

MARIST ASSOCIATION NEWS

FOR MEMBERS OF THE MARIST ASSOCIATION OF ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT



Dear Marists



I write to advise that **Br Michael Green** will conclude his term as *National Director of Marist Schools Australia* and *Executive Director of Marist Ministries* in December 2016.

Michael was appointed jointly by the Provincials of the then Melbourne and Sydney Provinces in 2009, and charged with the establishment of a new national entity that was to oversee Marist schools in both Provinces. He reluctantly stepped away from school leadership to take on this important new role. Two years later, he was appointed as *Executive Director of Marist Ministries*; a position created to offer a coordinated approach to all institutional Marist works across the country. He has held both positions concurrently since that time. He was confirmed in both positions when the new Province of Australia was created in December 2012.

For the last seven years, Michael has given himself generously and wholeheartedly to the responsibilities with which he was entrusted. The fact that Marist Schools Australia, after a relatively short existence, has a strong identity, is well-known and respected in Catholic

education circles and is acknowledged beyond Australia, is due, not exclusively, but largely, to Michael's untiring work. We have been blessed to have someone of his extraordinary capacities in this position during the crucial stage of the establishment and early development of MSA.

Everything Michael undertakes he does so with professionalism, creativity and intelligence. He has that rare ability to deal effectively with multiple challenges simultaneously. We have witnessed this in the skillful way he has fulfilled his role as *National Director of MSA*, at the same time as carefully coordinating the various strands of Marist ministry and also offering the Mission and Association Councils highly competent service as executive officer.

We are indeed indebted to him.

However, it is now time for Michael to move to new fields. Next year he will enjoy some time of sabbatical. After that, he will continue his invaluable work in Marist history and spirituality. You would appreciate that he is recognised as one of our foremost authorities on these areas, as his volume on the *History of the Institute* attests. He is in great demand to work with various Provinces and groups and while maintaining his close connection to the Marist Association, will be available across the Marist world. He will also take on some new projects for the Province.

We need now to advertise Michael's position and ensure that his replacement can provide the high level leadership required to move MSA to the next stage of its development.



KATE FOGARTY

The Superior General, Br Emili, announced recently that **Kate Fogarty** has been appointed as **Co-Director** of the Institute's **Secretariat of the Laity**. She will be replacing Tony Clarke who has held the position for the last 6 years. Kate will attend her first meeting in October.

The role of the Co-directors is primarily to promote and support the development of lay Marist life and vocation, to encourage and support different expressions of community life and ways of living the charism for lay Marists, and to promote and accompany structures of animation of Marist life, for lay Marists and Brothers, at the Provincial and Regional level. The Co-directors meet with the Director twice each year and once with the Extended Secretariat members who represent the regions of the Institute.

As you know, Kate is the Principal of Assumption College Kilmore, and she has generously agreed to take on this added responsibility in spite of her already significant commitments.

Congratulations and thanks Kate!

Br Peter Carroll FMS



BROTHERS' JUBILEES



Brisbane | 26 June 2016

Sydney | 2 July 2016



Melbourne | 10 July 2016



Communities OUR CALL



The **Lavalla 200 Project** is an initiative of Marists globally as a mission impulse towards '*International communities for a new beginning*'. Three Brothers from the Province of Australia, **Br Michael Callinan**, **Br Justin Golding** and **Br Lawrie McCane** joined over 20 other Marists from across the world to participate in a formation program designed to prepare all volunteers for this new Project. **Br Jeffery Crowe**, recent Provincial of the Province of Australia, helped lead and facilitate the two month formation program. Subsequently, **Br Michael Callinan** has been asked to be a part of a community in **Agrigento, Sicily**; **Br Justin Golding** a community in **Tabatinga in the Amazon, Brazil**; and **Br Lawrie McCane** to the **Mt Druitt Community** in Western Sydney, which has become one of the new international communities for the Project. Br Lawrie will be joined by a married couple, **Rodrigo Gris Castro** and **Argelia Hernandez Mendoza**. The communities begin in September 2016.

Below is the 'Call' that was discerned by the participants of the Lavalla 200 Project at the conclusion of their two-month formation experience. Almost exactly 200 years since the Fourvière Pledge, the beginning of the Marist journey in 1816, the contemporary 'Call' below is worth reflection:

We live in a moment of change of epoch in history, a time of paradigm shift in our world, our Church, our way of being human, and, above all, our way of being Marist.

Like Mary at the annunciation, we are invited to see such change as the work of the Spirit.

As Marists following Champagnat, encouraged by new experiences of Marist life and mission by so many, we are responding to new realities, new needs: what is the Missio Dei in our world today?

We are moving beyond dreaming together for a new beginning, as we have done throughout the Institute in recent years in chapters and assemblies. It has been a "long" dawn but now there is daylight: a time for decisions!

We feel led by the Spirit, as perceived in the yearnings of individuals and the Institute. More than a strategic plan for a new future developed by ourselves, the **Lavalla200>** initiative is a prophetic response to the unexpected, dynamic action of the Spirit which brings hope, reconciliation and wholeness.

We believe that the Spirit is calling us to embrace a new way of sharing life in community: internationally, interculturally, with lay and brothers, with men and women, single and married, intergenerationally.

Our relationships are core to our mission and central to a new beginning for Marists.

We are beginning a new form of Christian life in the Church, living in communion with no sharp distinction

between Religious and Lay, but respectful of different vocations, mutually enriching, all co-responsible for the life of the community and called to a shared mission that expresses our common charism in fresh ways.

We experience the Spirit of God within ourselves, within one another, within all of life and creation.

We contemplate.

We cultivate silence.

We meditate on God's Word.

Our spirituality encompasses every moment of our lives: our love, our passions, our hopes and fears, our successes and failures, our choice to follow the lead of Jesus in his ministry to those excluded by society or religion.

Our apostolic engagement with and for vulnerable children and young people in their local context shapes our community and personal lifestyles. Respectful of the presence of the Spirit in all people, cultures and religions, we adopt a posture of dialogue – listening, empathising, understanding, collaborating, networking with all people of good will, praying together, sharing our faith stories.

We consciously seek to be the Marian face of the Church. We know we are imperfect as individuals and as communities, in our educational, pastoral and social work. Humbly, then, but with personal conviction, we commit ourselves to one another and to the vision of **Lavalla200>**.

It is worth the gift of our lives.

It is an annunciation moment for us and for all Marists: "*Do not be afraid. Nothing is impossible with God*".



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In Fiji, staff and students from the Marist Brothers Primary School in Suva continue to recover from the devastating impact of category-five Tropical Cyclone Winston, which hit the small island nation on 20 February.

The cyclone, which is recorded as the most powerful storm to hit the southern hemisphere, seriously damaged the roof of the school's Saint Columba building. It now leaks badly into two of the classrooms whenever it rains and causes cancellation to classes.

In the immediate aftermath of Cyclone Winston, teachers, students and their families collected food items, clothing and other essentials to help those in the country's hardest hit areas, including the school community of Saint Vincent's Primary School in Natovi.

At that time, the Marist school community in Suva did not realise the extent of damage on their own campus.

Options to repair the Saint Columba roof have been ruled out and the school is now seeking support from Marist networks in Australia to completely replace the leaking roof.

In addition to the damage, many students are suffering post-traumatic stress associated with the cyclone, which caused widespread flooding and severely damaged many homes. Now, every time it rains or

becomes windy, some students experience a sense of panic.

Cyclone damage is still widespread across Fiji and the government reports that 229 schools have been damaged or destroyed.

Just days after the cyclone, Australian Marist Solidarity responded to an urgent request for assistance from Saint Vincent's Primary School in Natovi to rebuild their school after it was almost entirely destroyed.

The good news is that thanks to the generous support of our Australian donors, we have been able to assist the community at Saint Vincent's to rebuild four classrooms and repair two others.

The Vincentian Fathers, who administer the school, inform us that four classrooms have been rebuilt, while another two have been repaired. All classes are now being held in permanent structures, which is a great relief to the teachers, students and their families.

As the recovery continues throughout Fiji, Marist Solidarity has committed to support the Marist Brothers Primary School in Suva and help them cover costs to replace the roof of the Saint Columba building. This will take place during the Christmas holidays to minimise further disruption to classes.

Please [donate](#) today and help us support our Fijian project partners' appeal to raise funds for the new roof and keep the doors to education open.

RAISING SUPPORT FOR A NEW ROOF AT MARIST SCHOOL IN FIJI

Kate Egerton | Community Relations



The entire roof of the Saint Columba building at the Marist Brothers Primary School in Suva needs to be replaced.



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Marist WYD Pilgrims head off for Lyon and Krakow

by Br Greg McDonald

On 12 July our Australian Marist World Youth Day pilgrims began their 3-week pilgrimage. Their first stop was Lyon where they celebrated the fourth International Gathering of Marist Youth, first begun in Sydney during WYD08. During this week-long gathering our Aussies will also visit the Marist sacred sites, facilitated by Neville Solomon, chaplain and tour guide.

Check out the website for the International Marist Gathering [here](http://www.lyon2016daretodream.com/index.php/en/).

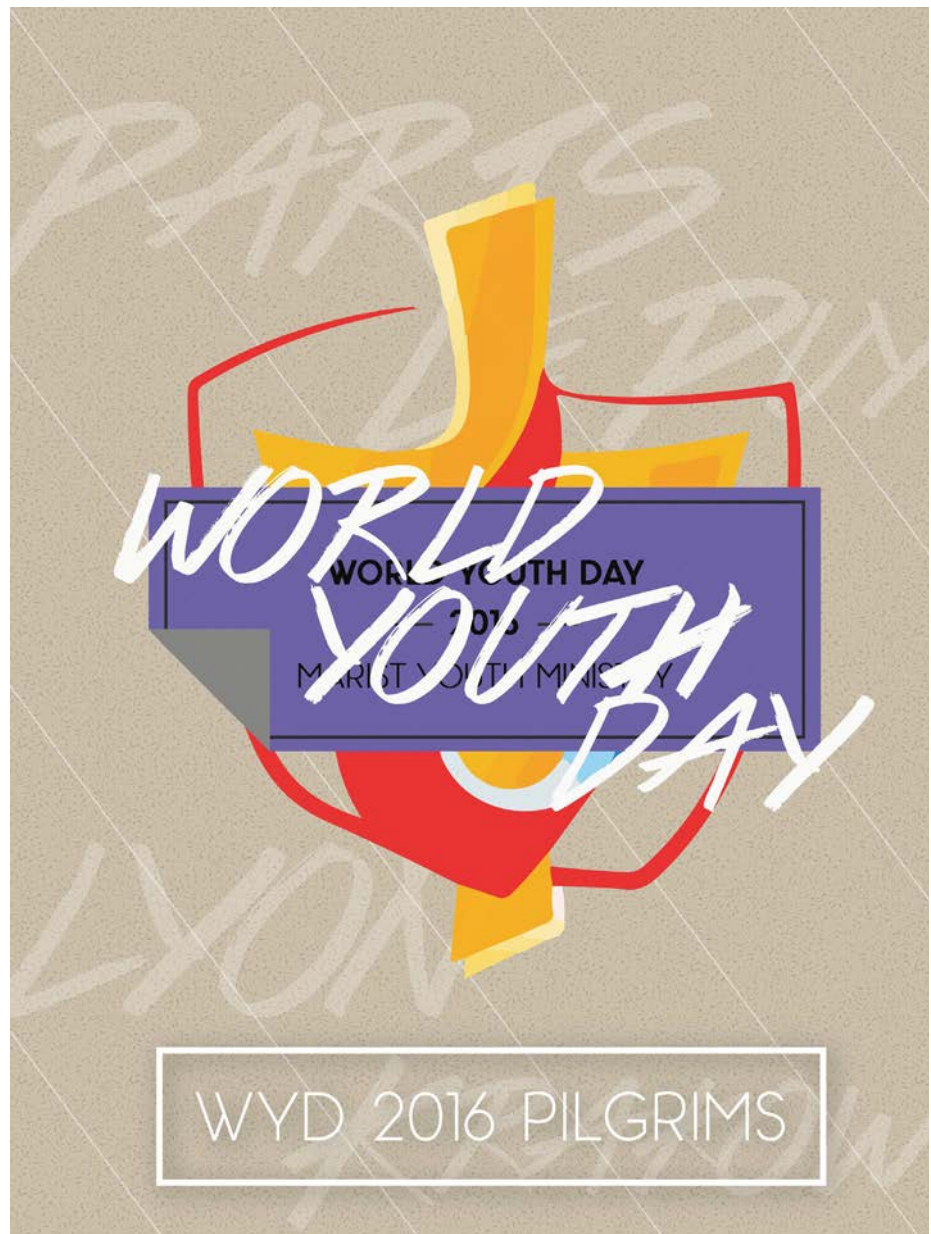
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You can also read about *who's who* in the pilgrim group by clicking on the **WYD 2016 Pilgrims** image to the right.

Then it's on to Krakow, Poland for WYD, where they will join with over a million young Catholics, together with Pope Francis and bishops from dioceses around the world. You can follow the live streaming of all major WYD events [here](http://www.xt3.com/live/):

On Sunday, 10 July our Marist pilgrims were commissioned during Mass at St Kevin's Parish, Eastwood, followed by a 'farewell' meal hosted by the Eastwood Brothers. During the meal, Brother Michael Green, Executive Director of Marist Ministries, gave a toast and wished the travellers well, on behalf of the Province and the Marist Association.

Many thanks to the Province and Marist Association Council for making funds available to help offset costs for the pilgrims. Please pray for our young Marists as they embark on a special time of celebration, faith and encounter with the Lord.



To view the Pilgrim profiles, click on the image above.



DECEASED

HELEN McLACHLAN
Institute Affiliate from Hamilton
Passed away 24 June aged 96.

FR MICK FITZPATRICK
brother of Br Majella Fitzpatrick
Passed away 28 June

SR GABRIEL FORSTER sm
Marist Sister
Passed away 1 July

FR KEITH SHEPHERD sm
Marist Father
Passed away 2 July

ANTHONY McCOMBIE
brother of Br Ian McCombie
Passed away 4 July

SR KAYE EVANS rsm
Vicar for Religious
(Archdiocese of Melbourne)
Passed away 4 July

CARLY POLLARD
daughter of Rob and Karen Lynch
Trinity Lismore

SICK

BR TOM MAHER
of the Ashgrove Community



Michael Galovic: Art that Transfigures

An exhibition at
All Saints' Anglican Church, Ambrose Street, Hunters Hill

Launch: August 4th @ 7:00pm – includes drinks and nibbles and a short lecture on “Iconography and Sacred Art” by Michael Galovic. Tickets \$20.00 each from Parish Office.

Exhibition Open: August 5th & 6th from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Exhibition Free.

All art works, books and postcards for sale.

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