



From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

On Monday 20 July, the Marist District of Melanesia formally joined with the Australian Province and was marked by an online celebration that involved the Superior General, Brother Ernesto Sanchez and two General Councillors, Brother Ben Consigli and Brother Ken McDonald. Provincial Brother Peter Carroll wrote the following in recognition of this historic development for all Marists in Australia and the many countries which collectively form the Province.

.. the bonds between Australia and Melanesia have always been close – from the very beginning of Marist ministry there. While there were Marist Brothers in the Solomon Islands for a short, tragic period from 1847-1852, it was in 1938 that the first Australian Brothers started ministry there. Many Australian Brothers have worked in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands since then. Some have served as leaders of the District of Papua New Guinea-Solomon Islands or, District of Melanesia, as it became more recently. Some have died there – such as Brothers John-William, Justin and Donatus who were executed by the Japanese during World War II. Brothers from Melanesia have trained and studied in Australia. Brothers have laboured together; taught together, lived and prayed together and made deep and lasting friendships. In more recent years, this has extended to Marist lay women and men.

Since 2003, the District has included New Caledonia and Vanuatu. While the connection between Australia and these countries has not been as direct, our Marist relations are still strong. Interestingly, in early years the Marist Brothers and their works in New Caledonia came under the administration of the Provincial of Australia, until 1899. Our historical ties are close.

This merger means that the Province is one of the most international and intercultural in the Institute. It now includes Brothers, Marists and ministries in Papua New Guinea, the autonomous District of Bougainville, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, as well as Australia, East Timor and the community and school in Cambodia.

As Australian Marist educators, we welcome our colleagues working in Melanesia and look forward to opportunities to forge closer ties in the coming years, particularly in professional learning and formation. Listed below are the schools and ministries in Melanesia, which are well known to many of our schools communities here in Australia.

MELANESIAN SCHOOLS AND MINISTRIES

New Caledonia: Lycée Professionnelle St Marcellin Champagnat, Collège Sainte Marie, Collège Champagnat, Ecole Sacré Cœur.

Papua New Guinea: St Joseph's College and Vocational School Mabiri, Early Childhood Education Centre (Bougainville).

Solomon Islands: St Joseph's Catholic Secondary School Tenaru, St Dominic's Rural Training Centre, St Marcellin Primary School and Kindergarten, Vanga Point.

Vanuatu: Lycée et Collège Technique St Michel, Santo.



Students from St Michel Technical College in Vanuatu

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As we face the challenges associated with a second wave of COVID-19 infections, many colleagues have reflected on a palpable wave of collective weariness as the end to the pandemic seems so unclear. The increased anxiety we share for one another's well-being and the sustained requisite attentiveness to hygiene and social distancing, are demanding and potentially crippling. We are also acutely conscious of the many in our own families and communities who are suffering economically due to the pandemic.

As people of faith, hope, and gratitude let us pray for those upon whom we rely most during these difficult times.

For those who care for the sick

God of mercies, we thank you for all who care for the sick.
When they diagnose, give them patience.
When they protect the vulnerable, give them your protection.
When they work to heal, give them strength.
When they comfort, give them consolation.
When they are tired, give them rest.
When they are discouraged, bring them your hope.
May we welcome and respect them
as we support one another in this time of trial.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

NOTICES AND NEWS



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MARIST TRADITION

Newman College is a Catholic school educating in the Marist tradition with an enrolment of 1,900 students. We welcome applications from experienced, capable and enthusiastic people for the following position.

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**Full-Time Contract Position
Commencing 2021 (Term 4 2020 Start Negotiable)
Applications close 12 August 2020**

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newman.wa.edu.au



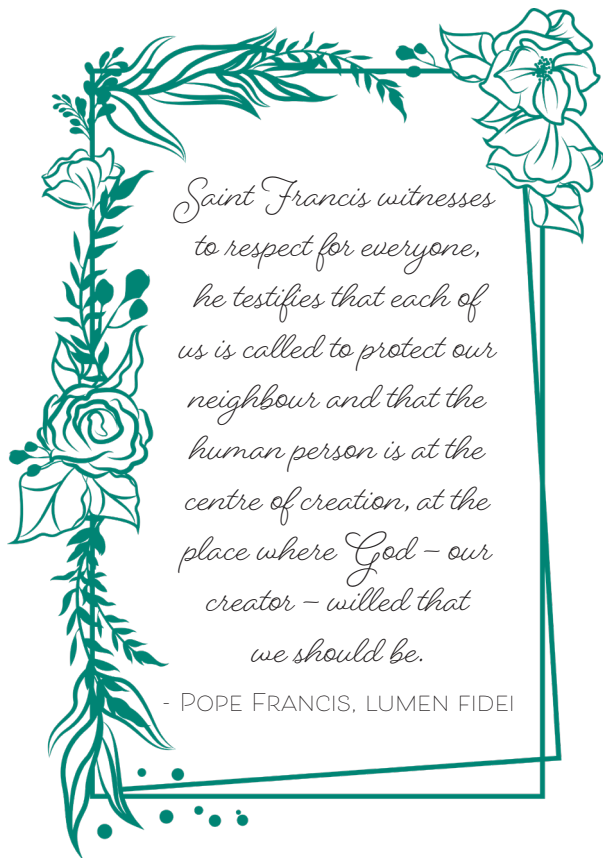
REMINDER

LAVALLA MAGAZINE

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia.

The cut-off date for contributions for the next edition of Lavalla for 2020 is **Friday, 4 September**.

All submissions should be sent to Br Michael Flanagan (michael.flanagan@marists.org.au).



FAREWELL BROTHER TONY CADDY!

On Friday 5 June Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College in Alice Springs recognised Br Tony Caddy's 50th year as a Marist Brother. It was a fantastic milestone, and one the OLSH Community was keen to acknowledge. After five years at Santa Teresa and into his eighth year at OLSH, the desert is a richer place for his humble and happy presence.



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the College was prevented from having a mass gathering, so in the last lesson of the day, Year 12 students presented him with a gift. He is shown here being presented with this gift, by College Vice-Captain, Tino Masawi.

ONE WILD AND PRECIOUS LIFE – ST PATRICK’S MARIST COLLEGE DUNDAS

St Patrick’s Marist College Dundas welcomed the start of Term 3 by taking time to reflect on the Marist Association 2020 theme of “One Wild and Precious Life”. Staff were invited to consider how we are connected by our shared humanity and, by being aware of some of the smallest “in between” moments in our daily lives, we may find ways of living our lives more meaningfully.



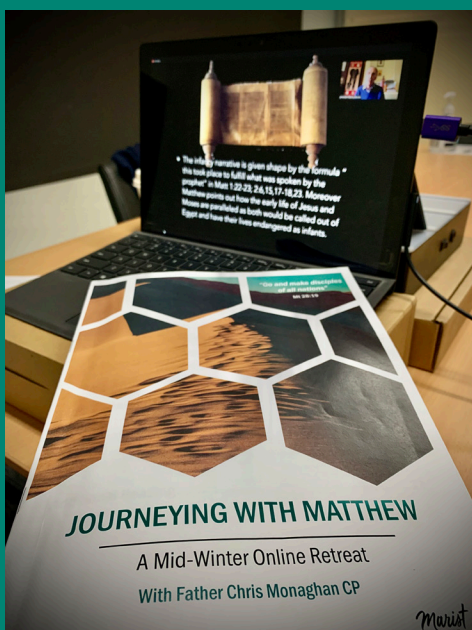
Dundas Staff: Jared Hornby, Lee Malkoun, Danielle O’Neill

MID-WINTER RETREAT - JOURNEYING WITH MATTHEW

We were delighted to welcome nearly 100 participants for the first ever *Marist Association Online Mid-Winter Retreat* for two days across 9-10 July 2020. Marists from communities all around Australia and internationally joined in what was a wonderful and unique spiritual formation experience.

Fr Chris Monaghan led us superbly throughout the two days reflecting on the five major discourses of the Gospel according to Matthew. Retreatants had a chance to pray and take time out to reflect on the gospel message in their lives today. Fr Chris Monaghan reminded us to keep looking for the daily moments of grace and broke open the Word for us. We are richer in our faith life because of the experience.

All the Retreat materials and videos are available [here](#).



CHAMPAGNAT DAY 2020



The **Marist Centre Brisbane** gathered under the gum trees with a liturgy celebrating the variety of Ministries working at the Centre.



Marist College Ashgrove - Champagnat Day Awardees. Mrs Paula McLoughlin, Year 12 boarding student, Chris Mahony and Mr Hanif Afzally.



St Peter Claver College, Riverview

The College served 1050 cupcakes supporting a local business during COVID-19. Jewel Weekes (Stewardship Captain) and Lily Devin (Chisholm House Captain).



St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill

Staff signed up for one of 12 outreach activities which will combine to create a living liturgy for the students. Sharon Hookham; Craig Attwater; John Summers; Miles Newman; Jennifer Barange; Lana Huntley; Andrew Martins.



Students and teachers from **John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow** pausing to reflect on their *One Wild and Precious Life*.



Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes School Captain, Antez Varghese, supervising the giant chalk drawing of *One Wild and Precious Life*.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) is seeking expressions of interest for new members of its Community Engagement and Fundraising Board Sub-Committee. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the work that AMS does to improve access to education for vulnerable young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

The committee's mandate is to enhance the reputation of AMS, build a sustainable and diversified revenue stream and develop strategies for deeper engagement with existing and new supporter communities. We are seeking two new committee members with an interest and experience in fundraising and community engagement. We are particularly interested to find a new committee member with professional fundraising experience.

Please submit your expression of interest to ams@marists.org.au by 31 July, 2020. We would appreciate your CV and a cover letter explaining why you are interested in the role and what you could bring to the committee. You can also direct questions about the role or seek a copy of the Committee Terms of Reference from this address.



2020 SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

ST LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL, KIRIBATI UPDATE

Our 2020 School Campaign is focused on providing critical renovations for the Marist St Louis High School in Kiribati. Both the junior campus and the senior campus of St. Louis High School are in need of new toilet facilities.

At present, the junior campus has 332 students sharing just 8 toilets. The senior campus has just 12 toilets for 564 students. The existing facilities are in a dilapidated state, with most of the toilets barely flushing.

AMS will provide new toilet blocks for both the junior and senior school. Construction has already started at the junior campus. However, due to COVID-19, work has had to be stopped. It is hoped that construction will resume as soon as restrictions are lifted and supplies become available on Kiribati.

The senior toilet construction is the next phase in the plan and AMS is urgently seeking donations to support their completion.



FREE ONLINE EVENT

ST LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL

St Louis High School Representative
Wednesday 19th August
4:30pm - 5:30pm EST

Register at:
https://bit.ly/StLouisHighSchool_Event

MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Mid July Update

MYM Formators Online Workshop

At the end of Term 2 over 40 MYM Formators, from 14 different schools from across Australia gathered for the inaugural MYM Formators Workshop. Due to COVID restrictions we had to engage with each other through Zoom. Mr. Philippe Dulawan (Director Young Lasallians) joined us to facilitate an insightful presentation about what we have learned during the pandemic and how that can assist us engaging more effectively in our ministry to students and young people. The “outsiders” perspective Phillippe provided, was inspiring and very helpful according to the participants. To gather with Formators from other Marist schools was beneficial, as we got to hear what has been going on at other school communities.

A second Online MYM National Formators workshop is planned for Term 3.

MYM would like to thank all Principals and Directors of Mission for their support and letting their staff participate in our MYM Formators events, even through the difficult times we are currently facing. A recording of the workshop is available upon request.

Edwin Bakker, Marist Youth Ministry



MYM Sydney hit the road

The MYM Sydney team was very lucky to visit students from Marist Canberra on Friday, 24 July. The team worked with classes from Years 5 to 11. Each class focused on different aspects of the Marist characteristics. All the school was invited to a lunch time ‘Marist Hot Seat’ competition where they got to know Marcellin Champagnat a little better!

Additionally, the MYM Sydney are running their next **Online Super Connect event on the 21st of August.** Please contact Jeni Miller for more information. Looking forward to gathering together from across NSW!

Jeni Miller, Marist Youth Ministry Sydney



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