



From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

This weekend the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat is holding its third National Assembly at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney. Previous Assemblies were held at The Hermitage Mittagong in 2015 and at Sacred Heart College Adelaide in 2018. Each Assembly is an opportunity for Marists to carefully discern where we are called to be and what we are called to do in our discipleship of Jesus. The first Assembly had approximately 60 delegates during which the Association was really brought to life under the leadership of Provincial Brother Jeff Crowe FMS and Mr Joe McCarthy who were to be appointed the first Leader and Deputy Leader of the Association respectively. The second Assembly had almost 200 delegates and was a gathering characterised by realisation and maturation under the leadership of Brother Peter Carroll FMS and Mr Joe McCarthy once again. As we look to the third Assembly, it is worth recalling the statement of the Association, which prefaces the two key documents *We Marists* (2015) and *As Marists* (2019).

*We **Marists** are a vital faith community,
an expression of Church
that embraces **God's mission**
with Marian joy, hope, and audacity.*

*Our **discipleship** of Jesus Christ
and the priorities of all of our ministries
are inspired by the **Gospel passion**
and compassion
which fired **Saint Marcellin**.*

*We remain **attentive**
to the God of all life,
and we are **committed**
to nurturing our spirituality
through **ongoing formation**.*

*We draw on both
Marist tradition and imagination
to be game-changers for young people,
particularly those most on the **peripheries**.*

*We foster connectedness and **communion**
among ourselves as an Association,
with the Marist **spiritual family** around the world,
and with the **wider Church** of which we are part.*

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As we look to the third Assembly, the faith-based community we Marists know as the Marist Association, now has a Company to serve its aspirations. The Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat Ltd was formed in January 2022. The creation of this new Company is completely aligned to the spiritual intuitions and priorities of the Association. The very purpose of the Company as captured in the preamble to the Constitution emphasises this direct alignment in three simple statements.

The Marist Association is a faith-based community whose members identify as Marists, provide spiritual support for one another and desire to share responsibility for the vitality and integrity of Marist life and mission.

They take their inspiration from St Marcellin Champagnat as they continue the work that was begun by the Marist Brothers in Australia and take on new responsibilities.

The Company is formed to continue many of the works of the Trustees of the Marist Brothers and the Association and, in particular, to assume the governance, management and conduct of the Association and other apostolic work.

The 2022 Assembly occurs at a time of renewed reflection and hope for the Catholic Church in Australia. With the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia concluding just last month, the decrees of the Plenary will provide rich perspectives and insights. Certainly, the decree of the Plenary Council for *Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry* is reflected in our Marist intuitions and efforts with the ongoing development of the Marist Association. In part the decree enunciates

“The call for concrete action to address improvements in governance and leadership and formation for a wider range of ministries consistently emerged as an important priority of this Council’s deliberations.”

May Mary our Good Mother, Saint Marcellin, and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, be with us throughout these important days together as we discern our Marist future.

The broader Marist family is unique among spiritual communities in the Church in their shared foundations, historical development, and ongoing shared vision. On Sunday 21 August at the 12.00 midday Mass at Saint Patrick’s Church Hill Sydney, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP announced that he had accepted the advice of the Marist Fathers that the Parish of Saint Patrick’s Church Hill cease to be entrusted to their care and ministry as of 31 December 2025. Archbishop Anthony expressed his gratitude for the unique and faithful ministry of the Marist Fathers since 1868, and for their willingness to guide the transition of the parish to new pastors over the coming years. Parish Priest Father Michael Whelan SM wrote to his Parishioners:

The Marists are conscious that this is a momentous decision – not just for the Marists, but for all those who continue to find spiritual nourishment at St Patrick’s.

This is an extraordinary moment. It invites us to what Pope Francis has called, a “synodal journey”. We must take time to listen together for what God is asking of us individually and as a community at this time.

The work and influence of the Marist Fathers at Church Hill in helping to establish the Marist Brothers in Australia has been well chronicled and much visited in this Sesquicentenary year. Let us keep the good Fathers in our prayers during this time of change and transition.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St Teresa's College, Noosaville, QLD

Principal

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

Applications close: 7 September 2022

St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, NSW

Assistant Principal / Head of Senior School

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Applications close: 5 September 2022

MSA Senior Leader - Formation and Youth Ministry

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Applications close: 5 September 2022

Marist-Sion College, Warragul, VIC

Leadership and Teaching positions available.

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Payroll Officer

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All applications close: 29 August 2022

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 is **Friday 23 September 2022**.

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

A Day of Celebrations

Our Marist Schools across the country held Champagnat Day Masses, Awards Ceremonies and fun activities to celebrate our Founder, St Marcellin Champagnat.



St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas celebrates Mass for the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat



Champagnat Day Mass at Sacred Heart College, Adelaide



Parramatta Marist High School students are presented with Champagnat Day Awards

Dignity has the potential to change the world, but only if we help to spread its profound message. By honouring other people's dignity, we honour our own.

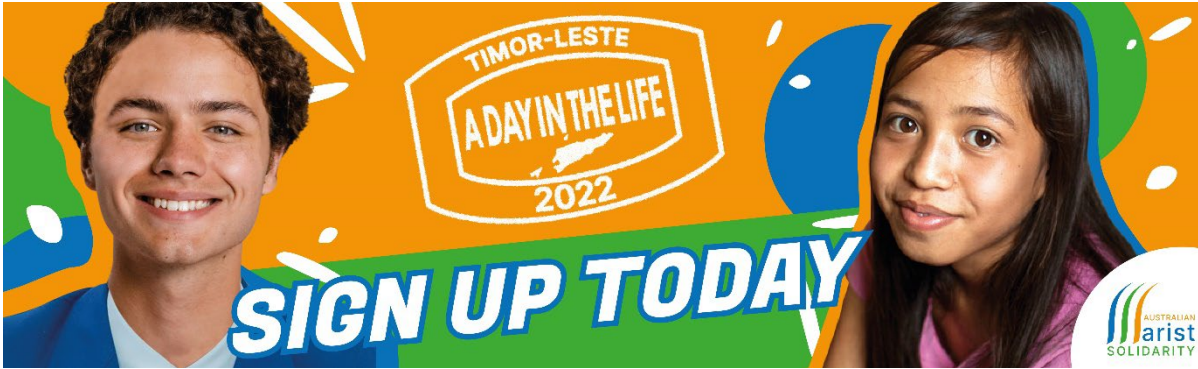
Donna Hicks, Ph.D, What is the Real Meaning of Dignity?
Psychology Today (April 10, 2013)



Footsteps 2 Participants, 7 – 10 August 2022



Day in the Life campaign



We wanted to remind you that our fundraising campaign, 'A Day in the Life', which provides much-needed access to education for vulnerable young people in Timor-Leste, will continue until the end of this year.

We know that some of you kicked off participation in the campaign on Monday 6 June as a celebration of Champagnat Day – and thank you to those schools who have already logged on and contributed funds. So far, Assumption College and John Therry Catholic College have each raised more than \$2,000! As you know, the campaign is an integral part of the 150-year celebration of Marist Education in Australia, and Marist Schools Australia has challenged schools to collectively raise \$150,000. We'll be awarding prizes to the top fundraising schools and students from the challenge as well as a special Marist Spirit award.

If you haven't yet had a chance, please visit www.dayinthelife.org.au for all the information about the campaign and to sign up.

Rebuilding work at Vanuatu's St Michel Technical College



Our reconstruction and recovery work at St Michel Technical College on Vanuatu following damage by Tropical Cyclone Harold continues well.

Following on from successfully rebuilding student classrooms at the school, the function room and staff room have been completed.

Thank you to all of our supporters who have made this possible.

Connect with us to find out more.



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MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

August Update

MYM NSW

The MYM Team had a great day at the Year 9 Game Changes Retreat Day on Friday, 12 August. Students from Parramatta Marist High School hosted students from St Joseph's College. Together, the students explored the Marist characteristics of simplicity and how it can support them embracing life to the fullest. The students also examined concepts of community and referring to scripture, explored Jesus' call to make disciples, 'fishers of people'!



MYM QLD

Our team recently got to work in two luscious locations – the best Queensland has to offer – as we went out to minister with students across our beautiful Region! The La Valla Leadership Camp gathered Year 10 Game Changers at Mt Tamborine. A literal mountaintop experience, the students explored their own leadership style and considered how Marists lead.

We then travelled north, to the tropical Etty Bay, where we ran Forums with Year 8 and 9 students from Good Counsel College Innisfail. These Forums provided a platform for students to express their thoughts and ideas on leading from the middle and living out our Marist spirituality.



MYM VIC

We had a great day with some of our Victorian Year 9 Game Changers students on Friday 5 August. The day kicked off with some fun get to know you games, before we headed straight into our workshops! Students explored the Marist pillar of simplicity through a pretty grotesque demonstration of mixing potato chips, timtams, spinach, tuna, and baked beans – while all these foods are enjoyable by themselves, they get too complex and messy when mixed together. Once that message was conveyed, students participated in a workshop about Australian Marist Solidarity, before having a look at the importance of community and teamwork with a wonderful sharing from Ruby! All in all, a swell day!

