



MSA Newsletter

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



From the Acting National Director

Dear Colleagues

Celebrations for the graduation of senior students from Marist schools across the nation have been in full swing since late September. The words of the prayer on the right often come to mind when participating in these major events in the lives of our young people. Appropriating the second couplet to a school community's sense of self and the pervasive "narrative" for students as a community of learners and believers is worthy of reflection.

"What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything."

*Nothing is more practical than finding God,
than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination,
will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read,
whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.
Father Pedro Arrupe 1907-1991*

Graduation and Prize giving ceremonies inevitably reflect what is important for a school community. The hierarchy of prizes, the attributes recognised and affirmed are essential fibres in the fabric of a school's culture. When the results for the graduating class are reported to a school community, what is highlighted also speaks volumes to students about the heart of their school. Importantly, graduations underscore the enduring influence on students of the relationships they had with their teachers. Their memories are often stirred by the manner in which they were taught rather than the specifics of a particular lesson. Students readily identify the teacher who is in love with learning, as they sense the completeness of a good teacher's consciousness to them. Most importantly, as our young men and women leave our Marist schools, it is with earnest hope that their future lives will be shaped, expressed and consumed by their love of God.

The justification for such hope is evidenced in so many Marist ex students who are doing works of incredible generosity. Just this week, sitting as members of The John Berne School Fund Raising Committee, gathered around the table were past students from Marcellin College Bulleen in Melbourne, St Joseph's College Hunters Hill in Sydney, Bunbury Catholic College in WA, and Red Bend Catholic College Forbes in NSW. A past student from Marist College North Shore hosted the venue in the Sydney CBD. This group has been meeting now for the past three years, brought together by their identification as Marists committed to helping the Province's special ministry at Berne for students at risk of dislocating from their secondary education. During this time over \$300,000 has been raised to help fund this important and intensive work. The group's ambitious goal is to ensure financial independence and sustainability for the school by enlisting support from private and corporate donors.

On Tuesday last week, Provincial, Brother Peter Carroll, announced the members of the new Council for the Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, which replaces the former Province Mission Council. The Association Council will in time assume full governance responsibilities for Marist ministries and schools. The members are Brother Peter Carroll, Mr Steve Byrne, Mr Tony Clarke, Ms Kate Fogarty, Brother Michael Green, Brother David Hall, Mr Joe McCarthy, Ms Erica Pegorer and Ms Cate Sydes. Please keep these people in your prayers as they assume this important leadership role for Marists in Australia. Detailed profiles of the Council members and Brother Peter's announcement can be found at <http://www.maristassociation.org.au/>

Yours sincerely

Frank Malloy
ACTING NATIONAL DIRECTOR

** Fr Pedro Arrupe was Superior General of the Jesuits between 1965 and 1983. A survivor of Hiroshima, Arrupe's life as a Priest was defined by his simplicity, courage and prayerfulness.*

COMING UP...

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| 1-5 Nov | Oceania Lay Formators Course | 13 Nov | just LOVE: Hearts without Borders, Marist College North Shore, Marcellin College Randwick, Marist Catholic College Penshurst |
| 2 Nov | Marist Centre Melbourne Closed | 16 Nov | Online Registration Opens for 2016 Programmes & Events |
| 3 Nov | Melbourne Cup Day, Public Holiday, VIC | 20-22 Nov | Remar Red Embarkation, Marcellin College Bulleen |
| 6 Nov | Marist Ministries Mass & Dinner, Sydney | 25-27 Nov | Remar Red Embarkation, Sacred Heart College Somerton Park |
| 9-11 Nov | Remar Red Embarkation, Assumption College | 29 Nov-1 Dec | Remar Red Embarkation, Marist-Sion College |
| 11 Nov | MSA Regional Council, Brisbane | 29 Nov-1 Dec | Student Leaders Gathering, Amberley, Melbourne |
| 11-12 Nov | MSA Regional Council, Melbourne | 4 Dec | Association Council meeting |
| 13 Nov | MSA Regional Council, Sydney | | |

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE LAITY VISIT TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AUBURN



A highlight of the *Secretariat of the Laity's* visit to Australia was a meeting with staff and students at Trinity Catholic College, Auburn. It was a unique opportunity for the Secretariat to gain a rich insight into the way Marist life is being lived in Western Sydney. Principal Mr John Robinson, members of the College Leadership team, staff and senior students gave a wonderful witness of the vibrancy and diversity of Marist life through their simple and authentic reflections and stories. The Secretariat of the Laity is a Commission of the Marist General Administration in Rome consisting of eight representative members from Spain, Philippines, Chile, Brazil, Mexico, Australia and Italy (General Admin). Visiting translators were from Spain and the USA.

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- Read this Newsletter, the Lavalla magazine and the Champagnat journal.
- Catch up with the latest news.
- Check the various programmes and events.
- Find links to all MSA schools and other Marist connections.

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App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/marist-schools-australia/id826186929?mt=8>



2015 MARIST SOLIDARITY DATE CLAIMERS

Christmas Menu Launch

BRISBANE: Monday, 9 November
Marist Centre Brisbane - 5.30pm to 7.00pm

CAIRNS: Wednesday, 11 November
St Augustine's College - 5.30pm - 7.00pm

SYDNEY: Tuesday, 17 November
Marist College North Shore - 5.30pm to 7.00pm

ADELAIDE: Tuesday, 24 November
Paringa Hall, Sacred Heart College Somerton Park - 5.30pm to 7.00pm

MELBOURNE: Sunday, 29 November (revised date)
Marist Centre Melbourne - 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Please email msol@marists.org.au for an invitation

Marist MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION

FOOTSTEPS2: MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED

The second Footsteps 2 program, and the last for 2015, was a blessed and joyful time for those who gathered at the Hermitage Mittagong for the program. The sensational weather with temperatures well above the average for October, were complimented by the addition of the Secretariat of the Laity who joined the program for an afternoon and evening session. The presence of the ten members of this official arm of Marist Institute governance added a tangible expression of St Marcellin's aspiration to have a Marist presence throughout the world.



Back Row: Br Michael Akers, Br José Luis Martí (Secretariat of the Laity), Ben Proctor, Michael Steel, Gerard Johnson, Shawn Moote, Michael Perry, Ben Whiting, Dixon English, Liana Sorensen, Terry Cooney, Michael Fuller, Debbie Barry, Joe McCarthy, Martin Mooney, Mary McCallum, Kay Wells, Russell Melenhorst, Ann Charles, Kerry-Anne Kwong, Jenna McKnight, Paul Harris, Jo Miller, Jeff Phillips, Peter Jongebloed, Lisa Sloman, Ashley Prisk, Damien Waters, Pep Buetas (Secretariat of the Laity)
Middle Row: Denise Slattery, Miriam Wright, Marian Lappin, James Sullivan, Mark Holden, Liz Falconer, Natalie Ciardulli, Chris Santifort, Br Hubert Williams
Front Row: Ryan Gato, Patricia Rios (Secretariat of the Laity), João Luis Gonçalves (Secretariat of the Laity), Anthony Clarke (Secretariat of the Laity), Raul Amaya (Secretariat of the Laity), Br Al Rivera (Secretariat of the Laity), Br Javier Espinosa (Secretariat of the Laity), Br Bill Sullivan (Secretariat of the Laity), Agnes Reyes (Secretariat of the Laity)

justLOVE TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AUBURN



Howe Lai, Faaae Uepa, Brendan Boidin, Eamonn Ryan, Brigid Coutts



Kim Nguyen, Stacey Scott, Lucy Valenti, Glenys Fallick, Salin Mar

VOLUNTARY RETREAT ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday 11 September, 30 staff members of St Thomas More Primary School attended their annual, voluntary retreat at the Sunshine Coast in Noosa, Qld. It was a wonderful day including input from scripture, a contemplative walk with Mary and the creation of painted tiles.



Jo Smith and Tracy Flynn



Julie Ziakas and Christine Ax



hearts without borders

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

MARIST PILGRIMAGE NOW OPEN TO YOUNG MSA TEACHERS

The countdown is on! With close to half a million registrations already, World Youth Day 2016 is gearing up to be an experience of a lifetime for the Catholic Church.

Our 'Marist Way To Kraków' is a 3-week pilgrimage is jam-packed and has been carefully planned to give pilgrims an experience that is enriching, enjoyable, and transformative. To learn more about the itinerary please head to <http://wydtours.com/package/mym01/>

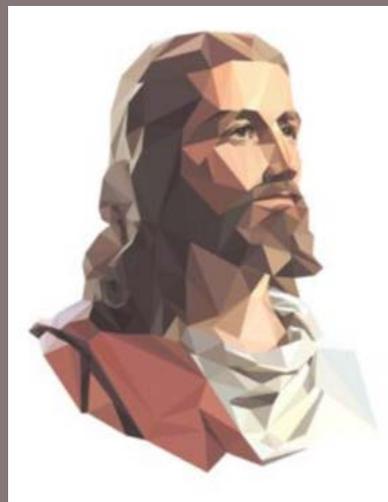
With limited spaces available, we really encourage young teachers under the age of 30 to discern the possibility of joining us on our 'Marist Way to Kraków'. It is a unique opportunity to spend time in both rich personal faith development, as well as to gain deep Marist and Catholic Youth Ministry formation.

For anyone interested, please send an expression of interest to Sally McEniry (sally.mceniry@marists.org.au) or contact her with any further questions.

FUNDRAISING

You might have seen the geometric Jesus & Mary tees our team have been wearing lately...well now you can get yours here! <http://bit.ly/1LHparF>

All proceeds are helping us fundraise to get to World Youth Day!



Sally McEniry
Regional Coordinator
Marist Youth Ministry

ICFP FAREWELLS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015



Last week, students at the Marists' teacher training college ICFP in Timor-Leste celebrated the end of its academic year.

The forty-eight third year students, from the graduating class of 2015, received their final results and were farewelled as qualified teachers.

ICFP Deputy Director Ms Margie Beck says, "This group has done ICFP proud in terms of their maturity and professionalism, as well as their readiness to go out and teach the children of Timor-Leste." Students from all year levels worked together to organise a day of celebration, which included mass, a banquet meal, dancing, speeches and lots of tears.

Final week celebrations also included a talent show where first, second, and third year students demonstrated their Portuguese language skills by performing short dramas, poetry recitals, songs and dances. Judges awarded prizes for the best acts.

First and second year students have now returned to their home communities and will recommence their study at ICFP in late January.

Graduates will celebrate their academic achievements and formally receive their qualifications at a ceremony on February 20. Ms Beck says she is very thankful for the generous support that ICFP receives from its Australian donors and that the fruits of this generosity are very evident in the schools of Timor-Leste.

To find out more please email us at msol@marists.org.au or read the full story at:

www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au