

A newsletter for Member Schools of Marist Schools Australia published fortnightly during term time

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

For many in schools, the “wait” for the holidays this year is more acute than ever following the exhaustive efforts of teachers, students, and families amidst the many disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic during 2021. Waiting for the holidays and the school year to end, waiting for exam results, waiting for Christmas.

This coming Sunday the holy Season of Advent commences. It is a time of waiting. The well known Australian Jesuit, Father Tom O’Donovan SJ, a leader and teacher of renown for over 50 years, and always attuned to the rhythm of school life, explained Advent in this way.

The Season of Advent is all about waiting, the waiting for the Coming of our Saviour. This waiting is not only a matter of Faith. Faith leads to trust, to having confidence in God, that he is our loving Father, that he’s concerned for each individual. He knows us. Everything lies open to his eyes. He knows us intimately, thoroughly. Because of that, we can have the utmost confidence that he will look after us, his loving providence will always be there. We need to be, and must always be, people of deep Faith, with an unflinching trust and confidence in a God who loves us and who will always look after us. That is the great message of the Season of Advent: we are people who are waiting, and we will always be waiting. There is always something for us to wait for, until that day when all our hopes, all our longing, all through our lives, is ultimately fulfilled.¹

May the coming final weeks of the term be filled with many moments of great satisfaction with the work you have done for our students throughout this most challenging year. As we enter this Advent period, let us pray that our words and actions as Marist educators, reflect our Faith and trust and confidence in our loving God.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR



1. In the Footsteps of Christ Homilies of Father Tom O’Donovan SJ (2006)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Aquinas College, North Adelaide

Rector

Brother Michael Green will conclude his term as Rector of Aquinas College next July. Aquinas, Adelaide's only Catholic university residential college, has a long association with the Marists. Prominent among its founders and early benefactors were former students of Sacred Heart College, and Marist Brothers served on the College Council from its inception. More recently, following Jesuit administration for fifty years, the Archbishop invited the Marist Brothers to establish a community on campus and to lead the College. Since that time, Aquinas has developed a strong Marist identity. The Archdiocese of Adelaide, in partnership with the College Council and the Marist Association, are currently advertising for the next Rector of the College. It is a position well suited to an experienced Marist educator.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Marist Youth Ministry

The MYM National Coordinator is seeking a **Regional Coordinator (FT/PT)** to coordinate and facilitate all MYM events in Victoria. The role will be based at the Marist Centre Melbourne.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Applications close: 5.00pm 29 November 2021

Advent
Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



Fratelli Tutti Pilot Program: Growing Friendship and Dialogue

Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, challenges us to consider what it means to place 'human dignity' at the centre of our world, and its implications for building a new kind of solidarity by how we treat others and reach out to those in need. In a creative first, the Marist Mission and Life Formation Team partnered with Australia Marist Solidarity to create and pilot a program of joint formation in response to Pope Francis's call to develop friendship and dialogue.

The *Fratelli Tutti Pilot Program* provided a diverse group of thirteen participants to connect via Zoom once a week from Sri Lanka, Fiji, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Bangladesh, Warragal, Forbes, Brisbane, Canberra and Sydney. At the end of each of the six 90-minute sessions, participants were challenged to respond to Pope Francis's question of who they need to be in the world?

The feedback from the pilot program is very encouraging:

Thank you for the valuable experience to develop connections with our Marist neighbours and to nurture our spirituality through deeply exploring the encyclical. It has been a pleasure.



I left feeling that God's Love is alive when we have chances to share it with others and live it out with passion.

I am not alone, the Global Mission is well and truly alive.

The *Fratelli Tutti Program* will be offered in 2022 and enquiries can be directed to nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au

It's that time of year again...

Graduating Students from All Saints College Maitland



Left to Right: Sarah Steel, Kenya Jones, Maria Cody, Rory Flanagan, Olivia Tumeth and Kendra Brewer



Above: Year 12 student Benjamin Clouten receiving an award from Principal, Marc Roman

Marist Tertiary Education

Marist Tertiary is a work of the Mission and Life Formation Team and exists to provide programs, courses, and resources for staff in Marist schools in the areas of scholarship, leadership and spirituality. A number of our programs have university recognition and are also recognised by dioceses. A list of programs and courses that meet university requirements are listed in the 2022 Programs and Events Booklets which were distributed to schools earlier this term. Marist Tertiary is also currently in negotiations with NESAs in NSW in relation to accreditation for meeting annual professional learning requirements.

For further information you can contact John Hickey at john.hickey@marists.org.au

Are you holding your breath? Breathe in. Breathe out. The yogis say the in-and out-going breaths are the two guards of the City of Life. When the guards are well coordinated, the city's defences are strong. When the guards are disorganized and disconnected, the city comes under attack.

Most of us assume that our guards are doing their job, but in this very busy time of year, in fact, inefficient guards are quite common.

A smooth, even breath builds our vital energy. From the habit of such a breath arises a calm and balanced mind and a healthy body. When our twin guards are well trained and constantly at our service, the city grows stronger and stronger, and the vicissitudes of life are no longer able to shake its foundation.

(From: Michael Grady: Yoga International – Yoga Pranayama)

AMS Christmas Appeal



Our **2021 Christmas Appeal** – with a goal to improve the lives of children living with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific – is currently underway.

Here's what the appeal means to one of those young people – Kosal, a 17-year-old student at LaValla School in Cambodia:

For me, LaValla is home. It's the place where I feel accepted and safe.

I have a difficult family situation. I have no father, and my mother is unable to care for me. I live with my aunt, but we are poor – we do not own any land or a house. Because of our poverty, I had to work from a very young age. For poor people in Cambodia, this is typical.

When I was eight years old, my arm was torn off when it got caught in a brick-making machine. Sadly, these types of injuries are quite commonplace amongst young people in my country. Fortunately, someone told my family about LaValla School and kind supporters like you paid for me to attend. It was the first time I had ever gone to school - I had never previously been able to go because I needed to work.

By donating this Christmas, together, we will change more young lives.

Funds from the appeal will provide support that means children with a disability will be able to attend school; have improved health and education outcomes, experience less discrimination; and increase their feelings of self-worth and confidence.

Raising critical funds so children living with a disability in these regions can get the services they need = the best Christmas gift we could ever hope to give.

Please donate at: <https://give-the-gift-of-care-this-christmas.raisely.com/>

For more information about the appeal and our other projects, please visit our website:
www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au

MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

STUDENT *Leaders* GATHERING

MYM MELBOURNE
& MYM ADELAIDE

Over 90 Marist student leaders from Victoria and South Australia joined Marist Youth Ministry online for our Student Leaders Gathering in late November. The experience was an opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and deepen their appreciation of our Marist charism. Students joined from the following schools:

- Assumption College, Kilmore.
- Catholic College, Sale.
- Cardijn College, Noarlunga Downs.
- Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon.
- Marcellin College, Bulleen.
- Marist College, Bendigo.
- Marist-Sion College, Warragul.
- Marymede Catholic College, South Morang.
- Notre Dame College, Shepparton.
- Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park.

Students were privileged to hear a keynote from Marist Mission and Life Formation Team Member Nathan Ahearne based on the Marist theme for 2022, ***Known and Loved, dignity for all***. Nathan beautifully broke open the theme for our students and invited them to be student leaders who listen with kindness, recognise themselves and each other as God's works of art, and the importance of the dignity of all. A sincere thanks to Nathan for his passion and presence.

Next, students took time to explore a range of workshop topics in small discussion groups. With thanks to the following presenters for the time and energy:

- ***Empowering Leadership with Phillipe Dulawan.***
- ***Let's Talk Communication with Ella Beveridge.***

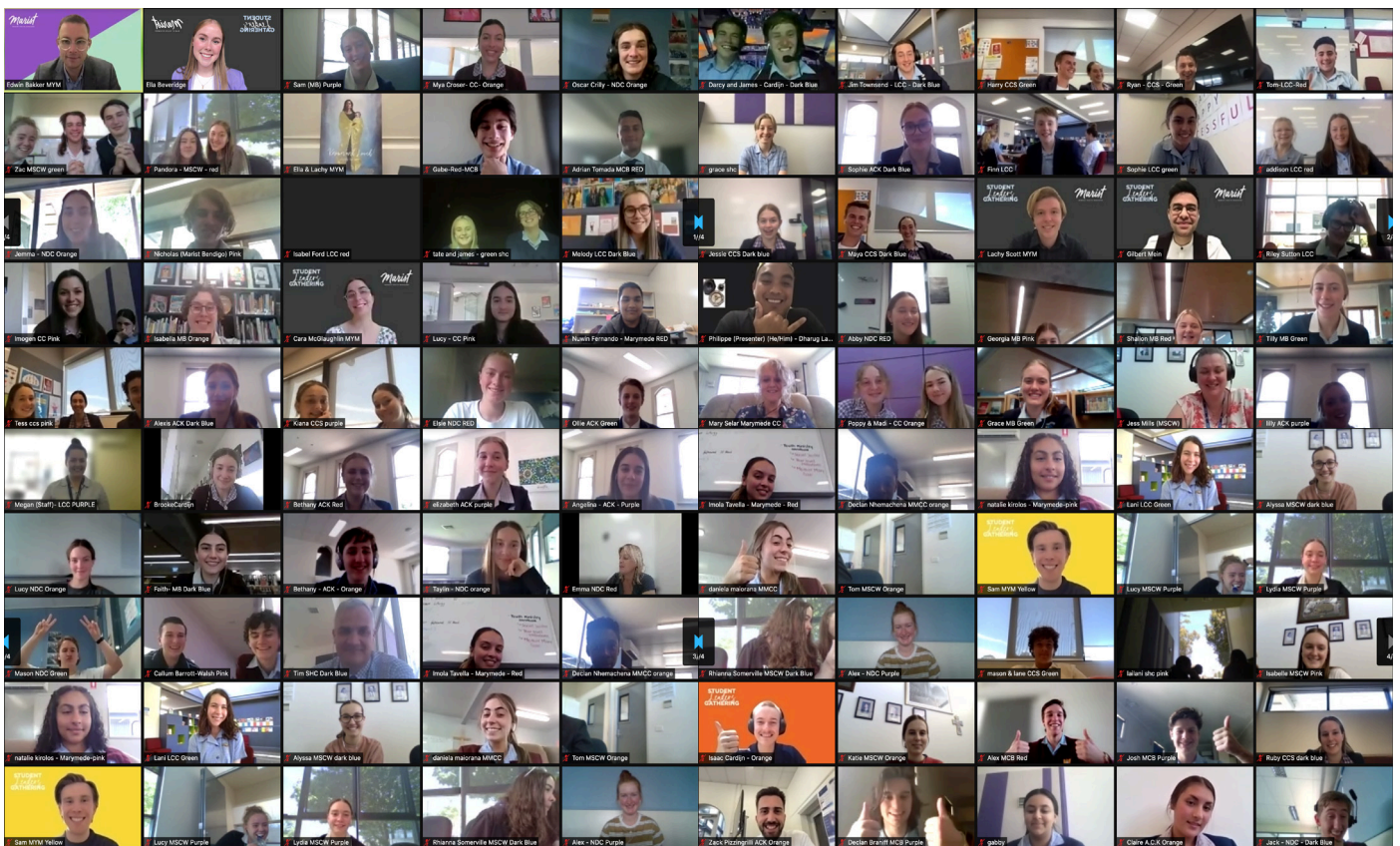
- *Leading with Balance with Gilbert Mein.*
- *Rolling Up Our Sleeves, Servant Leadership with Cara McGlaughlin.*
- *Team Dynamics of a Dynamic Team with Lachy Scott.*
- *The Art of Negotiation with Sam Chung.*

Finally, Br. Tony Leon presented a keynote on the theme of **Leading with a Marist Heart**. Br. Tony gave students a forum to appreciate more deeply the lives of Mary as first disciple and St. Marcellin Champagnat. Br. Tony's creativity and Marist heart are appreciated by our team and all those who attended.

Many thanks to our school Principals and those accompanying staff members as well as our young Marists who made our event possible. We are greatly impressed by the calibre of our Marist student leaders for 2022 and we look forward to witnessing the growth in our school communities.

Lachy, Ella, and Cara
MYM Melbourne and MYM Adelaide

STUDENT Leaders GATHERING



MYM NSW / ACT *Student Leaders Gathering 2021*

Student leaders from across **20 Marist schools in NSW and the ACT** gathered online with MYM Sydney Team to learn more about **'leading in the Marist Way'**. Using **Mary, Marcellin and Jesus as role models**, 180 students examined qualities a leader requires to **serve students and staff in their school**. The 5 Marist characteristics and next year's Marist theme, **'Known and Loved; Dignity for all'**, were discussed and used to help students set goals for their school community in 2022. Having lunch with their respective principals on Friday to outline these goals was no doubt a highlight for these new leaders. Other highlights included time to **reflect and contemplate, workshops on time management, leaving a legacy as well as balancing friendships with school commitments**, and receiving hand crosses gifted to them by Dr John Robinson. Congratulations to Marist North Shore for taking out the annual Amazing Grace competition this year! Bad luck to the Runners – up, the John Therry High School, who lost by one point!



Parramatta Marist High School



St Gregory's College Student Leaders with Principal, Mr Lee MacMaster and Executive Team



Marist College Canberra



Marian Catholic College, Griffith

The MYM Sydney Team are excited to see what these leaders will achieve next year. Best wishes to all students and we hope to see you again!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

SYDNEY POSITION: Regional Assistant

WE'RE HIRING!

Marist Youth Ministry is looking for a DYNAMIC and CONFIDENT young person with a passion for working with young people to join the MYM team in Sydney as a Regional Assistant.

We are offering a casual position, located at Marist Centre Sydney, commencing the week of the 17th January 2022.

For more information:

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OR hit the link in our bio!

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WE'RE HIRING!

Marist Youth Ministry is looking for a DYNAMIC and CONFIDENT young person with a passion for working with young people to join the MYM team in Melbourne as a Regional Assistant.

We are offering a full-time/part-time position, located at Marist Centre Melbourne, commencing on the 17th January 2022.

For more information:

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