



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

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Last Tuesday the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat hosted a most engaging, and challenging evening with Father Frank Brennan SJ AO. Organised by the Marist Mission and Life Formation Team, and facilitated by Association Leader and Provincial Brother Peter Carroll FMS, the topic was *Human Dignity – an Aussie value?* The report of the evening can be found [here](#). Brother Peter in his concluding remarks, reminded the 600 online participants that among his many awards and recognitions for advocacy and service, especially to Aboriginal Australians and Migrants, Father Frank has been classified by the National Trust as a “Living Treasure”. As we head to the Federal Election on Saturday, amid increasingly frenetic campaigns and media attention, the following reflective words from Father Frank’s Homily this week at Newman College, Melbourne University, are presented for your prayerful reflection.

As we go to the polls next weekend, let’s be prudent about realisable hopes and let’s keep alive all our hopes, even those achievable only in a life to come. And let’s have the humility to accept that whatever the strengths of our democracy, we as a nation are unlikely to achieve too many bold hopes for the enhanced human dignity of all on our planet, given our shared concerns about the national interest and national prosperity. Pope Francis is right when he says, ‘We know how unsustainable is the behaviour of those who constantly consume and destroy, while others are not yet able to live in a way worthy of their human dignity. That is why the time has come to accept decreased growth in some parts of the world, in order to provide resources for other places to experience healthy growth. Benedict XVI has said that “technologically advanced societies must be prepared to encourage more sober lifestyles, while reducing their energy consumption and improving its efficiency”. We haven’t heard that from any candidates whether they be red, blue, green or teal.

The sound bites and sideshow atmosphere of the campaign are at times a misleading and unhelpful distraction from the human rights and voice Australians enjoy as citizens in a democratic country. This fundamental freedom, however imperfect it may seem at times, is important to highlight with our young people, in a spirit of respect and gratitude. In accepting our fortunate reality, may our minds and hearts turn to others in need here in Australia and abroad, especially our sisters and brothers in countries close to our shores.

Again Australian Marists are encouraged to support the vital work of Australian Marist Solidarity and particularly in this Sesquicentenary year of Marist education in Australia, the AMS project to build a Marist School in Timor-Leste. Just this week in conversation with Brother Peter Corr FMS, based at Baucau, significant progress with the project has been made in readiness for the development. Our support is vital to the realisation of this important new school in a country where the needs are great, especially among young people.

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The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has summarised the most recent policy positions of each party in regard to Catholic education and this helpful document can be accessed [here](#).

Marist Schools Australia was recently informed that Mr Alan LeBroque, the popular Principal of Marian Catholic College in Griffith NSW will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2022 academic year. Alan has been involved in Catholic education for over 40 years as a teacher, Coordinator, Assistant Principal and Principal mostly in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. A gifted educator, Alan's leadership at Marian Catholic College has seen a renaissance in all areas of College life. Flourishing enrolments, capital works, and improved student outcomes are among the many legacies of his leadership. Alan has been a charismatic and enthusiastic religious leader whose commitment to outreach and solidarity has animated the generous Marian Catholic College community. Over the past 8 years, Alan has seen the reconnection of the College to its Marist spirituality and traditions by leading the engagement of staff and students in formation programmes and other professional learning experiences. On behalf of Marist Schools Australia, thank you Alan for all you have done for thousands of teachers, students, and families in providing quality Catholic education with such dedication, joy, and passion.



The Catholic Schools Office in Wagga is leading the recruitment and selection process for the new Principal in which MSA Regional Director Dr John Robinson is engaged. The video linked [HERE](#) is brought to attention for sharing with Marist educators who may be interested in leading this wonderful College.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'F. G. Malloy'.

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

NOTICES AND NEWS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Newman College, Churchlands, Perth, WA

Principal

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

Applications close: 30 May 2022

Marist College Bendigo, VIC

Principal

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

Applications close: 3 June 2022

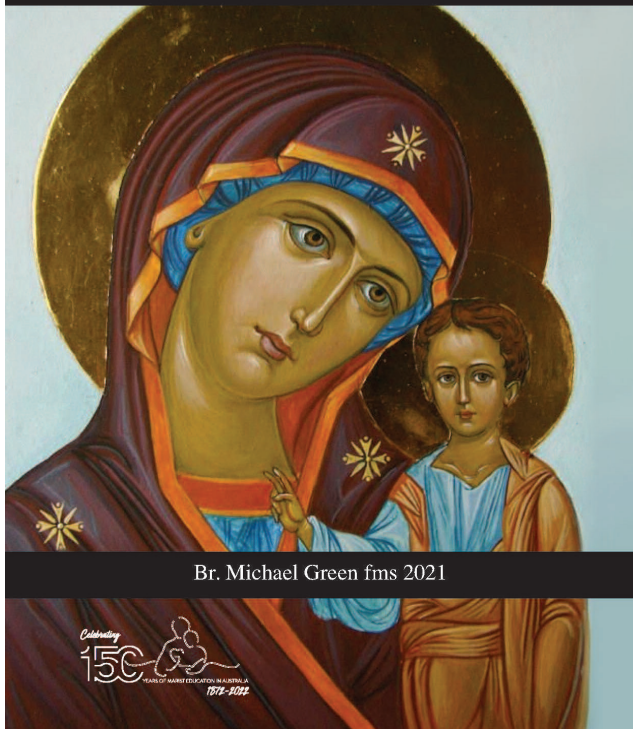
Marian Catholic College, Griffith, NSW

Principal

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

Applications close: 24 May 2022

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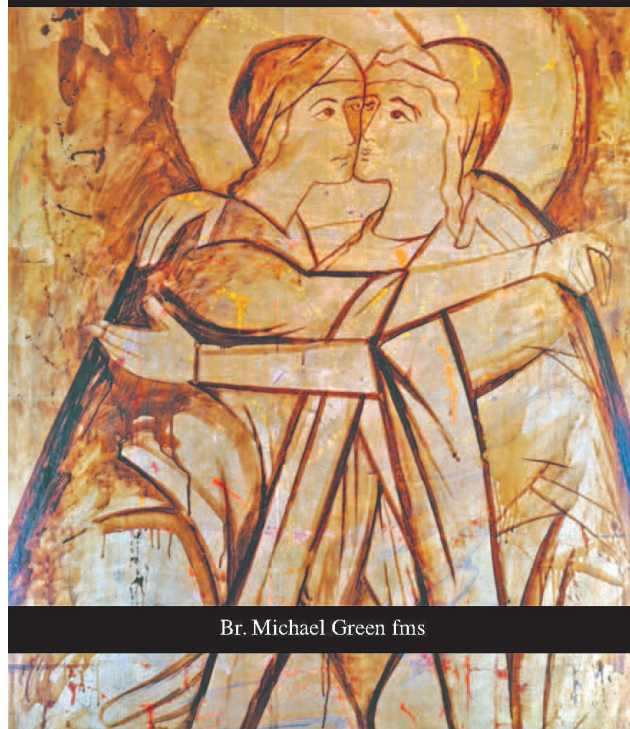


A Sesquicentenary project of Marist Schools Australia.

These essays originally featured in "Christlife", the newsletter of the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin. Through the foresight and generosity of Dr Frank Malloy, the National Director of Marist Schools Australia, they have been published here in book form as a valuable resource for all Marist Educators, and, indeed, all Marists. We are indebted once again to Brother Michael Green for these essays answering five crucial questions on Marist Education, and for his trademark scholarship and extraordinary research of Sources. As well as being insightful and challenging, they are a joy to read.

Brother Michael Flanagan fms
Mascot, Sydney, 2022

Historical Sources of Marist Spirituality



Br. Michael Green fms

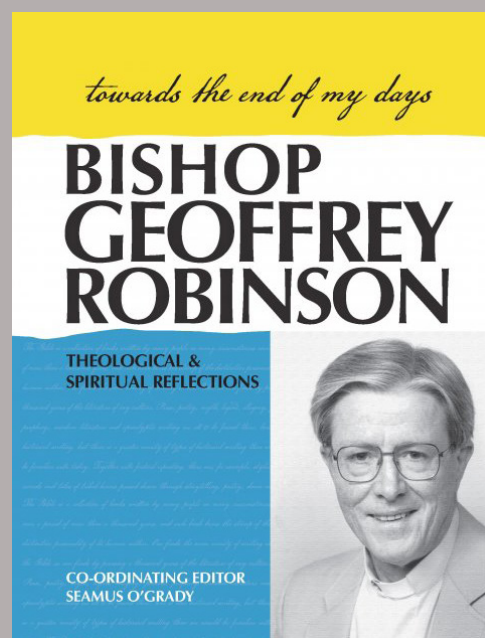
This text comprises a series of articles written in 2020 by Marist historian and spiritual writer, Brother Michael Green, on the theme of Marist spirituality. Brother Michael takes the six characteristics of our spirituality that are named in 'Water from the Rock' and explores their historical and spiritual sources, relating them to the situations of today's Marists. The articles were written for the Australian online Marist newsletter 'Christlife', and were also published in the education journal 'Champagnat'

Both these books have been distributed to MSA schools. There are still copies available and schools are able to request further copies by emailing sally.dillon@marists.org.au.

Bishop Geoffrey Robinson's life was long and eventful. He was there in Rome during the Vatican Council. As Auxiliary Bishop in Sydney, Geoff was a passionate contributor and leader in Catholic education. As Chair of the Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Board, Geoff provided inspirational leadership over many years. A renowned scripture scholar, his writings, lectures and reflections helped to form generations of Catholic school teachers and profoundly influence their work with students.

Seamus O'Grady, a highly respected colleague and friend to many Marists in Australia, edited this work and facilitated its publication.

Copies of Bishop Robinson's book can be ordered by contacting Garratt Publishing. Click [HERE](#) for more details.





Day in the Life challenge

Join AMS and take the Timor-Leste Day in the Life challenge!

Help support the lives of vulnerable school students in Timor-Leste by stepping into their shoes for the day to raise money so they can access a better education.

Students and teachers at Marists schools across Australia are invited to join the Day in the Life challenge and together raise \$150,000 for students in Timor-Leste. We recommend taking part as Champagnat Day celebration on 6 June but the challenge will be open all year.

Choose your challenge!

Encourage students to immerse themselves in the day in the life of a student in Timor-Leste. Students can choose to walk to school, cook up a storm with a Timorese recipe, learn the local language or do all three!



You can sign up your class, tutor group, house or mission group as a team, or students can register individually. Students can then ask their friends and family for donations that will go towards raising vital funds to bring educational opportunities to students in Timor-Leste.

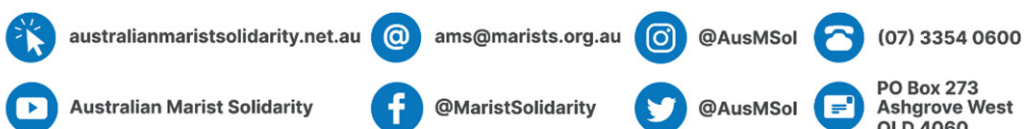
It's free and easy to register at dayinthelife.org.au



Follow the simple steps to register online at dayinthelife.org.au and start encouraging students to take on the educational challenges. Upon completion of the challenges all students will be rewarded with a certificate and they'll be prizes for the top fundraising schools and students.

Visit dayinthelife.org.au or email ams.partnerships@marists.org.au with any questions.

Connect with us to find out more.



CHAMPAGNAT DAY CELEBRATION 2022



INTERNATIONAL
WEBINAR
FOR MARIST SCHOOL
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WHAT MAKES
A SCHOOL
MARIST?

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ENCOUNTER A

(60/75 min)

8 june

Time: 16:30 (Mexico)
18:30 (Brazil)
23:30 (Spain)
07:30 +1 (Australia)

ENCOUNTER B

(60/75 min)

14 june

Time: 04:00 (Mexico)
06:00 (Brazil)
11:00 (Spain)
19:00 (Australia)

On behalf of **Champagnat Global**, we extend an invitation to Principals of Marist Schools to participate in an international seminar to celebrate **Champagnat week 2022**.

Join Marist Principals from around the world for an online gathering exploring the topic, **What makes a school Marist**. Featuring international presenters including Br David Hall, this gathering will provide an opportunity for Principals to interact with Marist school leaders from the Marist Global Network of Schools. The seminar of approximately one hour will provide leaders of Marist schools with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the unique nature of the Marist school in the Twenty First Century.

Registration details will be forwarded to Principals in the coming weeks. For more information, please contact John Robinson at john.robinson@marists.org.au.

BOOK LAUNCH

invitation

To mark 150 years
of the mission of the Marist Brothers
in Australia

Provincial Br Peter Carroll invites you to a
launch of

Sub Tuum Praesidium
Marist Brothers in Australia 1872-2022

by

Julian Casey, John Luttrell, Peter Rodney and
Neville Solomon



Sub Tuum Praesidium



Marist Brothers in Australia
1872-2022

The religious institute of Marist Brothers of the Schools has educated thousands of young Australians since their arrival in 1872. That influence continues today in the 56 schools of Marist Schools Australia, in youth care provided by Marist180, in the outreach of Australian Marist Solidarity, and in thousands of lay Marists, colleagues and ex-students. For all of these, *Sub Tuum Praesidium* ('We fly to your protection') has been their traditional hymn for occasions of solemnity and celebration.

The authors, all Marist Brothers, write from a broad experience of the Marist mission locally and internationally. They trace the development of the Marist Institute in Australia and identify the contributions of many Marist Brothers and their colleagues in that story.

It's a chequered account of development and fruitful adaptation, along with failures and shame. Provincial Peter Carroll sees this history as significant for the Marist sesquicentenary in Australia – an opportunity 'to celebrate achievements, apologise for our failures and give thanks to God and all those who have supported us in our life and mission'.

In recognition of Marist involvement throughout Australia, the launch will be a rolling event across the following centres:

Tuesday, 31 May, 1.30pm at Province Centre BRUNSWICK
1 Dawson Street, after Brothers' retreat morning. Launch by Br Darren Burge;
rsvp: Tracey Doublet, tracey.doublet@marists.org.au by 26 May.

Friday, 3 June, 4pm for 5pm, at Marist Centre ASHGROVE
142 Frasers Rd. Launch by Br Peter Carroll;
rsvp: Helen Quirk, 07 3354 0600, helen.quirk@marists.org.au by 1 June.

Sunday, 5 June at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart College ADELAIDE
McAteer Centre, Sacred Heart College. Launch by Br Michael Green;
rsvp: Br Des Howard, des.howard@marists.org.au.

Tuesday, 7 June, 10.30 am at Marist Centre MASCOT
247 Coward St. Launch by Br Peter Carroll;
rsvp: Emma Gyori, 02 9218 4000, emma.gyori@marists.org.au by Friday, 30 May.

Sunday, 12 June, following 10.30am Mass at Newman College CHURCHLANDS
216 Empire Ave. Launch by Br Peter Carroll;
rsvp: Br Noel Hickey, noel.hickey@marists.org.au.

Following the launch there will be refreshments and an opportunity for bank card purchase of the book (hard cover, 576 pages; rrp \$45).

We look forward to your joining us!

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National Assembly III

Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat

Shine among them like stars in the sky

Philippians 2:22

All Members of the Marist Association are warmly invited to join together as a Marist Family this year - through June, July and August - as we look at where we've come from, and imagine where we are going!



Assembly Forum One & Two (Online)

Tuesday 7 June 2022, 7pm AEST /6.30pm ACST /5pm AWST

Wednesday 27 July 2022, 7pm AEST /6.30pm ACST /5pm AWST

Assembly Gathering (In person or Online)

Mary MacKillop Place, Sydney

5pm Friday 26 to 12pm Sunday 28 August 2022

REGISTER >

Full Online Attendance:

\$25.00 by Thursday 12 May 2022

Online & In Person:

\$190.00 by Thursday 12 May 2022

www.maristassociation.org.au

Come join us!



MSA
BIENNIAL
CONFERENCE *Brisbane*
2022

KNOWN AND LOVED

Sunday 31st July - Tuesday 2nd August

Join Marists from around the nation and beyond for a gathering like no other. As if the glorious winter weather isn't enough motivation to bounce into Brisbane in 2022!

Engage through a variety of Formats, including:
Keynote Addresses, Interactive Workshops,
Panel Symposiums, Fireside Chats
and Pecha Kucha Events

Details

Conference Start: 2.00pm, Sunday 31 July
Conference End: 4.30pm, Tuesday 2 August

Conference Dinner

Howard Smith Wharves,
 6.30pm Tuesday 2 August
 (following the conclusion of the Conference)

Registrations

Early Bird - \$495 close on 30 March.
Full Price - \$560 close on 22 July

Four Strands shape the Conference experience:

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Known and Loved



Above: Staff from Champagnat Catholic College Pagewood

Staff gathered together for the *Known and Loved: Dignity for All* Program at Champagnat Catholic College Pagewood and The John Berne School Lewisham.



Above: Staff from the John Berne School Lewisham

Staff comment: *I really appreciated the blend of looking at our school community but also connecting with core ideas in wider society. I believe this makes the program very holistic and relatable for all people as it looks at the issue through different lenses.*

In the Marist Way

In The Marist Way at St Thomas More Primary School. Staff members Helen Fermier, Kate O'Connor and Jonathan Bowden



Holding the Space: A Contemplative Conversation

Join us online for this four-week contemplative conversation!

For those looking to engage in meaningful conversations about the presence of God in their lives and cultivating an awareness of their relationship with God through prayer and contemplation. Contemplative conversations allow us to explore, more deeply, our spirituality.

Every Thursday for four weeks, participants gather on Zoom to engage in 60 minutes of shared contemplative dialogue in response to what has emerged over the week.

Participants will receive spiritual input every Friday by email for four weeks. This input includes a variety of reflections, questions for journaling, prayer practices to explore, and meditations to help contextualise the content.

Zoom Session 1 – *Holding the Space* - Thursday 26 May - 7-8pm
Zoom Session 2 – *Stop the Shouting* - Thursday 2 June - 7-8pm
Zoom Session 3 – *Letting go of the Rope* - Thursday 9 June - 7-8pm
Zoom Session 4 – *It's not about Me* - Thursday 16 June -7-8pm

Retreat Facilitators:

Elizabeth Falconer
John Hickey
Br Bill Sullivan
Fr Gary Perritt

REGISTER HERE

Contact: Elizabeth Falconer | elizabeth.falconer@marists.org.au



MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Early May Update

MYM VIC

On Friday 6 May, we were so fortunate and grateful to have our first in-person Game Changers event in Victoria since 2019. Year 10 students from Lavalla Catholic College, Assumption College, Marcellin College Bulleen, and Marist College Bendigo gathered at Marcellin College Bulleen for their **Year 10 Game Changers Regional Retreat Day**, excited to meet students from new schools and take a further step into their Game Changers journey. After starting off with some jovially competitive games and many toppled Jenga towers, students got stuck into the three workshops planned for the day.

These workshops focused on exploring the La Valla track's symbol, the compass, and reflecting on where their "North" is, as well as looking in depth at social justice and thinking about ways they can invite the "lost sheep" in our communities back into the flock. Students were given the chance to get to know each other in small group discussions with a mix of students from other schools, as well as some time to connect within their own Youth Groups to think about who they want to be as a group.

It was great to see students interacting with each other in the break times, **smiling and talking** without the barrier of a laptop screen. We hope to offer many more opportunities for these wonderful students to connect with each other and themselves, while having some fun in the meantime!





MYM SA

Our Game Changers Hermitage Retreat Day last month saw in the school holidays and ended Term 1 on a high! Game Changers students in Year 11 and 12 from Sacred Heart College worked with their Mentors and year level groups to explore theme of vocation. Looking to the future and the next chapter of our Game Changers journeys saw plenty of motivation for ministry and service, as well as a **strong passion and appreciation** for the community of young Marists around us.

Since the Retreat Day, we've seen trips planned to volunteer at local charities and initiatives to make **gratitude** and affirmation a bigger part of our biweekly Game Changers meetings. Thank you to all the students and school staff who joined us for a terrific day, as well as our incredible young Marist volunteers, Eimear and Liv, who gave up their time to help out!

We are looking forward to joining our Year 9 and 10 Game Changers students for our La Valla Retreat Day later this month.



Upcoming Events:

Check out the respective MYM Socials for more information!

VIC

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)
Friday, May 27

NSW

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 10)
Friday, May 20

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)
Friday, June 24

WA

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)
Friday, June 3

Regional Retreat Day (Yr 12)
Friday, June 12

QLD

Year 11 Forum Meaning and Purpose (Vocation)
Friday, May 27

SA

La Valla Retreat Day
Tuesday 24th May

Le Rosey Retreat Day
Wednesday 1st June

Marist Connect, at Sacred Heart College
Monday 6th June