



From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Preach the Gospel always and sometimes use words.

Saint Francis of Assisi

At the end of last term and the beginning of this one, it has been a privilege to meet with several whole staff groups for different reasons. Whilst many people regard the first semester of 2022 as the most challenging for schools in the past 50 years, among the staff whom I had the pleasure to meet recently were expressions and attitudes of accomplishment, resilience, courage, faith, hope, and humour. Despite the constant demands since January flowing from the pandemic, manifested in repeated changes and adaptations due to staff and student illnesses, the pervasive sense of purposeful service to the students' education was marked in every setting. Catholic Social Teaching on work begins with the dignity of the human person and an understanding that

work is for the common good and part of building up and glorifying Creation.

The selflessness and sense of vocation among staff in our Marist schools throughout this year continues to be a striking witness to the Gospel of Jesus. Consistently placing the needs of others before themselves, day in and day out, the efforts of our teachers across the country is acknowledged with gratitude. Conscious of the predicted increasing waves of infection across the community during these winter months, a less disrupted second semester is anticipated in light of encouraging advice from the health experts as the warmer weather gradually returns.

Over the holiday period the Fifth Plenary Council¹ was held at St Mary's Cathedral College in Sydney. The theme of the Plenary, *Listen to what the Spirit is saying* remained central to the deliberations throughout. Much has been written by participants, reflecting on their experience. It has been fascinating to read the passion and differing perspectives by respected participants and observers including Sister Patty Faulkner SGS², Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP³, Mr Christopher Lamb⁴, Professor Hayden Ramsay⁵, Mr Greg Craven AO⁶, and Father Frank Brennan SJ⁷. Marist Provincial, Brother Peter Carroll FMS and Marist Association Councillor Ms Madeline Forde were participants, whilst MSA Board Chair Brother David Hall FMS was a Plenary facilitator and Father Gary Perritt CP provided support in a host of ways.

The Concluding Statement from the Plenary Council⁸ recognises the different perspectives yet is ultimately a statement of hope for the future. Some key observations include:

This process has been an expression of the synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the Church's life in the third millennium.

Some moments of this second assembly have been calm and harmonious, others tense and difficult. But every moment has been blessed; the entire week has been grace-filled, though never a cheap grace. The Holy Spirit has been both comforter and disrupter.


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We trust that the God who overturned our smooth predictabilities and led us into new territory will continue to open up the pathway before us.

We have seen God at work in these days, comforting and disrupting in order to lead his people into a future of God's making. This has been a time of grace, and for that we give humble thanks. May God who has begun the good work in us bring it to fulfilment (cf. Phil 1:6).

May the Holy Spirit continue to shape us in our work together.

Yours sincerely,



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1. <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>
2. <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/what-is-it-about-women-and-the-church/>
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Media Release



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Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong (CEDoW) operates two co-educational systemic Catholic secondary colleges in the Marist tradition: John Therry and Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville.

Most Rev Brian G Mascord, Bishop of Wollongong, said he is delighted with the ongoing partnership and support the Marist Brothers provide to Catholic education in the diocese.

“The Institute of the Marist Brothers has played a significant role in developing the hearts, hands and minds of students and staff throughout the Diocese of Wollongong since 1905,” he said. “This statement will ensure John Therry and Mt Carmel continue to witness to distinctive educational, spiritual, moral and social purposes within the evangelising mission of the Church, founded on faith in Jesus Christ, and expressed in a mutually agreed vision and mission statement.”

CEDoW values the history, tradition and contribution of the Marists, and is committed to ensuring that Marist spirituality and traditions continue to contribute to the faith life of the Diocese through both school communities, The Hermitage at Mittagong and St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown.

Through the statement, CEDoW and MSA have also committed to exploring future opportunities for collaboration such as the development of new schools; education works of special character; and collaborative staff formation opportunities.

The launch of the Statement of Shared Understanding was held from 9:30-10:30am on Tuesday 19 July 2021 at John Therry Catholic College, Rosemeadow. It was attended by CEDoW Director of Schools, Peter Hill; MSA Regional Director (NSW & ACT), John Robinson; Principal of John Therry, Wayne Marshall; and Principal of Mount Carmel Catholic, Stephen Lo Cascio.

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Known and Loved

Known and Loved Program at Marcellin College Randwick



Above: Jane Evans and Mary Ivancic (left) Anthony Burke and Chantelle DeBautista (right)

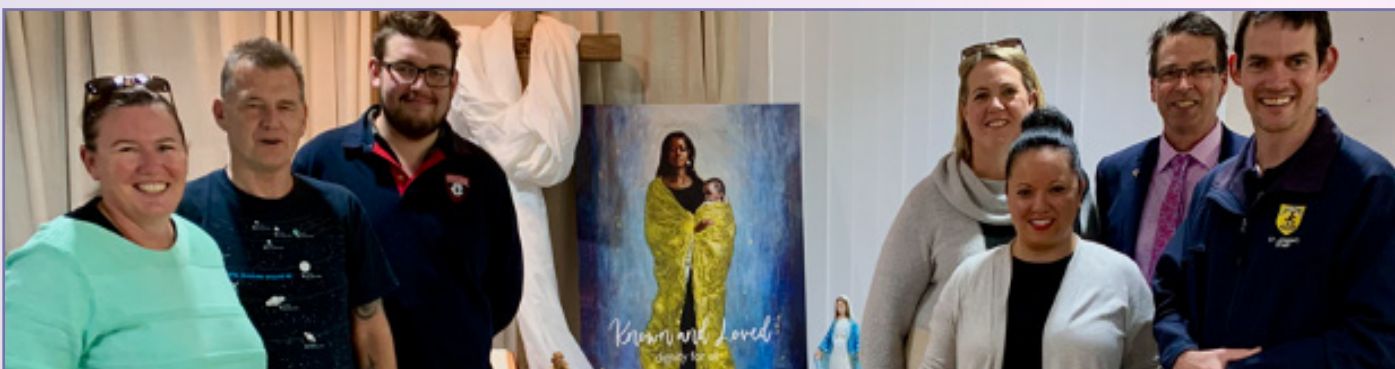
Known and Loved Program
at Mt Carmel Catholic College Varroville



Known and Loved Program
at Northam in Western Australia

Take time every day to remind yourself and those around you the truth about how valuable we all are. In fact, we are born invaluable, priceless, and irreplaceable. Simultaneously, never lose sight of your inherent vulnerability. We all know the gut feeling that results from being mistreated or neglected – it's up to you to honour other people's dignity. In the process, you'll strengthen your own.

(Donna Hicks, PhD., *Dignity: The Essential Role It Plays in Resolving Conflict*)



Above: Ruth Adams, Ken James, Tim Natkanski, Andrea Woodgate, Michelle Christian, Paul Harris and Lloyd Reidy



Timor-Leste school celebrations



We are delighted to share photos with you of the official opening of St Terezinha's Central School Quelicai, Timor-Leste at the end of June. As you can see, it was a wonderful day, full of community joy and gratitude.

This massive rebuilding project is all thanks to you – our wonderful Marist family of supporters. St Terezinha's in Quelicai is a regional hub for 12 other remote primary schools in the eastern end of Timor-Leste. Like many schools in this developing country, foreign occupation, war, extreme poverty, and a lack of basic infrastructure caused St Terezinha's to fall into disrepair. There hadn't been any building upgrades in about 40 years.

Due to the generosity of AMS supporters, this has changed. The school improvements are extensive, and the new classrooms are ready for a new generation of young Timorese students to gain an education.

We'd like to especially acknowledge the generosity of our school communities at Marist College Ashgrove, Catholic College Sale, Galen Catholic College and Assumption College Kilmore, for helping turn this dream into a reality.



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MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

June - July Update

MYM NSW

Year 8 Game Changers Retreat Day

On Friday, 24 June, Year 8 'Game Changer' students from Parramatta Marist High School were warmly welcomed to St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill by their Year 8 Game Changer students. Strangers became good friends quickly as they took part in the group activities lead by the MYM team.

Discussions on the Le Rosey Track symbol, the Star of Bethlehem, highlighted to the students to trust in Jesus, as He is always looking out for them, especially when life gets tough! Like the star, Mary points us towards Jesus, and her life shows that we too can achieve great things if we follow her Son. After a great lunch, students met in school youth groups to discuss ways they can support and improve their own school communities! The MYM team look forward to hearing what initiatives worked well at both schools!



Year 8 students.



Inner west connect students.

Inner West Local Connect

The MYM team are grateful to Trinity Catholic College, Auburn, for graciously hosting the Inner West region's local Connect on Wednesday, 22 June. Senior students from St Greg's Campbelltown, Cerdon College Merrylands, St Patrick's Dundas, and Parramatta Marist joined with Trinity students to increase awareness of the 'abilities' that those with a disability have in order to give 'dignity to all'! Learning Auslan Sign Language was a great way for all students to work together and possibly to make a difference in the future, so that all they meet may feel 'known and loved'!

MYM VIC

On Thursday, 9 June, students from Marcellin College Bulleen, Catholic College Sale, Marist-Sion College Warragul, and Lavalla Catholic College gathered at Marist-Sion Warragul for our second Marist Connect Night for the year! The theme for the night was 'The Cry of the Earth', where students explored how the Cry of the Earth is inexplicably linked to the Cry of the Poor, and spoke about how we as humans need to transform our attitudes towards our common home.

There were many opportunities for students to connect with each other, enjoying some fun ice breaker games and mingling over a delicious dinner of pizza and fresh scones, and it was great to hear the buzz and chatter around the room when students spent time in discussion groups to talk about how as humans, we need to make small changes to contribute to a greater outcome. Thank you to the students who attended and brought such amazing energy to the night, and to their teachers for giving up their Thursday night to give the students the opportunity to connect, and lastly, thank you also to Marist-Sion Warragul for being wonderful hosts. We look forward to the next Connect Night!

