters level or considering doing so in the near future. For those interested in Leadership, particularly from a Marist perspective, this year we will be continuing to offer the Marist Educational Leadership Program. Enrolments are now open for this course and you can register through the following link: www.msa.edu.au/registration-for-programmes

A wonderful addition to the resourcing of our programmes this year is the MTE Library which is being established at the Marist Centre in Brunswick. All participants will have access to this resource in the near future.

Again, a warm welcome to all Marists and please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any information on any of the programmes on offer this year.

With best wishes,

John Hickey

Executive Officer

Marist Tertiary Education



Upcoming Programs

Marist Leadership Programs 2019

MT103 Marist Leaders Next Gen 1

A face to face program being held at Marist Centre, Melbourne on 9 & 10 May, 2019.

MT401 Marist Educational Leadership

8 & 9 July and 11 & 12 July, 2019 (School Holidays)

If you would like to express interest in a 2019 program, please email us at tertiary@marists.org.au

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Accreditation

Accreditation of Marist Tertiary Programs

1. Tertiary accreditation

An article about accreditation with tertiary institutions appeared in the October Marist Tertiary Newsletter. This related to teachers who are pursuing tertiary studies, who may apply to their institution to gain credit for one or more programs undertaken through Marist Tertiary.

The following tertiary institutions have arrangements with Marist Tertiary regarding credit:

- Australian Catholic University
- BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education
- University of South Australia.

Credit for one award is not transferable to another. For more information, go to <http://www.mte.org.au/accreditationsummary/>

Teachers enrolled in tertiary studies other than those listed above are encouraged to check with their institution's credit policy and/or Academic Registrar, in order to explore whether a Marist Program might be recognised under the Credit Policy provisions.

2. Accreditation with NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)

NSW uses the word, "accreditation" as a synonym for "registration", which is the terminology used in other states. In NSW, professional development programs may be accredited with NESA for accessing by teachers who are seeking to fulfil their Professional Development requirements toward maintaining teacher accreditation.

Marist Tertiary is currently exploring possibilities of how to best assist teachers in fulfilling their PD requirements and aims to have a suitable solution for 2020.

It is envisaged that teachers in others states would be able to include Marist Tertiary programs as part of their fulfilment of ongoing PD requirements for registration. Please check with the person at your school who manages this area.

Dr Jennifer Elvery

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UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED LEADERSHIP COURSE

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New Space for Marist Tertiary at Marist Centre Melbourne

In January 2019 the Marist Tertiary Education library was setup at the Marist Centre in Brunswick.

This is a welcoming space for anyone to read or borrow resources on a variety of education topics.

It is a tranquil and quiet place to work, read or just ponder.

All are welcome to visit this library at the Marist Centre Melbourne.



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isn't something
you can finish





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MARIST TERTIARY

UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED LEADERSHIP COURSE

In your work as an educator, are you interested in learning how experienced Marist leaders understand and practice educational leadership?

If you are, Marist Tertiary Education is offering again this year the University accredited course Marist Educational Leadership. This course aims to provide you with an opportunity to deepen your own understanding of what it means to be a Marist leader in a contemporary educational and social setting.

If you are undertaking a Masters degree at ACU or BBI, you can gain credit for your degree through enrolling in this accredited course at <http://msa.edu.au/registration-for-programmes>.

2019

MLT401 MARIST EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MEL)

8 & 9 July
11 & 12 July

Delivery:
Mixed mode
(both face-to-face
and online)

Further Information:

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www.mte.org.au



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The John Berne School invites you to

THE ANNUAL BERNE LUNCHEON 2019

Friday 12 April, 12 Noon – 3.30PM

Doltone House, Hyde Park venue Level 3, 181 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Dress: Lounge Suit

Tickets

Corporate Sponsor*: \$2,750
Individual Sponsor: \$500
Individual: \$175
Table of 10: \$1,750

**Includes Corporate Package*



RSVP by Friday 29 March

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