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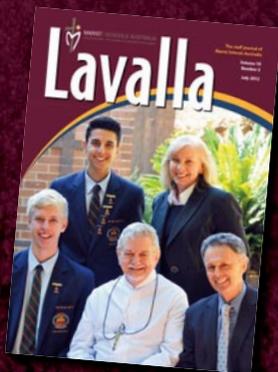
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Lavalla The name given to this magazine is taken from the village in France where St Marcellin Champagnat established the world's first Marist school in 1817.

There are now Marist schools in 80 countries.

Front Cover:
Marist College, Peshurst:
Back row: James El-Jalkh
(College Captain),
Carmelina Eusson
(Deputy Principal)
Front Row: Thomas
Kennedy (College Vice-
Captain), Brother Tony
Butler, Tony Duncan
(College Principal)



Editorial



Dear Brothers, Colleagues and Friends,

It is an unlikely thing to have lasted so long, our 'Marist project'. And to be growing yet.

This month we mark 196 years – 23 July 1816 – since twelve men, brimming with the certainty and daring that belong being young, formally pledged themselves to an endeavour for which they had chosen the name "Mari-ist". They had ideas and they had passion, and they intended that these would impact on all the dioceses of the world; that they would make a defining difference to the fractured state of the Church that they had inherited. Big plans indeed. None of them was yet thirty years of age; all of them came from peasant or small town backgrounds. None had been a brilliant student at the seminary. Unlikely.

But God specialises in the unlikely. He chose Mary and he chose Palestine. Unlikely writ large. Nazareth and Bethlehem are powerful metaphors for how God works. So also the Cenacle.

We are now two months into the "Year of Grace" to which we have been called by the Bishops of the Australian Church. As Marists, this Year of Grace has a special significance. Following our Founder, Saint Marcellin, we model ourselves on the woman who was "full of grace", on whom God's full favour rested. But Mary took some time to accept that: "How can this happen?" she asked the angel in Luke's annunciation narrative.

We are intuitively given to the same response. Who am I to "give birth to Christ-life" in my students, as our Marist purpose is described in *Water from the Rock?* Me, with all my doubts and short-comings and inconsistencies. That's all a bit unlikely, we may be tempted to think. But it's exactly what we are called to do. And, like Mary, we only have to believe and to trust that we are graced to do it. Grace – the undeserved but all-powerful gift of God within us – that is what matters. And it is likely to work best in the unlikely ones, those who know their absolute need of it.

The pages of this issue of *Lavalla* are again filled with examples of Christ-life coming to birth in young people, and its growth being nurtured in them. They are joyful and hopeful, they are just and compassionate, they are resilient and forgiving, they are growing in their faith and in their love. The students and staff who are depicted – and the thousands of others whom they represent – are being helped to do this in Marist schools around the country by ordinary people, perhaps people who see themselves as terribly unlikely agents of the Gospel.

We Marists like to see ourselves as down-to-earth and unpretentious. We have no truck with self-delusion or game-playing either in others or in ourselves. Simplicity we call it. Perhaps that's what has made the unlikely dream of 1816 continue to be realised so wonderfully. We allow God to be God.

Nisi Dominus

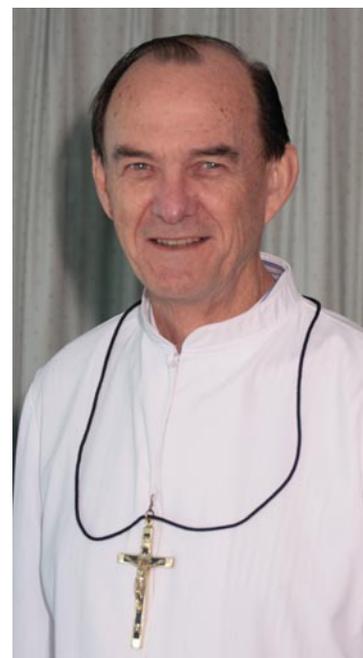
**Brother Michael Green FMS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR**

New Provincial

Congratulations to Br Jeffrey Crowe who has been appointed Provincial of the new Australian Province as from 8th December 2012.

Jeff has been the Provincial of the Sydney Province for the past five years. After his initial formation followed by tertiary studies, he was a member of the teaching staff at Marist College Pagewood and at Benedict College at Auburn. Jeff spent a number of years working in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands and he was then the District Superior for that region for six years. Following sabbatical leave he was the Vice-Provincial in Sydney prior to his election to the General Council at the 1993 General Chapter in Rome. On completion of this appointment Jeff worked in India and was then appointed Rector of the Marist Asia Pacific Centre prior to his appointment as Provincial of the Sydney Province in 2007.

Jeff has been heavily involved in the process leading to the formation of the new province in Australia and he brings a great deal of wisdom and experience with him as he takes on the leadership of the new province. Our prayers and support are with him.



Virtue Of Spirited Leadership

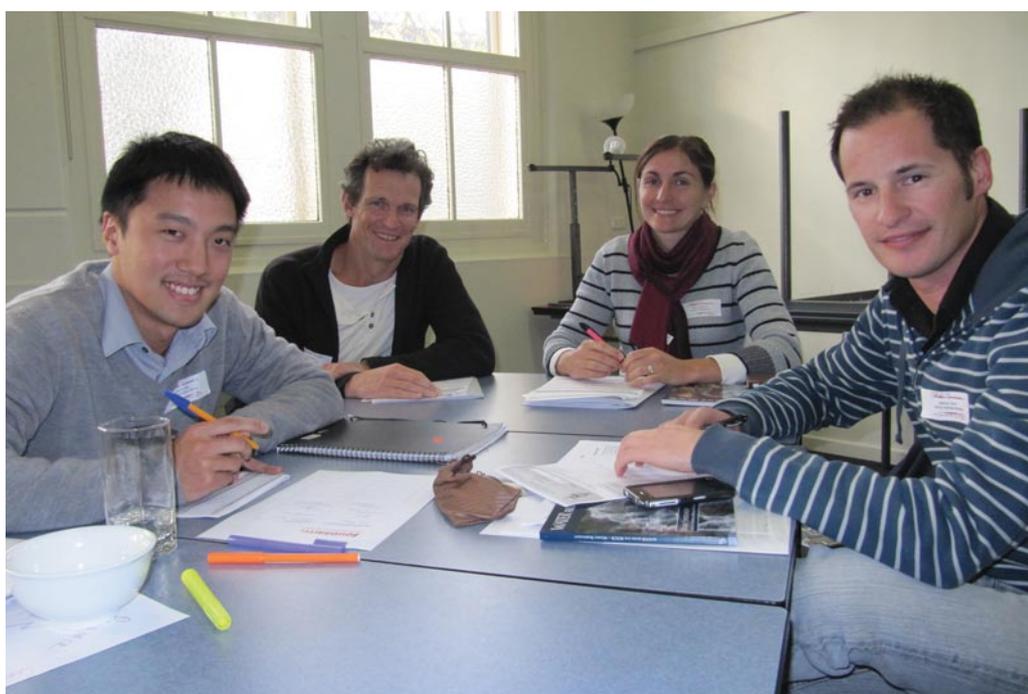
Piety is not a word in common vogue these days! Sergiovanni¹ has a different take on it where piety embodies showing loyalty, respect and affection such as is usually found among friends, comrades in arms, close colleagues at work, and other groups where caring and obligations characterize connections among people. It is a leadership virtue that requires or encourages people to look inward to their own narrow community affiliation. An important ingredient in building school communities but it can ask too much of us and demand undivided and unconditional loyalty. It requires tempering with the virtue of civility that draws us outward to embrace differences, encourages

tolerance, and enables the building of frameworks within which people can co-operate despite divergent views and interests.

Luke Getson (Bulleen) and Byron Chen (Traralgon), participants in the May Next Generation¹ Program, found their experience touched into these virtues as they gained insight into the ideology of Marist based education, the sense of support and requirements of leadership within Marist schools. They acknowledged the affirmation of support within the Marist structure as they came to more fully understand it. The ongoing formation of future leaders of these staff is critical to the mission! Sergiovanni says that 'effective school communities depend on the virtue of piety to provide a floor of

shared values and ideas that tie everyone together, provide security and support, and give the school a special identity that communicates its character and purposes.' Food for thought!

Mark Paul fms, MLF Team



¹ Thomas J Sergiovanni, *The Virtues of Leadership*. The Educational Forum. Vol 69. Winter 2005 pp.112-123

Marist Leaders Next Generation 1, May Programme: L-R: Byron Chen (Traralgon), Luke Getson (Bulleen), Sherie McKenzie (Sale), Tim Lee (Traralgon)

Marist College Eastwood Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The 75th Anniversary Mass was celebrated by Bishop Julian Porteus, Parish Priests, old boy Priests at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday June 17, 2012. In attendance was Dr. Dan White (Executive Director of Schools, CEO Sydney), Mr Frank Malloy (MSA Regional Director), Marist Brothers, Mr Greg Smith the Attorney General and member for Epping (Mr Smith's uncle was the founding Headmaster of the college, Br Leopold Smith) John Alexander (Member for Bennelong) Mr Victor Dominello (Member for Ryde and an old boy of the college), past Principals, old boys, parents, friends, staff and students.

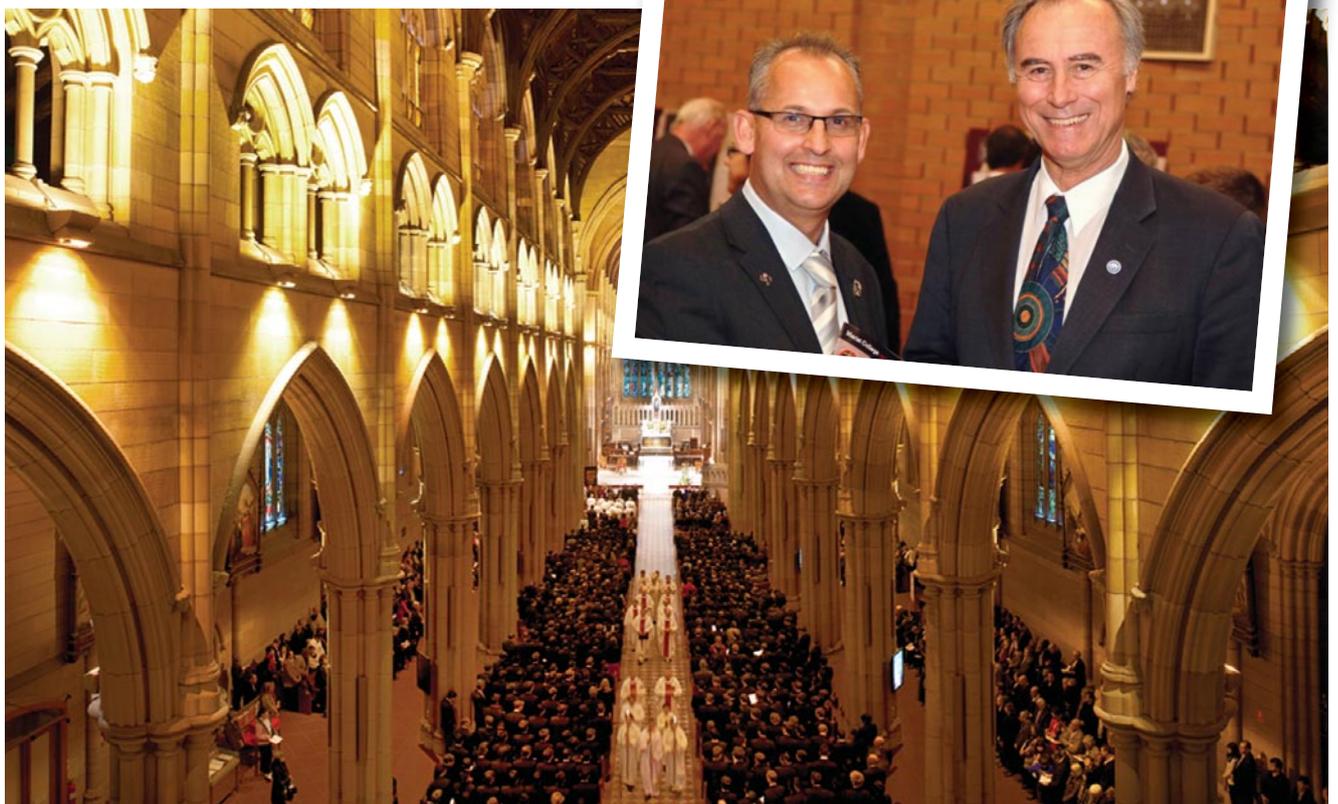
On February 2, 1937, Brother Leopold Smith and three other Marist Brothers - Ervan McDonough, Loyola Sullivan and Kenneth Harris – on the invitation of Fr Cusack the parish priests came to Eastwood and opened St Kevin's Boys School, with 107 students commencing on the first day. The very first student enrolled in the College in 1937 was in attendance today concelebrating this Mass, Fr. Jim Maloney. Classes ranged from third class in the primary to fifth year (the Leaving Certificate) in the secondary and by December of that year the number had reached 138, requiring the original building to be further extended.

During the 1940's and 50's under the leadership of Br Peter Carrick, Br Thomas Doolan, Br Terrence Mullany, and Br Aelred Wilson, the school developed an outstanding reputation for

academic and sporting excellence. Sadly, during this time the College had to also remember a number of ex students who lost their lives during World War 11.

Br Gildas Goodwin took over as Headmaster in 1960 and he fostered the development of a strong school identity, which was built on by succeeding headmasters. The Wyndham Reforms of the 1960s added a sixth year to secondary schooling, with the result that by 1970 there were more than 900 boys being educated at the school. In 1971, the Fr Peter Ryan Memorial Library opened as a state-of-the-art facility along with the Br Leopold wing (now known as E block) incorporating new Science laboratories.

During the 1970's, there was a growth in multiculturalism and this was reflected in the school population. During this period, numerous extra curricular activities were incorporated into the school program, such as a radio club and the formation of the Marist Singers. These young singers gained a wonderful reputation not only for singing but for their contribution to Australian culture. The pinnacle of this success was being asked to sing the opening credit to the Pat Lovell film, "Break of Day" in 1976.



Over the years the College has undergone a number of name changes from the original St Kevin's Boys School to Marist Brothers' College, and later, in the 1960s Marist Brothers' High School. On April 2 1993, the name of the school was changed to Marist College Eastwood. Along with the name changes, came a change in governance. During this period of the school moved from the Marist Brothers to the Catholic Education Office and in line with the Archdiocesan policy, the parish took over the education of primary school students in the mid 1980's and the school was established as a 7-12 school for boys.

Another significant development was the changeover from religious to lay teachers and administration, at the same time the increased financial support from government provided Catholic families with "choice", something we must never take for granted. The College's first lay Principal Mr Dennis Haberman was appointed in 1987, since that time the College has been under lay leadership. Importantly, our lay leaders and teachers have been instrumental in "making Jesus known and loved" just as Marcellin had dreamed so many years before. Over many years, the College has had a reputation of attracting outstanding and committed brothers and teachers and this continues today.

From its humble beginning almost 75 years ago in the original four room building, the college has grown considerably and is a now a modern contemporary learning centre with a growing enrolment of over 750 students. The college community is waiting in great anticipation of the next major development, "The Montagne Centre" due for completion in 2013.

During those 75 years or so, over 5,000 boys have been educated by the college. The College has produced men of outstanding character who have gone on to join the priesthood and the brothers. Further to this we have had boys excel in sport, the arts, politics, and academia. Many of these men are now pillars of our society and testament to the distinctively Catholic education in the tradition of the Marist Brothers. As we reflect on the past 75 years, let us not forget our College motto, "Respice Finem" Look to the Future. It is a future full of hope, a future that each boy sitting here today will carve out and as I have mentioned to the boys before, when we regather in 2037, to celebrate our 100th anniversary, I hope that we will be highlighting the outstanding achievements of this current group of brilliant young Marist men, men who like Champagnat, have strong minds and gentle hearts.

The celebrations will continue this year with an Old Boys Reunion Dinner:

Where: State Sports Centre
(Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park)
When: 25th August 2012 at 7pm
Attire: Formal/Lounge Suit
Tickets: \$75
RSVP: 4th August 2012 to oldboys@mce.nsw.edu.au
or contact Robert Reilly (Secretary) on 9858 1644

All profits made from the 75th Anniversary Dinner will go directly to the College Bursary Fund. Each year, the Old Boys Association makes a cash donation to the College which provides financial assistance to disadvantaged students at the College. The donation is made on the confidential advice of the Principal.

Seabird opens up for Young Marists to gather

This year as seen the establishment of a new home for our Sydney based Young Marists community. Once a fortnight on Sunday evening, Brs Darren Burge, David Hall and Tony Leon open the doors to Seabird, their home in Randwick, to provide a home for the Young Marists to gather.



Each week we begin downstairs, for a time of prayer and reflection. Together we reflect on and break open the Sunday Readings, using videos, music, silence and, of course, whole-hearted sharing. After our time of prayer has concluded, we move upstairs for a home cooked meal and some time of table fellowship.

This practice was expanded on Holy Thursday, as we shared the Eucharist together and washed each other's feet. Seabird has also been used as a venue for outreach briefings, for things such as Immersion Experiences and the Vinnies Night Patrol van.

Liam Duncan, who works as part of the Young Marist Ministry team, said, "It's been wonderful to watch this community grow so organically. To see such a strong presence of spirit and humour, so willing to gather together, so willing to share in each other's journey."

Marist College Penshurst

Marist College Penshurst is one of the best kept secrets in the Marist network. Currently a Years 7 to 10 school in the southern suburbs of Sydney, it was founded in 1953 as a Primary and Intermediate Certificate school. The school went to School Certificate standard in 1965 and in 1993 the school saw the last of its Primary classes. Since then the school has been a Junior High School and has functioned very successfully as such. But that is about to change.



Year 10 Student Leaders. Back: Thomas Kennedy, Damon Apter. Front: Liam Walz, Arthur Stathopoulos, Aaron Merlino, Christopher Williams, Mark Loga, Lachlan Cheney, Christopher Rogerson, James El-JaLkh, Brad Daley, Danesh Wadhwana, Adrian Galanis.

While for many years, Penshurst Marist has occupied a very warm spot in the affections of the local people, there has been an increasing concern that the boys finish their schooling here at Year 10 and then are obliged to continue their studies at another school. With the demise of the School Certificate and strong local support, the future of the school is about to change. 2012 sees the beginning of a consultation about where to from here. Will the school continue as is, will it become a 7-12 boys only school or will it become a 7-12 coeducational school? A widely based and thorough consultation is well under way and a decision is promised for Term Three 2012. There seems to be considerable support for the 7-12 options – which way the decision finally goes will soon become clear.

Penshurst Marist has always enjoyed considerable success in both the academic and the sporting fields. Our School Certificate and NAPLAN results have been more than sound and we punch above our weight in several sports, including cricket, rugby league and soccer. But if there is one feature of the school which stands out, it is its family spirit: it has been there from the start and has not diminished with the passing of the year and the many changes the school has seen. The school is now under the direction of the Sydney CEO; it is staffed entirely by lay teachers,

though one Marist Brother works at the school; there is less obvious parental involvement; teaching styles are different – black boards became white boards became smart boards; computers replaced slates (!); typing has replaced handwriting. And during School Masses these adolescent boys lift the roof with their singing. With all these changes the family spirit, such a key element of the Marist charism, is as strong as ever.

Our numbers are 520 – the best they have been for some years, which augurs well for the future of the school.

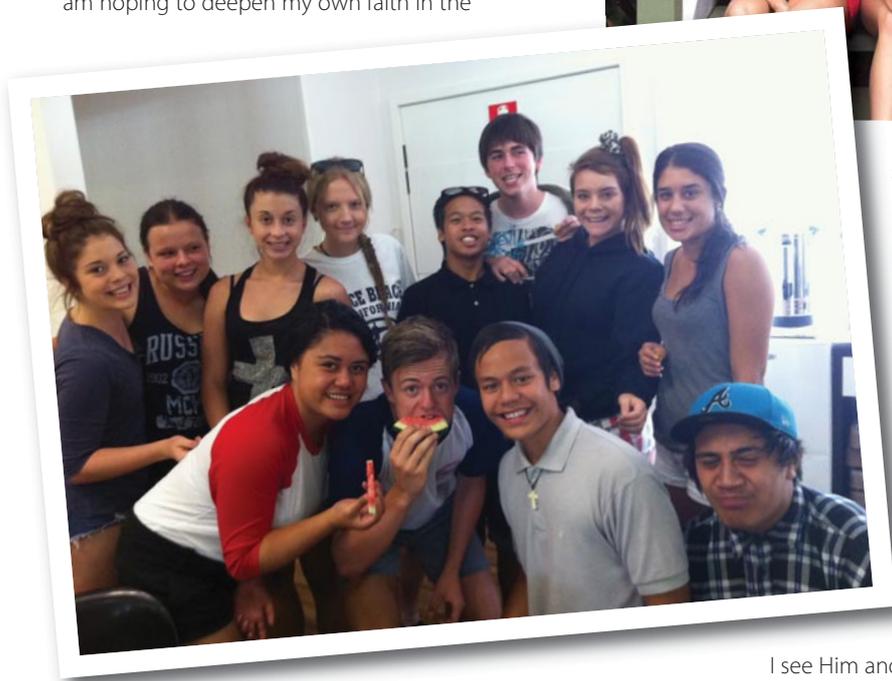


New Teachers: Anthony Munro, Declan Donohue, Carmelina Eusson, Lisa Eljed, Amanda Fournaris.

Opportunities at REMAR

It is well known that Remar provides opportunities for growth – it challenges students through the four focus areas of community, personal development, faith development, ministry and service. What is lesser known however, is the challenge and opportunities offered to the staff who generously say “yes” to leading a Remar group.

At the beginning of the journey, all staff are brought together for a New Helm Inservice. When asked why they have said yes to Remar, the inevitable answer is “I have seen the power of the program in my school and I want to be a part of that.” When asked what they hope to get out of being a Remar Helmsperson, answers range but typically include “I want to lead our students in a positive manner and I am hoping to deepen my own faith in the



process”. When asked what they think they have actually said yes to, the inevitable answer is “I am not really sure”. I am reminded of Peter’s leap of faith out of the boat when called by Jesus, and am in awe of the trust these staff place in the program.

Throughout the journey, staff are inserviced about a range of topics including the story of Marcellin Champagnat, Marist spirituality, the spirituality of young people today and being a Lay Marist. They form part of a supportive ‘Helm’ community experiencing and sharing similar challenges, frustrations,

successes and growth. What is most inspiring is being able to witness the way in which our loving God moves within the lives of both our students, and staff.

Below are comments from staff who participated in the recent Blue Retreat programs:

“I feel like I am now in more of a right relationship with God. I have been harbouring quite a bit of anger and disappointment and was able to start working on these.”

“This retreat helped me to re-evaluate my relationship with Christ, how I am living my life and my ideas about God, who He is to me, how I see Him and how He sees me.”

“This retreat has continued my faith journey and challenged me to look at where I am. The challenge of walking the talk of being Christ’s disciples was another aspect that challenged me.”

“My faith is always challenged and strengthened when I take time to focus on my relationship with God and through that, my relationship with others. I have had a whole weekend to do so.”

“I have reconciled myself with God, that’s a pretty good start.”

Simone Boyd

Marist Youth Evangelisation Conference

Against the gospel backdrop of the Emmaus story, over sixty Marist school Campus and Youth Ministers, Religious Education Co-ordinators, Directors of Mission and young adults connected with Marist schools, gathered at The Hermitage, Mittagong for three days of inspiration, intellectual challenge and sharing of wisdom around the theme of the evangelisation of young people.

Keynote addresses were expertly delivered by Fr Anthony Casamento CSMA (Director of Identity and Mission at Australian Catholic University), Br Mark O'Connor FMS (Director of the Office of Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Melbourne) and Mr Daniel Ang (Pastoral Planning Team, Diocese of Parramatta), and participants engaged readily with the speakers in lively dialogue. Br João do Prado FMS (Marist Brothers International Mission Secretariat, Rome) brought a world perspective to the call to evangelise young people as well as introducing conference participants to the new Marist Youth Ministry document *Evangelisers in the Midst of Youth* (available at www.champagnat.org).

As conference organiser, I was delighted with the broad range of expertise and tangible dynamism within the group that gathered, but even more so by the enthusiasm they displayed in committing to renewing their energy and efforts in the evangelisation of the young people with whom they work.

L-R: Br João Do Prado, Joe McDonald, Matthew Elias, Cassandra Schumacher, Mark Elias and Liam Duncan



As part of the conference outcomes, each participant has had a conversation with their school principal based on material personally developed at the conference. Whilst a number of people within our school communities are already working creatively and purposefully in the area of youth evangelisation, it might be time for a fresh school-wide approach with the trialling of even more effective strategies.

The engagement of young people at the conference was commented on very positively, not least by the young people themselves. It was a unique opportunity for staff ministering in schools to have a range of young people to tell them candidly what works and what doesn't in terms of their faith journey being encouraged, but to have these same young people participate in their own theological formation with more experienced Catholics brought real substance to the conference.

Our emerging Marist Province of Australia looks forward to supporting and encouraging local evangelisation initiatives across the country and engaging with parishes and dioceses to promote a Catholic way of living in the world and making Jesus Christ known and loved.

Br Michael Callinan
Marist Mission and Life Formation Team

Participants:

Mena McLean (Marist College Ashgrove QLD); Maree Banjavcic (Trinity Catholic College, Auburn NSW); Nancy Rodgers (Trinity College Beenleigh QLD); Maria O'Donnell (Catholic College Bendigo VIC); Christian Nobleza (Young Marists, Brisbane QLD); Benjamin Frize (Marcellin College Bulleen VIC); Michael Lindsay (St Augustine's College, Cairns QLD); Erica Drewsen (Marist College Canberra ACT); Cathie Clarke (St Gregory's College, Campbelltown NSW); Shane Weekes (St Mary's Catholic College, Casino NSW); David Foong (Marist College Eastwood NSW); Colette Curtis (Marist College Emerald QLD); Ashley Higgins (Marist Brothers, Fitzroy VIC); Therese Glasheen (Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes NSW); Melissa Asquith (St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton NSW); Bruce Carr (St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill NSW); Terry Cooney (Assumption College Kilmore VIC); Emiliene O'Laco (Marist College Kogarah



L-R: Leonie Flynn, Cathie Clarke, Kirralee Harris



(Assumption College Kilmore VIC); Emiliene O'Laco (Marist College Kogarah

NSW); Janice Drew (St Francis de Sales Regional College, Leeton NSW); Paul Harris (The John Berne School, Lewisham NSW); Br Justin Golding and Clare Axman (Trinity Catholic College Lismore NSW); Ryan Gato (ASC-St Peter's Campus, Maitland NSW); Corey Tavella (Sacred Heart College Middle School, Mitchell Park SA); Derek Worden (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton QLD); Br Terry Costello (Marist Brothers, New Zealand); Aaron Heffernan (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville QLD); Dilan Carestia (Marist College Pagewood NSW); Alicia Doueihy (Parramatta Marist High School NSW); Declan Donohue (Marist College Penshurst NSW); Janelle Doohan (Mt Maria College Petrie QLD); Peter Woodhouse (Newman College, Perth WA); Ian Laing (Marcellin College Randwick NSW); Geraldine Swindells (St Peter Claver

College, Riverview QLD); Leonie Flynn (John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow NSW); Kirralee Harris (Catholic College Sale VIC); Mike Hansen (Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon VIC); Bridget Ashton (Mt Carmel High School, Varroville NSW); Br Rod Thomson (Marist Vocations Ministry); Br Patrick Connell (Marist Vocations Team); Jim Samon (Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta VIC); Robyn Rebbechi (Marist-Sion College, Warragul VIC)

Team

Br Michael Callinan, Tony Clarke, Br Michael Akers (Mission and Life Formation Team); Marian McKinley (Marist College North Shore NSW); James Mazzolini (Marist-Sion College, Warragul VIC); Mario Frazzetto (Marist Young Adult Ministry); Cassandra Schumacher (Sacred Heart

Senior College, Somerton Park SA); Simone Boyd, Jack Stammers, Christopher Walsh, Cassie Gawley, Gabi Fulton, Alyce Forrest (Remar Australia Ministry Team); Br Michael Green, Frank Malloy, Peter McNamara, Paul Herrick (Marist Schools Australia); Br João Do Prado (Director of Mission Secretariat, Rome)

Guest speakers/presenters

Fr Anthony Casamento (Director of Identity and Mission, ACU); Br Mark O'Connor (Director of Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Melbourne); Daniel Ang (Pastoral Planning Team, Diocese of Parramatta NSW); Liam Duncan (Marist Young Adult Ministry); Joe McDonald (Young Marist); Mark Elias (Year 12 Parramatta Marist High School); Matthew Elias (Year 12 Parramatta Marist High School)

Marist Pilgrimage

In April, 38 pilgrims from across the country completed the Champagnat Pilgrimage for 2012. The pilgrimage this year covered the Marist places in Paris, Champagnat country in the south of France, a visit to the General House and a Papal Audience in Rome and visits to Marist works in Nairobi, Kenya and a number of schools in the countryside in Rwanda. Travelling between so many places in such a short time was a gruelling way to experience the rhythms of being on the road and a stark contrast to the pilgrims we encountered at Le Puy armed with walking staff and backpack on the Camino route to Santiago.

Br Neville Solomon guided our pilgrims through the French Revolution and its impact on the social, political and cultural milieu of the time into which Marcellin was born. His input as we travelled the Champagnat Route from Lyon to Lavalla to Marhles to Le Puy was enriching.

Standing in the freezing weather at the site of the Donnet farm was a stark reminder of just how cold it must have been when Marcellin and Stanislaus were lost in the snow! Spending time at the Hermitage was



L-R: Rosemary Moten, John Geary, Terry Cooney, Tim Kelly, Joe Panuzzo

Top Row L-R: Tony McDonnell, Peter McCabe, Tim Kenny, Stephen Chapman, Peter Houlihan, Chris Randell, Peter White, Br Mark Needham, Paul Burg, Mark Brooks, Mark Ashmore.

Middle Row L-R: Peter McCabe, Chris McCabe, Annette Chapman, Trevor Freeman, Br Tony Caddy, Marco Di Cesare, Br Robert Hayes, Tracey Dorian, Br Tony Boyd, Mons Peter Jeffrey, John Geary, Tim Kelly, Jennifer Ashmore, Br Neville Solomon

Front Row L-R: Brian Fenaughty, Carole Wark, Marie Dorrington, Sophie Fenaughty, Br Adrian Story, Terry Cooney, Peter Hawes, Jenifer Hawes, Rosemary Moten, Magdy Habib, Jen Callanan, Giselle Talbot

a blessing with the warm welcome given to us from the community and the added good company of some ex-students from Ashgrove and Bendigo who had joined us there for the Easter celebrations.

Our time in Rome was frenzied though the visit to the General House and dinner, or supper as it's called in Europe, with Brs Emili Turu, Joe McKee and Michael De Waas and others in the house was another

experience of warm welcome and Marist hospitality. Br Emili spent some time with us challenging us about how we are to be the Marian face of the Church in our places. Plenty to think about now that we are home!

For all of us, one of the highlights of our journey together was the time we spent in Africa. In Kenya we were once again welcomed warmly as the only large Marist group who had ever come to Africa. We planted trees at the Marist International Centre in Nairobi in a very moving tribute to the recently deceased Br Charles Howard who had been so instrumental in encouraging Marist mission in Africa. And we danced and sang our way through a vibrant and meaningful mass with the students and staff of the Centre.

In Rwanda we were blown away by the dedication of the Brothers and Lay Marists who were back at school in the holidays tutoring kids for their upcoming national exams. We were enchanted by the friendliness and passion of the students for their work and their country which has much healing still to take place as a result of their recent history. We were humbled by the beauty of the country and the simplicity of life there and we were glad to be reminded of the challenges of daily shortfalls in water and electricity and, for us, the very different take on security in the country.

We are very grateful to all of the communities who so generously welcomed us into their places and gave to us an experience of 'being at home'.

Carole Wark, Pilgrimage Leadership Team

Being Marist Conference

21-23 March 2012 – Marcellin College Bulleen



Participants: Lesley, Moran, Carolyn Ingold (Marist College Canberra); Julie, Stewart, Karen Kissick (St Gregory's College Campbelltown); Jennifer Grogan, Wendy Sharkey (Red Bend Catholic College Forbes); Lorraine Urch (Marist College North Shore); Monique Ferrier, Catherine Riordan (St Joseph's College Hunters Hill); Suzette Mackney, Karen James (Trinity Catholic College Lismore); Patricia Mooney (Mt Carmel High School Varroville); Sharon Levey, Kathleen Adamson (St Teresa's Catholic College Noosaville); Dianne Davies, Sue Parkes (Mt Maria College Mitchelton); Jo-Anne Hatch (Marist College Emerald); Tracey Smith, Maxine Connah (St Peter Claver

College, Riverview); Alison Barlow, Cleonne Spurling (Marist College Ashgrove); Jo York, Ellie Moffatt (St Thomas More Primary, Sunshine Beach); Jessica Caruana, Genevieve Hurley, Julie Hext (Sacred Heart Senior Somerton Park); Linda Van Der Staay (Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon); Trish Greenwood, Jayne Holland (Catholic College Sale); Tess Barnard (Galen Catholic College Wangaratta); Trish Martin, Loretta Hanns, Carmel Smith (Catholic College Bendigo); Carly Whatley, Natalie Webb (Marcellin College Bulleen); Julie Maher, Jan Robertson (Newman College Churchlands); Darren McGregor (Catholic College Bendigo); Br Mark Paul (Mission & Life Formation Team).

Footsteps2 – Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved

20-23 May 2012 – The Hermitage, Mittagong NSW

Participants: Brendan Kiernan, James Metzeling (Marist College Ashgrove QLD); Phil Cooper, Sharon Parsons (Trinity College Beenleigh QLD); Erin Gamble, Rana Brogan, Gail Coates (Marcellin College Bulleen VIC); David Moore, Megan Finnigan (Marist College Canberra ACT); Louise Charker (Marist College Emerald QLD); Kerry Maher, Matthew Capp (Mt Maria College Enoggera/Mitchelton QLD); Joanne Cabban, Ruth Mendham (Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes NSW); Mark Fenech (St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill NSW); Debra Withnall (Good Counsel College, Innisfail QLD);



*Sandra Scott, Susan Draysey, (The John Berne School, Lewisham NSW); Nick Wall, Jenny Thomas (All Saint's College – St Peter's Campus, Maitland NSW); John Pollard (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville QLD); Ann McGovern (Marist College North Shore NSW); Jenny Dove, Stephen Davidson (Marcellin College Randwick NSW); James Grant (Sacred Heart Senior College, Somerton Park, SA); Julie Ziakas, Liza Fitzpatrick (St Thomas More Primary School, Sunshine Beach QLD)
Team: Br Michael Akers; Br Michael Callinan; Br Mark Paul; Br Michael Flanagan; Carmel Luck, Paul Herrick, Br Kevin Blyth*

Lavalla Catholic College

Our Champagnat Mass this year was special in that it marked 10 years of Lavalla Catholic College. The College was born of the amalgamation of Catholic Regional College Traralgon and Presentation Regional College.

We were honoured to have Bishop Christopher Prowse celebrate Mass for the students, staff and guests who joined us on the day. Representatives from the Marist Brothers; Brothers: Rod, Mark, Paul and Doug were welcome visitors, as well as Mr Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Education, Sale. College Council Chairperson, Kathleen Roberts along with past Champagnat medal recipients: Nicole Xerub, Andrew Ware and Alex Bermingham also took time to attend our special day. These three spoke of the importance of the College in their lives and how significant it was for them to be medal recipients.

As usual the Mass was beautifully crafted by liturgist Mike Hansen. Gerard English once again acted as Master of Ceremonies. A group of students performed a liturgical dance and our wonderful liturgical choir added to the prayerfulness of the occasion. Bishop Prowse spoke to the students about emulating Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta, by saying "yes" to Jesus and making a life commitment to their faith.



who have demonstrated Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts. These are people who are genuine and straightforward, who say what they believe, and show that they believe what they say. There is a simplicity and honesty in their lives.

This year's winners were:

- Yr 7 Dylan Sibly, Caitlin Mihaly, Peter Sung
- Yr 8 Emily Grumley, Jack Law, Mersina Gelagotis
- Yr 9 Zach Neilson, Quinn Scott
- Yr 10 Matthew James, Sophie Membrey
- Yr 11 Damon Bednarski, Teneille Hecker
- Yr 12 Domenic Germano, Mikaela Ryan

In recent years students have taken the initiative of nominating staff members to receive Champagnat medals, this year the proud staff recipients were:

Claire Couling, Marco DiCesare

At the end of the Mass, family and friends of the medal winners were invited to the ISC at St Paul's for morning tea. Unfortunately, given this week's weather, which brought floods to our area, the outdoor celebratory activities planned for the day had to be postponed.



Marco DiCesare, Campus Director of Kildare, shared some photographs and spoke of his recent Marist pilgrimage. In his address he made reference to Br Mark Paul, his former teacher at Redden College, and the impact that Marists such as Br Mark Paul had on his life. He told the students of visiting the Hermitage, Rome and Rwanda and the welcome that he had received from members of the Marist family. The students were left with a clear sense that they belong to the wider Marist community which would be celebrating Champagnat Day in sites all over the world.

At the conclusion of the Mass, our past Champagnat medal winners took to the podium and explained to that the Champagnat Medals are awarded to students and staff



Taking the Marist spirit of service

Hard manual labour, no showers, altitude sickness and temperatures diving below minus 25°C isn't most people's idea of a summer holiday. But for an adventure-seeking group from St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

In January, as many Australians headed for the beach to make the most of the summer break, a group of 23 students, teachers and parents packed their winter thermals and readied themselves to take part in a unique community service trip to Nepal. During the three-week trip the group experienced the sights and sounds of chaotic Kathmandu, worked at a small community school in the village of Ghat and made the tough trek to Mt Everest Base Camp.

Organiser of the trip, teacher Mr Fergus Stewart, said the group faced many different challenges on the journey. "At times it was confronting, physically exhausting and very cold," he said. "We were often at the mercy of the extreme weather conditions, which led to part of our group having to be



helicoptered off the mountain because the plane couldn't take off. However along with the challenges, which were unforgettable in themselves, we also had the privilege of experiencing the warm hospitality of the Nepalese people and their beautiful culture while trekking through some of the most spectacular scenery on the planet."

After spending the first few days in Kathmandu the group flew to Lulka, a Himalayan village situated 2,800 metres above sea level. The Lulka airport is considered one of the most dangerous in the world – with a short landing strip of only 460 metres built on a 30 degree angle it made for a nail-biting arrival.

The next port of call was the village of Ghat, where the group participated in a two-day community service project at the

local school. This was a true expression of the Marist mission of service and education for the poor and marginalised. The work, which included sanding and painting shelves, doors, desks and window frames, was made more difficult by the high altitude, but the Joeys group took great delight in working alongside the villagers.

Year 11 student Simon Jones said he felt honoured to help the village children in their pursuit of an education. "The thing that touched me the most was that all the children from this school wanted to help us; every single child pitched in to help sand down a desk or a door. The fact that these children came back to school in their school holidays demonstrated to me just how much they care for their school and their education."

At the conclusion of the work the Ghat community held a celebration to thank the Joeys group and entertained them with an afternoon of traditional Nepalese singing and dancing. The joyous mood of the locals was infectious and before long all the Joeys boys, parents and teachers were up singing and dancing with the locals.

Trekking to Everest Base Camp was a tiring and unforgettable experience. During the early part of the journey, the group traversed beautiful pine forests along the Dudh Koshi River, crossing a number of high suspension bridges and passing many beautiful Mani walls or prayer walls – striking structures made up of intricately carved stone tablets.

The trek to Namchee Bazaar was one of the most difficult trekking days as the walk was very steep and relentless and covered in ice. All members of the group were very pleased to arrive at their lodging, and even more relieved about the two-night stay that would allow their bodies to acclimatise to the altitude.

From Namchee Bazar the Joeys travellers braved bitterly cold conditions to trek to Thyangbouche, the site of the world's highest monastery, where they were treated to a breathtaking view. They then headed down to Deboche to make camp for the night.

Dingboche, situated at an altitude of 4,530 metres was the next destination. A photographers' dream it sits at the foot of Ama Dablam which many describe as the most picturesque mountain in the Khumbu region. By this stage temperatures were dropping rapidly and the travellers were waking up to

to Nepal



find many of their supplies, including toothpaste, sunscreen and wet wipes, had frozen solid overnight. To combat this, each of them began sleeping with these things each night, making for a very strange assortment of items in their sleeping bags.

The final section of trekking to reach Base Camp was tough, with harsh winds that were bitterly cold. The last day comprised around six hours of walking through glaciers in gale force winds with a wind chill factor of minus 30 degrees. It was with a great sense of satisfaction and achievement that the exhausted group arrived at Base Camp having conquered the mountain in such extreme conditions. However there was no time for rest and the following day the trekkers climbed the highest mountain on the journey, Kala Pattar at 5,550m. The ascent was very steep and, when combined with the altitude which meant there was only half the amount of oxygen as at sea level, all members of the group were constantly stopping to catch their breath. The reward for their efforts was a stunning view of the Himalaya mountains soaring more than 6,000 metres high, with majestic Mount Everest towering above them.

"Even from a distance, Everest seemed to dwarf its surroundings," said Year 10 student Nicholas Dunn. "The mountain has an aura around it that even the most majestic of the others lacked."

Teacher, Mrs Linda Roden, said reaching the summit was an awe-inspiring moment. "We sat on Kala Patthar summit rocks with our eyes taking in the awesome view of the Himalayas, and realised that we were looking at something that only a few people would ever see in their lifetime."

However, despite reaching their ultimate destination, the hard work and drama had not finished for the Joeys travellers. Their

hopes of soon re-discovering creature comforts such as warm showers, western toilets and electricity were dashed by harsh weather which delayed their flights back to Kathmandu, forcing the group to stay an extra night in Lukla. Extreme fog the following day didn't look promising, but finally the first small plane, containing 15 of the Joeys group, was cleared for take off – a take off that proved to be a lurching, bumpy and all round terrifying experience! Unfortunately not long after the first group's departure the weather closed in again, shutting the airport and leaving the remaining eight members of the group stranded at Lukla for another two days. In the end, the eight remaining Joeys trekkers were treated to another adventure when they had to be flown off the mountain in a helicopter.

On his return to Australia, Year 10 student Nicholas Garrick said the Nepal experience was one he will never forget. "The expedition was, and will always be, the greatest experience of my life. Being surrounded by giant mountains, clear blue skies and the fresh air was something not many will ever come across, and was something I will cherish forever," he said.

"Helping out the Ghat community was one of the highlights of the trip. Working with the school to create a better environment for the children was something our whole group enjoyed as it put smiles on the faces of all the villagers."

Year 10 student Johnathon Chow agreed. "Nepal was a great experience and one that I will never forget. One highlight was the feeling of accomplishment I got when I made it to Base Camp – it felt great to know that I had accomplished what I had set out to do. Another highlight was the community project at Ghat – knowing our work was helping others less fortunate than ourselves was one of the best experiences of my life so far."

Year 9 Gender Week

This year the first week of March was declared Gender Week for the Year 9 students at Trinity Catholic College Lismore.

During the first part of the week the girls participated in a 3 day adventure camp. The activities on the camp involved extensive hiking with heavy backpacks, abseiling, canoeing, tree climbing, mountain bike riding, cooking and pitching tents. It rained almost continually and it is a great credit to the girls that they survived the conditions and still came back to the College with smiles on their faces. The last two days were devoted to Gender activities. On the Thursday the girls celebrated International Women's Day. Each girl came to the College with a significant female adult and together they shared a sit down lunch and listened to a variety of guest speakers. The following day was a spirituality day focused on gender and the girls were joined by the Year 12 female leaders who led and worked with the girls on various activities.

Meanwhile the boys had their spirituality day on the Monday and this time our Year 12 male student leaders played instrumental roles with the boys. On Tuesday the boys participated in their gender day involving themselves in physical activities that relate to qualities essential in the development toward manhood. During the afternoon a panel of ex-students of ages from the late 20's to the 60's responded to a series of questions about their own journey to manhood. They had the boys spellbound! The last three days of the week were devoted to the camp. The conditions were muddy, leeches galore, but the weather was fine. The boys had a particularly challenging camp programme and many found reserves of strength that had previously been untapped.



Year 9 Boys enjoying the view from above



Rachel Clark, Talia McDonald and Maree Flynn enjoy International Women's Day with their significant female.

Marist Young Adult Ministry

In 2012 I'm fortunate enough to have been appointed to coordinating Marist Young Adult Ministry across the southern states of Australia. Previous MYAM Coordinators such as Br Tony Clark, Paul Chalkley and more recently Carl Muir and Maddie Hellings, as well as those before them have contributed greatly to this important Marist ministry.

MYAM provides opportunities for young people to continue to discover their place within the Marist Family, and how that role might be expressed.

In 2012 with the assistance of Maddie Hellings, we've been able to offer young adults a range of activities to get involved in...

Dinner and Discussion evenings which are held at the Montagne Centre each fortnight during the university semester. The gatherings are filled with energy, enthusiasm and support for one another. The young adults present use the opportunity to talk about a range of topics. Discussions can vary from what's in the media, to themes in the Gospel, to what is planned for the coming weekend. There is a certain feeling in the air when these gatherings take place; there is a real sense of family spirit and presence. – Maddie Hellings

I'm pleased to report that the format for these Dinner and Discussion evenings has been adopted successfully in 2012 across the country, with Young Marists now gathering regularly in Adelaide and Perth. The energy and enthusiasm from these communities has been fantastic!

We've added a few other things to the MYAM Calendar, including fundraiser events (with funds raised going to MAPS projects in East Timor), Pub Forums (spirituality in the pub), service and outreach activities, and of course opportunities to connect socially.

We're also keen to ensure that young people in schools with a Marist presence are aware that they are invited to continue to be members of the Marist Family after graduation. We continue to take a role in the delivering of the Marist School Leaders Camp, as



well as follow up activities. This year we've already launched the **Design a Postcard Competition** and soon we'll be sending out information regarding an immersion experience to take place in January 2013 for those who will have just graduated from secondary school.

We have lots more happening in 2012, with retreats, more Dinner and Discussions, school visits, fundraisers, prayer opportunities and I'm pleased to announce a monthly Taizé Prayer evening based at the Brothers' House at Nicholson Street (VIC). Watch this space, and remember to check us out on Twitter and Facebook!

A huge thanks to Carl Muir, who after a couple of years helping to run MYAM activities along with Maddie, decided it was time to focus on being an active participant as well as his study. Another huge thanks to all those Young Marists across the country, those running and planning activities, those participating in events and to those taking Marist Hearts to other places, you're all awesome!!!

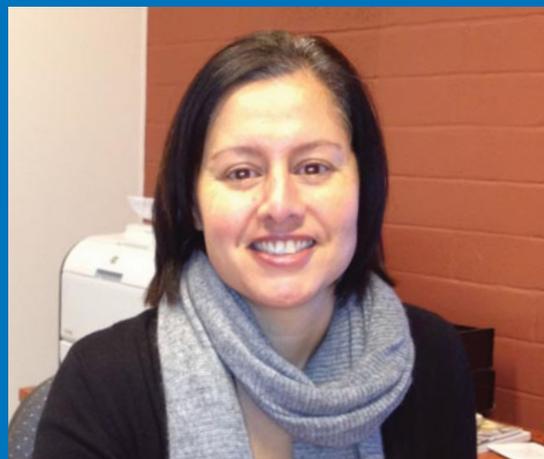
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Welcome...

Marist Schools Australia welcomes Leanne Bajada (pictured) who joins the National Office in Melbourne. Leanne is the PA to the National Director, the Regional Director and Executive Assistant at the Montagne Centre. Prior to joining us, Leanne travelled and worked overseas and she is a graduate of the former Presentation College at Moe (now part of Lavalla Catholic College) in Victoria. Leanne replaces Mira Fraser who is heading overseas to Latin America via New Zealand. We sincerely thank Mira for her wonderful contribution and wish her well in her travels.



ALICE SPRINGS

OLSH Catholic College students make their mark

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College community have been delighted with the results of our Year 12 students in recent years. Congratulations go to the 2011 College Dux, Jarrod Dickson, who was named as the top student in the Northern Territory with an amazing ATAR score of 99.95. Jarrod was presented with eight separate awards at a special ceremony in Alice Springs on 2nd February, chaired by Professor Steven Larkin, from the Northern Territory Board of Studies. Jarrod plans to study medicine at the Charles Darwin University in 2012.

Other outstanding achievers included Emily Schnitzer (94.95), Emma Forrester (94.90), Aydan McGuirk (94.55), Aaron Crowe (93.25), Dean Ryan (90.15) and Krysta Simms (89.90). There were many other students with very impressive results with scores in the 80's and 70's, and 48 A's were awarded to OSLH students.

At the Australia Day ceremonies, senior College student, Gavin Henderson was awarded the distinction of being named Young Centralian of the Year by the Mayor of Alice Springs, Mr Damien Ryan – this is quite an achievement and recognition of his work with the Alice Springs Council and the Chief Minister's Youth Advisory Group. Gavin is the 2012 College Vice-Captain. Gavin and Year 8 student, Lucy Mueller, were awarded Student Citizenship awards, as well.



Opening School Mass



The Commencement Liturgy for 2012 was held in the Gonzales Centre on Friday 10th February. The theme for this year, Encounter...Eyes Opened, Hearts Burning was central to our Eucharistic Liturgy, the induction of our 2012 Student Leaders and the acknowledgement of the 2011 Academic High Achievers. It provided all of us with the wonderful opportunity to encounter Jesus through this gathering as a College Community.

Bishop Tim Costelloe was the chief celebrant for our Eucharist and he was supported by Fr George O'Conner, Fr Peter Rankin and Monsignor Anthony Toms. I would like to thank these men for their continued support to the college community. I feel that it is fitting to highlight Bishop Tim's his opening remarks as they were wonderfully comforting and thought provoking for us as a College community. He said...

"This Mass marks the beginning of a year which stretches before us full of promise. We don't quite know what it will bring, and what opportunities and challenges it might present to us. This is always the nature of new beginnings. What we do know, however, and what stands at the heart of our Mass this morning, is the conviction that whatever comes your way in 2012, you will not face it alone because this school community will be there to help you, and the God who loves us will be there to accompany and support you."

The reverence and respect shown by our students was a credit to them. They displayed a true understanding that when we celebrate a Mass in the Gonzales Centre, Christ is truly present among us and it is a sacred space. This was acknowledged by Bishop Tim who said that he had presided over many such occasions but rarely had the congregation displayed such



reverence and respect. He also said that he would inform Archbishop Denis Hart of this.

Once again the music from the musicians and voices of the students in the choir were a credit to themselves. I would like to acknowledge and thank Ms Pauline Wong, our new Director of Music and Mr Peter Hope who led the musicians for the first time, for their wonderful support and work to make the musical component of our liturgy such a success.

Congratulations must go to the Student Leaders of 2012 as they begin their year of Leadership and Service to the College Community. I'm sure they all join with me in acknowledging and thanking the 2011 leaders for coming back and being part of the commissioning by passing on the light.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making this occasion such a wonderful event, a truly fantastic way to begin our Year as we relish the opportunity recognise and encounter Jesus in everything we do this year.

Terry Cooney, Director of Mission



John & Lynne Nunan

Fr Tom Maloney, sm, was College Chaplain from 1971 to 1989 and is fondly remembered by College Old Boys from that era. The main entry to the College has been named Fr Tom Maloney Way in his honour. This is the College's way of acknowledging the tremendous contribution of Fr Tom during his time as College Chaplain. He coached 2nd XI cricket with Matthew Hayden as a member of his team; 15B rugby and assisted students with spiritual guidance. The most remarkable thing about Fr Tom's ministry, particularly in his retirement, was his devotion to the sick and dying.

The new athletics precinct was named and dedicated to former teacher John Nunan, who was a member of staff from 1989 to 2009.

The College's No. 3 Oval has been renamed Matthew Hayden Oval in recognition of the achievements of Matthew in his cricket career. Matthew maintains his close association with the College as co-Patron of The Champagnat Trust which provides financial assistance to families who would otherwise be unable to access a Marist education.

The afternoon saw the College play host to members of 1st XV teams from 1952, 1962 and 1972. Following lunch, where team mates fondly recalled that 10 metre sprint to the line which had now become 60 metres, these gentlemen were warmly acknowledged by the crowd in attendance prior to the commencement of the 1st XV game vs St. Laurence's College.



Fr Pius



Matthew Hayden



Fr Tom Maloney

A special day at Marist College Ashgrove

Saturday 19 May 2012 was a special day at Marist College Ashgrove. The day commenced with the Opening and Dedication of: Fr Tom Maloney Way, John Nunan Athletic Precinct, Matthew Hayden Oval



1952 Team



1962 Team



1972 Team

MARIST-SION COLLEGE WARRAGUL

Year 9 Students at Marist-Sion College Support Caritas Australia

Year 9 students at the College study Religious Education in single gender classes. As part of the Year 9 Religious Education Program, the students focus on ways to help those people in need. Each class undertakes a fund raising project to support Caritas.

Caritas is a Catholic aid organisation that supports long-term development programs in communities within Africa, Asia, East Timor, Latin America, Indigenous Australia and the Pacific. Their goal is to end poverty, promote justice and uphold human dignity.

Four years ago, the students decided to avoid fundraising projects that involved food and drinks and to develop a project that would help the students focus on those more unfortunate.

Two of the projects conducted this year were the Bikeathon and the Water Relay Lapathon.

The Bikeathon

Year 9 boys from the College rode their bicycles around the Warragul Velodrome for ninety minutes raising money for Caritas Australia. The Velodrome was quite daunting for some of the boys for it has high slopes. The boys developed the project with a goal to raise \$1,200. Before the event the boys organized the event, signed up sponsors and collected donations. Some of the boys raised

individual large amounts by seeking sponsors at their local parish churches. One student raised \$129 on his own.

Each lap ride was a third of a kilometre and most of the boys rode between 70 and 150 laps with an average of 100 laps in the time available with no accidents or disasters and all boys enjoying the experience of outdoor fun and exercise. The boys raised funds which will all go towards assisting communities who are in poverty. The boys exceeded their fundraising goal!!

The Water Relay Lapathon

In countries suffering from poverty it is often the women and girls who have to walk some distance to collect water for their use for drinking, cooking and washing. This can take hours in the morning and afternoon and if an opportunity to receive an education is even present, the girls are often too tired to learn effectively.

The Year 9 girls from the College held Water Relay Lapathon on one of the College ovals as a their way to raise much needed support from those in need.

The girls collected sponsorship and donations from family and friends for each lap of the oval that they completed carrying water in buckets to signify what women and girls do regularly in poorer communities which do not have an available local water supply .

The girls averaged 10 laps of the oval in the 50 minutes available for the lapathon. Over 750 laps of the oval were completed by the girls.



Marist Music

Dear Friends,

I don't know how it is for you in these busy times, but for myself there seem to be reminders of our need for quiet, reflective time in our ever busier lives coming from every direction! Not only for me personally, but in what I observe around me, and in the lives of our students, where the need for almost continuous connectivity seems to assume such importance. Perhaps because of this, many schools, both primary and secondary are setting aside sacred spaces and times for reflective prayer. And in this special Year of Grace (between Pentecost 2012 and Pentecost 2013) we are invited by our own Catholic bishops across Australia not so much to a new programme or movement, but rather to spend time in quiet reflective prayer before the face of Christ. Is this because our Churches and schools don't have urgent and challenging problems to face? Very obviously not!!! But before we address these issues, perhaps we need to ensure that we are starting from a solid base, Christ himself, the very face of God. And following on from this, is our witness to Jesus clearly and explicitly at the heart of our day to day experience of family, of staff office, of class room, indeed, of Church!

If this sounds altogether too challenging, then we might recall the rather sobering words from Karl Rahner, whom some consider the 20th Century's greatest Catholic theologian, 'The Christian of the future will either be a mystic, or nothing at all!'

With these thoughts in mind, might I offer the accompanying beautiful chant for your use in staff room and class prayer times, not to replace silent and sacred time, but to enhance it. The music audio is available on my website at www.maristmusic.org.au

Br. Michael Herry

The face of Christ

For the Year of Grace, and other quiet times of prayer.

Very reflectively,
Let the music breathe with the prayer!

Music: Finlandia. J. Sibelius
Text: Michael Herry

The musical score is written in 3/2 time and consists of six staves of music. Each staff includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/2 time signature. The notes are simple, often with a fermata over the final note of each phrase. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C G/C C F/C C F⁶/G F/G G C
Je - sus in prayer, your peo - ple kneel be - fore you.

C G/C C F/C C F⁶/G F/G G C
We seek your face, your heal - ing hand to hold.

C C/B Am C/E G Dm
Here at your feet, we wait in qui - et still - ness,

Dm Dm/E Dm/F C/G F/G G C
You know our need, the sigh of ev - ry heart.

C C/B Am C/E G Dm
Here now in prayer, your Spi - rit gent - ly draws us,

Dm Dm/E Dm/F C/G F/G G C
that we might be for all the face of Christ.

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“the aim and final reason...of all music...should be none else but the Glory of God and the recreation of the mind”. – Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Red Bend Catholic College

Floods are not a new experience for many of our school communities, but Forbes and the surrounding countryside received good rainfall as early as March this year.

Not only did many staff members help prepare the College for the floods by sandbagging the front gate of the college but they also worked hard in preparing for the College Open Day. The photographs below tell their own story...



Mr Hawthorn putting sandbags on a low point on the levee bank.
Below: The water crossing the road near Meagher Park.



The extent of the water across the road at the College gate.



Right: Wendy and Jack Sharkey arriving at school on Monday

Open Day

Red Bend Catholic College held their Open Day on Sunday 18th March with a record number of families visiting this year. Visitors were taken on guided tours of the whole college, provided with tasty treats prepared by the senior Hospitality students, interactive displays in many subject areas All staff were on hand to discuss all aspects of schooling at Red Bend.



Catholic College Sale Receives AFL Sportsready Award

AFL SportsReady is a national program which offers traineeships to Australian school leavers. It is a program dedicated to sourcing and facilitating meaningful employment and education opportunities for all school leavers, across a number of industries. Catholic College Sale is proud to share a long history and has provided a base of employment for almost 20 trainees over the past ten years. The College was recognised at the annual Victorian Graduation Ceremony held recently at the MCG. Director of St Patrick's Campus, Mr Jim Sutton was presented with a framed certificate acknowledging the continued partnership between AFL SportsReady and CCS over the past ten years. "The AFL SportsReady program has given many young people an opportunity to 'have a go' in their area of interest" said Mr Sutton. "It has been a launching pad for many successful careers with many former

trainees going on to careers in teaching, outdoor education and other successful professions within their chosen fields". During the 10 year association, the College has hosted trainees in the areas of Sport and Recreation, Student Integration and Information Technology. Current trainee and former CCS student Bree Alexander is a big fan of the program. "This is a great thing to do" she said. "I have had the opportunity to help organise camps, assist in PE classes, course planning and outdoor education activities." Bree said she was unsure if it would be awkward making the move from student to staff, but she said it has been seamless. "The teachers are fantastic, I am respected and treated the same as any other member of staff and have had so many great opportunities." Bree went on to say that she would definitely recommend the program to anyone.



L-R Paul Broderick AFL SportsReady State Manager, Mr Jim Sutton, Director of Campus CCS, Brent Carlyle AFL SportsReady Regional Manager – Gippsland

St Gregory's College Campbelltown



Blessing and Opening of the Br Clarence Wing and Science Laboratories

L to R: Br Michael Green, Br Jeffrey Crowe, Mr Damien Millar, Fr John Roberts, Karl Osborne, Mitchell Dwyer (College Captain)



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Mount Maria College, Enoggera/Mitchelton
Mt Maria College, Petrie
St Joseph's School, Murgon
St Peter Claver College, Riverview
St Teresa's College, Noosaville
St Thomas More School, Sunshine Beach
Trinity College, Beenleigh

Diocese of Darwin

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Alice Springs
Ltyentye Apurte, Santa Teresa

Archdiocese of Melbourne

Assumption College, Kilmore
Marcellin College, Bulleen

Archdiocese of Perth

Newman College, Churchlands
St Joseph's School, Northam

Archdiocese of Sydney

The John Berne School, Lewisham
Marcellin College, Randwick
Marist College, Eastwood
Marist College, Kogarah
Marist College, North Shore
Marist College, Pagewood
Marist College, Penshurst
St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill
St Michael's School, Daceyville
Trinity Catholic College, Auburn/
Regents Park

Diocese of Bunbury

Bunbury Catholic College

Diocese of Cairns

St Augustine's College, Cairns

Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn

Marist College Canberra

Diocese of Lismore

Trinity Catholic College, Lismore
St Mary's Catholic College, Casino

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton
St Peter's Campus (All Saints College)
Maitland

Diocese of Parramatta

Parramatta Marist High School, Westmead
St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas

Diocese of Rockhampton

Chanel College, Gladstone
Marist College, Emerald

Diocese of Sale

Catholic College, Sale
Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon and
Newborough
Marist-Sion College, Warragul

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Notre Dame College, Shepparton
Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta

Diocese of Townsville

Burdekin Catholic High School, Ayr
St Francis Xavier School, Ayr

Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes

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