

Marists on the Edge

International Volunteering in Action!



Bridge Builders

Supporting Marist Collaboration & Volunteering

In this new short series, we will be talking to some Aussie Marists who are currently involved in Marist volunteering projects around the world.

First up is Beth Code, from Galen Catholic College Wangaratta:

Beth is volunteering as Marist Youth Coordinator and Marcellin House Community Leader in the Southern African Province.



Beth Code presenting at the Matric Dinner to all the current Senior School Leaders.

What is your particular role and where do you volunteer?

My role in South Africa is to provide opportunities for young Marist school graduates and volunteers to engage with ways of 'being Marist' and remain

involved in Marist life after leaving school.

I will provide opportunities for young Marists to grow and deepen their spiritual life and faith journey. I will also contribute, along with the Marist schools, to providing bridges of connection between the latter years of high school and the Marist young adult initiatives.

As community leader at Marcellin House, (a young adult international Marist community), I will coordinate a space where young people grow as individuals and where community members will experience an intentional Marist community life.

Tell us how you feel about this opportunity?

I am volunteering here in South Africa for the next two years. I have moved across from Australia and am very excited and humbled to be part of the vibrant and exciting Marist Community here in Johannesburg, South Africa.

This is a new role for me, a positive challenge that I embrace one hundred percent. I moved here in January 2019, and have been working with the youth and young adults both locally and internationally.

It is such a blessing to walk side by side with our South African young adults, expanding and strengthening our Marist Program.

Marcellin House Community has given me the opportunity to work and live with other like-minded Marists. We have members from all over the world; Germany, Brazil, Finland, England, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

As an International community, we are strengthened by diversity as we work together to 'be Marist'.

What does the community think about the presence and work of the volunteers?

"Marcellin house is a young community that was in need of an experienced volunteer who could bring both fresh ideas and knowledge, extending the community to create a more successful and welcoming Marist environment. Having a mentor is extremely positive, as it allows the volunteers here to interact with someone who lives by the Marist ideals but is separate enough from the community to confide in about issues that would be too personal for housemates. We hope that this is the beginning of the new growth of Marist Youth South Africa, and that we can work with Beth to bring some of the ideas that she has to fruition".

Keith Witelson - SA Young Marist and Marcellin House Community Member

Beth says that one of her projects for this year is to create a South African Marist Video of all the Marist Youth Projects and opportunities available. We very much look forward to seeing it!

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There are many opportunities to be involved in Marist mission nationally or internationally.

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The Marist Young Adult Community who volunteered to be part of a Service day with the Three2Six Alumni.