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**PROGRAMS  
AND EVENTS 2026**



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## **AN INVITATION FROM BROTHER DARREN BURGE FMS LEADER OF THE MARIST ASSOCIATION OF SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT**

Dear Marist Friends,

After Mary received the invitation from the angel to be the mother of Jesus, she was impelled to go out and seek the company of her cousin Elizabeth to share this good news. We too are quick to seek out family and friends when we have some good news to share; it can be on social media within minutes.

This year's theme *FULL OF GRACE – Transform the World with God's Love*, challenges us to go out. When we experience the love of God, we will naturally want to go out and spread this good news too. While we may be in the position to teach others about this love, it happens most effectively through our actions. As Pope Paul VI reminded us in *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, the modern person 'listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if they do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses'. Saint Marcellin reinforces this message when he says, 'children learn more through the eyes than the ears' (*Opinions, Conferences, XLI, pp. 310*).



Each person is already 'full of grace' as we are made in the image of our loving God. We are invited to discover, explore and engage with this love. What is within us needs to be provoked and teased out, often in the company of others.

I encourage you then to participate in this outstanding range of Marist programs and events to know and nurture this grace that is within you. It will enable you to witness to it and transform the world with love.

Brother Darren Burge FMS  
*Vice Provincial and Leader of the Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat*

# INTRODUCTION ON THE THEME FROM MR TONY CLARKE DIRECTOR OF MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION

## Full of Grace

*“Now is the hour of love!” – Pope Leo XIV*

*“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth” – John 1:14*

What if the world's peace and flourishing began not with grand gestures, but a humble yes?

Grace is that yes. It is God's love, freely given, undeserved, unmeasured, and without conditions. It is offered to everyone. When we receive it, something begins to change within us, reshaping our actions, our capacity to love, and how we engage with the world.

Grace, like love, is always a gift. Once accepted, it overflows from our hearts and radiates outward, moving us to share God's love with others. Grace is not abstract or distant; it is the living presence of God in the ordinary: a word of encouragement, listening with patience, a hand extended in peace. In these small acts, God's love moves through us, shaping us into instruments of grace.

Mary shows us what this looks like. When the angel greets her: *“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you”* (Luke 1:28), her yes was not timid or passive. It was bold and courageous. Her trust let God's love shape her life, her choices, her relationships, and her very being. That yes changed everything.

So what about us? What does saying yes look like today?

We live in a world that longs for peace and understanding, where fear and division can often overshadow hope. Yet grace shows us another way. It invites us to be bridge-builders where there are walls, to show understanding where there is judgement, and to choose love even when it feels easier to walk away. Grace is God's love in action: listening deeply, serving humbly, washing feet, kneeling in honour of the dignity of others, and rising with the conviction to stand for those who are powerless.



The challenge stands before us:  
What kind of community are we becoming?  
Are we willing to love beyond comfort, to forgive beyond fairness, to serve  
without counting the cost?  
Who will we walk with, and what will we stand for?

Today, the question is simple and profound: Will our yes be bold? Will it be courageous?

This is not easy work, but it is holy work; the work that feeds our hearts and souls. Abbot Jamison captures its power beautifully:

“Grace is God’s way of restoring our trust in the goodness of life. The relationship between goodness and grace can perhaps be understood by analogy with food. If food is nourishing, then it’s considered to be full of goodness. Similarly, grace is a goodness that nourishes the soul; it feeds the good in us so that we can trust each other and flourish together.”<sup>1</sup>

Through grace, our yes becomes nourishment, not only for ourselves, but for the world.

At his inauguration Mass, Pope Leo XIV reminded us:

“Now is the hour of love. The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. We are called to offer God’s love to everyone...”<sup>2</sup>

He went on to stress:

“Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice, needs to hear the Gospel message of God’s love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ’s grace.”<sup>3</sup>

Let us be that message. Be that grace. Now is the hour. Transform the world with God’s love.

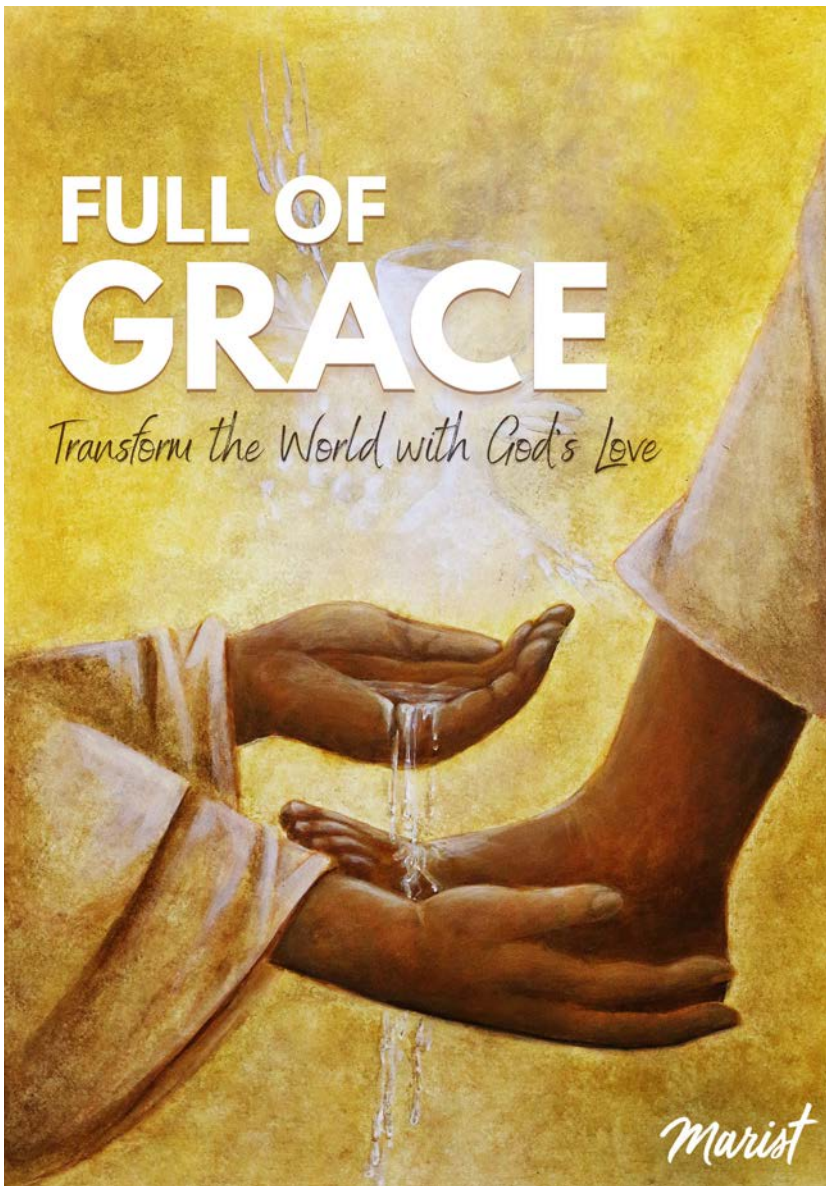
Mr Tony Clarke  
*Director, Marist Mission and Life Formation*

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1 Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB, *Finding the Language of Grace*. 2022. Bloomsbury Publishing.  
2 Homily of Pope Leo XIV at Inauguration Mass, 18 May, 2025  
3 Address by Pope Leo XIV to the General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies, 22 May, 2025.

# FULL OF GRACE

*Transform the World with God's Love*



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## Image Reflection

In the image of Jesus kneeling to wash the feet of his disciples, we encounter grace in its most tangible form. God's love in action. This moment, quiet yet revolutionary, reveals the heart of the theme *Full of Grace – Transform the World with God's Love*. It is not a display of power or grandeur, but of humility, presence, and service.

The artwork comes from a series of icons titled *The Way of the Family* by Australian artist and iconographer Sue Orchison. In this image *Washing of the Feet*, "Jesus is servant; He humbles himself and asks us to do the same."

Jesus, "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14), chooses not to command but to kneel. He does not seek recognition but offers tender service. In this act, grace becomes visible: undeserved, unmeasured, freely given. It is a love that lowers itself to lift others up, a love that transforms.

This image invites us to reflect on our own "yes" to grace. Like Mary, whose bold and courageous yes allowed God's love to shape her life, we are called to echo that yes in our own time. In a world aching for peace, where division and fear often speak louder than hope, grace whispers another way. It asks us to kneel, to listen, to serve.

Let this image be our challenge and our inspiration. Let it remind us that grace is not abstract, it is the touch of God in the ordinary. And when we receive it, live it, and become it, we do more than reflect God's love, we transform the world with it.

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# MARIST ASSOCIATION

## LOCAL COORDINATORS REGIONAL FORUMS

The Local Coordinators Regional Forums will strengthen the leadership and vitality of Local Coordinators of the Marist Association by fostering connection and deepening Marist identity. This formation experience provides a space for Coordinators to connect, share life, and grow together in the spirit of the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Through reflection and dialogue, participants will enhance their capacity to animate vibrant Marist communities, while building shared commitment to the Association's vision and priorities.

**Date:** 9 - 10 February | Sydney 16 -17 February | Brisbane 23 - 24 March | Melbourne

**Time:** Commences 6.00pm and finishes 3.00pm

**Mode:** In Person

**Contact:** Mark O'Farrell | [mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au)

## FORMATION IN ACCOMPANIMENT

This Formation in Accompaniment program will better equip participants to engage with individuals within their community in deeper conversations about their faith journey. It will identify and explore specific approaches and concrete skills that enable a person to listen deeply and to assist another person to articulate what is happening in their faith life.

The program will:

- Develop skills for deep listening and reflective practice to support others
- Deepen their understanding of spirituality and share experiences with companions
- Identify one's strengths and set goals for accompanying others

By the end of the program, members will be better equipped to accompany others within their local group and community, fostering growth, connection, and faith in the spirit of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

**Program Facilitator:** Brother Darren Burge, Leader of the Marist Association

**Date:** 3 Sessions - 4 August, 18 August, 1 September

**Time:** 7.00pm - 8.15pm AEST

**Mode:** Online

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## ANNUAL MOMENT OF RENEWAL

Each year, the Moment of Renewal provides a simple way for members of the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat to remember in each other's company our desire as Marists to be a vital faith community that remains attentive to the God of all life. We draw on both Marist tradition and imagination to serve and foster connectedness and communion. Marist Association Local Coordinators choose the most appropriate context for the ritual to be carried out. Three suggested dates (or a convenient time close to these dates) are:

- 6 June**            Feast Day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat
- 23 July**            Fourvière Pledge
- 15 August**        Feast of the Assumption

Resources are made available to Marist Association Local Coordinators.

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## MARIST ASSOCIATION NATIONAL VIRTUAL GATHERING

The National Virtual Gathering is an opportunity for members of the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat to annually connect online as part of the wider national spiritual family that nourishes and supports faith, life and vocation. It is a time for Marists to gather as a national family as we seek to pray, share, discern and respond to the calls of Assembly IV of the Marist Association as they are lived out at the local level across Australia.

**Mode:** Online

**Date:** 27 October

**Time:** 7.00pm - 8.00pm (AEDT) Sydney, Melbourne,  
6.30pm - 7.30pm (ACDT) Adelaide, (ACST) Alice Springs  
6.00pm - 7.00pm (AEST) Brisbane  
4.00pm - 5.00pm (AWST) Perth

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## MARIST ASSOCIATION REGIONAL GATHERINGS

Regional Gatherings aim to strengthen the connections between members of the Marist Association and bring local groups together in geographical regions across Australia to help nurture and grow the wider spiritual family. The format and content of gatherings will be determined by the local groups in the region and may consist of a shared meal, spiritual input and time for reflection and prayer. The Marist Mission and Life Formation Team are available to provide resources and support Local Coordinators in the facilitation of Regional Gatherings.

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## SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT

The art of spiritual accompaniment lies in our uncovering the obvious in our lives and in realising that everyday events are the means by which God tries to reach us. God shows God's self in the bits and pieces of everyday life.

If you are interested in Spiritual Accompaniment please contact either Tony Clarke | [tony.clarke@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.clarke@marists.org.au) or Brother Michael Callinan | [michael.callinan@marists.org.au](mailto:michael.callinan@marists.org.au) to discern available options.

## PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION

*Available for Professional Supervision for Principals and School Leaders*

Professional Supervision is a process of professional learning and development that enables individuals to reflect and develop their knowledge, skills and competence through agreed and regular support with another professional.

Mrs Elizabeth Lee: Supervisor, Australasian Association of Supervision AAOS  
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<https://visionandaction.com.au/>

Dr John Lee: Supervisor, Australasian Association of Supervision AAOS  
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Ms Elizabeth Denny: Supervisor, Australasian Association of Supervision AAOS  
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**Cost:** As discussed and negotiated with the Professional Supervisor

**Contact:** Regional Directors, Marist Schools Australia



# MARIST PROGRAMS & RETREATS

## STAFF SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM 2026

The National Staff Spirituality Program invites participants to reflect on what it means to be *Full of Grace*. To be attentive to the presence of the gift of God's love, in our lives and in the world.

In his Inauguration Mass homily, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed "Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters... let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world."

Pope Leo's words are an invitation to a life open to grace, the gift of God's love. A gift that is transformative, that awakens our hearts and compels us to go out with compassion and share this love with those we encounter.

Through this program, participants will be invited to:

- Grow in understanding of grace, the free and undeserved gift of God's love in our lives
- Deepen their awareness of grace, present and active in the world
- Consider the transformative nature of Marist education in making Jesus known and loved in the lives of young people

The program provides opportunities to:

- Explore human experiences of God's love in the ordinary events of life
- Engage in contemplative reflection for each participant to consider graced moments in their own lives
- Engage with Scripture with an emphasis on the transformative power of the love of Jesus
- Discern how Catholic educators assist students to encounter the gift of God's love, offering a life of fullness and possibility

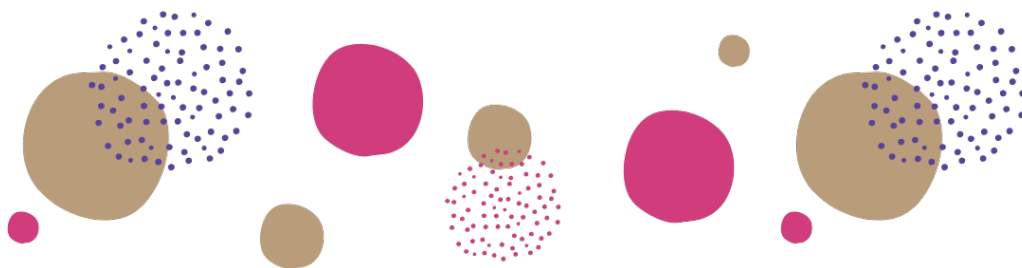
**Contact:** Tony Clarke | [tony.clarke@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.clarke@marists.org.au)

## IN THE MARIST WAY: NEW STAFF FORMATION PROGRAM

This program introduces staff to the story, spirituality and pedagogy of Marist education in the contemporary Catholic school. It is an initial formation program designed for staff who are new to Marist schools. Participants will explore the Marist way of Christian education and the mission of the Church, as well gaining insight into the charism of the founder, Saint Marcellin Champagnat. The program will be available at the following locations and by negotiation:

23 January	Perth	8 April	Adelaide 2
28 January	Alice Springs	27 April	Hunter
11 February	Lismore	4 May	Sydney Eastern
6 March	Northern Queensland	11 May	Macarthur
10/11 March	Gippsland 1 & 2	13 May	Bendigo
10 March	Central West	18 May	Bulleen
23 March	Adelaide 1	18 May	Brisbane 1
25 March	Kilmore	20 May	Sydney Western
30 March	Wangaratta	22 May	Sunshine Coast
31 March	Shepparton	21 August	Brisbane 2

**Contact:** Paul Harris | [paul.harris@marists.org.au](mailto:paul.harris@marists.org.au)





## FOOTSTEPS: MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED | \$820.00

A three-day residential program for staff who have been in Marist schools and ministries for two years or more. It promotes, as a work of the Church, a Marian perspective on making Jesus Christ Known and Loved, which is the core mission of Marist education. It also explores Marist heritage, identity, pedagogy and spirituality.

Footsteps provides an opportunity for participants to strengthen their understanding and practice of Marist pedagogy using core documents, formation processes and community building. This understanding is enriched through gaining a greater appreciation of the Marist story and charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. It also provides a platform for participants to enrich and deepen their own faith journey through exploring contemplative practices of Marian spirituality.

All Footsteps programs are held at The Hermitage, Mittagong, NSW.

### Footsteps 1:

22 - 25 February

14 - 17 June

18 - 21 October

15 - 18 March

23 - 26 August

8 - 11 November

### Footsteps 2:

24 - 27 May

9 - 12 August

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or Paul Harris | [paul.harris@marists.org.au](mailto:paul.harris@marists.org.au)

## MARIST MIDDLE LEADERS PROGRAM

**DAY 1 - 2: 'SACRED HEART INFINITE MIND' | \$140.00**

**DAY 3: 'TOUCHING THE HEART' | \$140.00**

This program is designed for educators who hold positions of Middle Leadership in Marist schools. It is an opportunity to explore and deepen their leadership capabilities within the Catholic schooling context, as well as mapping their professional and vocational growth as educators. It draws upon the Australian Professional Standards for Middle Leaders (AITSL2024) to build upon their understanding of teaching and leading in a Marist school with the enabling

dispositions of listening, open mindedness, interpersonal courage, empathy, perseverance and resilience.

This program is practical, future-oriented and provides spaces for ongoing reflection, learning and action. Based on the three Marist Virtues of Humility, Simplicity and Modesty and the writings of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, these interactive sessions will engage with contemporary research and practice, enabling participants to explore their sacred role within the school community.

**Date:** By request

**Mode:** In Person - 2 full days (6 sessions) with an option of a follow-up day (3 sessions) or in a modification of afternoon sessions.

**Contact:** Michael Neylan | michael.neylan@marists.org.au  
or Brother Tony Leon | tony.leon@marists.org.au

## NEXT GEN | \$120.00

**A national program in leadership development for aspiring leaders in Marist schools.**

NEXT GEN is a two-day program for emerging school leaders in Marist Schools. Led by the Marist Schools Australia Regional Directors, the program is designed for teachers who aspire to a leadership role or are in the early stages of school leadership in a Marist school.

The program will explore some considerations for those aspiring to lead in a Marist school.

**Date:** 21 - 22 May

**Time:** Commences 9.00am and finishes 1.00pm

**Venue:** Marist Centre Brisbane

**Contact:** Mark Elliott | mark.elliott@marists.org.au

## CREATIVE FIDELITY TO THE CHARISM: A STUDY PROGRAM OF OUR MARIST ORIGINS AND LIVING SPIRITUALITY | \$690.00

This course will explore the spiritual heritage of the Marist tradition through the lens of the life, spirituality, and charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. It invites participants to journey deeply into the foundational inspiration of the Institute of the Marist Brothers, grounding them in the historical, spiritual, and pastoral context in which Marcellin responded to the needs of youth in 19th-century France. The course offers space for reflection on how this charism continues to inspire Marists of Champagnat today. Participants will explore how Marcellin's vision of forming "good Christians and good citizens" can shape their own lives, leadership, and mission.

Drawing on core texts such as *Water from the Rock*, *In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat*, Saint Marcellin's letters and retreat offerings, *Avis*, *Leçons*, *Sentences*, participants will engage with the essential elements of Marist identity: presence, simplicity, family spirit, love of work, and following in the way of Mary.

**Program Presenter:** Brother Michael Green

**Date:** 13 - 15 September

**Time:** Commences 4.00pm and finishes 1.00pm

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Contact:** Mark O'Farrell | [mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au)

## LANGUAGE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE TIMOR LESTE

Expressions of Interest are now open for the 2026 MSA Language Learning Collaborative in association with the Catholic Institute for the Formation of Teachers (ICFP), Baucau, Timor-Leste. This Professional Development Program involves volunteer teachers from Australian Marist and Catholic Schools working alongside staff from the Catholic Institute to enhance their English language skills and functional use of English.

In 2026 the program will be available in two groups to coincide with the different school vacation periods across Australia (see dates below). Volunteer teachers are usually sponsored by their school or college. The approximate cost for the 2026 program will be around \$4,750. This

includes airfares, accommodation, and all meals. Volunteer teachers are matched with teaching or ancillary staff from the Catholic Institute and work with them to support their English language proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Tutoring resources and support are provided prior to and during the program. Only six (6) places are available in each group.

**Those considering participation in this program should apply now** by requesting an Expression of Interest Form from Phillippe Sanders-Agius | [phillipe.sanders-agius@marists.org.au](mailto:phillipe.sanders-agius@marists.org.au)

**Venue:** Catholic Institute for the Formation of Teachers (ICFP), Baucau, Timor-Leste

**Dates:** Group 1 | 26 June – 8 July (Vacation period for QLD, VIC, NT)

Group 2 | 7 - 18 July (Vacation period for NSW, WA, SA, ACT)

**Contact:** Mark Elliott | [mark.elliott@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.elliott@marists.org.au)

## MARIST FOURVIÈRE HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

### *From Rome to Fourvière*

This inaugural *Marist Fourvière Highlights Tour* provides an opportunity to visit and experience the key sites that are so formative to the Marist story since the Fourvière Pledge in 1816. Commencing in Rome, the Eternal City, this 10-day tour offers participants a spiritual and historical journey through various Marist sites. The tour includes 9 nights of accommodation across Rome (3 nights), Lyon (2 nights), and The Hermitage (4 nights), and airfare between Rome and Lyon.

Highlights include a Papal Audience, visits to St Peter's Basilica, the Vatican, and various Marist General Houses in Rome. Following a short flight from Rome to Lyon, pilgrims will explore significant Marist locations in France such as Fourvière, Cerdon, La Neylière, Lavalla, Marlhès, and Le Rosey, culminating in a reflective experience at The Hermitage, the spiritual home of Champagnat Marists. The tour concludes at The Hermitage, with a morning transfer to Lyon for onward travel. International airfares are not included. Price to be confirmed.

**Date:** 29 September - 8 October

**Contact:** Richard Quinn | [richard.quinn@marists.org.au](mailto:richard.quinn@marists.org.au)

## MARIST PILGRIMAGE | \$9,300.00\*

The Marist Pilgrimage offers a transformative journey of spiritual and personal growth, inviting pilgrims to immerse themselves in the story of Jesus, the Church, and the Marist tradition. It begins in Rome, with a rich encounter of the early, universal, and Marial Church, drawing participants into the living history of faith.

The pilgrimage then continues to Assisi and Subiaco, where pilgrims experience two of the Church's great spiritual traditions, Franciscan and Benedictine. The journey culminates in France, where pilgrims visit the sacred sites connected to the life and mission of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Walking together as Christian disciples and Marist pilgrims, participants are invited into deep reflection, shared learning, and a renewed awareness of God's presence in daily life and ministry.

**Date:** 10 - 23 April

**Contact:** Tony Clarke | [tony.clarke@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.clarke@marists.org.au)

\*Airtfares not included



## MARIST SOLIDARITY RETREAT | \$790.00\*

This three-day retreat provides an opportunity for participants to encounter God's presence through the living spirituality of the desert, the heart of our nation. Participants are introduced to indigenous culture and will experience periods of deep listening in the natural environment. Spending time with the local community of Santa Teresa, participants gain an insight into how the Marist story is being lived there. With a rich background of desert environs, this retreat provides a unique opportunity for encounter with our Creator God, solidarity with the land, its people and the Marist mission in Central Australia.

**Date:** 11 - 14 October

**Venue:** Alice Springs

**Contact:** Paul Harris | paul.harris@marists.org.au

*\*airfare to Alice Springs not included.*

## MID-WINTER RETREAT | \$790.00

This annual three-day gathering offers space for reflection, insight, and spiritual renewal. This year's theme, 'Grace – A Gift Beyond Measure,' will be led by Brother Emili Turú. Originally from Barcelona, Brother Emili served as Superior General of the Marist Institute and later as General Secretary of the Union of Superiors General in Rome. He now directs Faith and Praxis and presides over Solidarity with South Sudan, supporting leadership in consecrated life. Renowned for his global vision and contemporary approach to spirituality, Brother Emili brings deep wisdom on community, mission, and living a faith-filled life today.



**Retreat Facilitator:** Brother Emili Turú

**Date:** 8 - 10 July

**Time:** Commences 10.30am and finishes 1.30pm

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Contact:** John Hickey | john.hickey@marists.org.au

# HERMITAGE RETREATS

## CARE FOR THE SOUL - GIFT OF THE MYSTIC WITHIN | 3 NIGHTS | \$745.00

This is a guided silent retreat with accompaniment. It would be an advantage to have previously experienced a silent retreat though this is not essential. There will be daily input, Eucharist and a variety of prayer experiences offered. The writings of some of the mystics will be explored during this retreat. Much of the final day will be unstructured to allow participants the space to consider what has been offered during the retreat time.

**Date:** 30 April - 3 May

**Time:** Commences 5.00pm and finishes 11.00am

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Contact:** John Hickey | [john.hickey@marists.org.au](mailto:john.hickey@marists.org.au)

## CARE FOR THE SOUL - FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS | 2 NIGHTS | \$525.00

How do we nurture the Spiritual in the midst of our daily routine?

This silent retreat offers participants a quiet and reflective space away from the busy nature of daily life. A variety of input, prayer experiences, individual spiritual accompaniment and silence is offered during the retreat. This retreat is an ideal place to start if you have never experienced a silent retreat. The Eucharist is offered on the final morning of this retreat.

**Date:** 28 - 30 August

**Time:** Commences 5.00pm and finishes 11.00am

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Contact:** John Hickey | [john.hickey@marists.org.au](mailto:john.hickey@marists.org.au)



## **SPRING RETREAT: 'SEE, THE LORD IS DOING A NEW THING' | \$735.00**

Ahh! Spring in the Highlands and there are signs of new life everywhere. Through quality input, reflective walks through the beautiful grounds, a variety of prayer experiences and the offer of Spiritual Accompaniment, this 4-night retreat provides an environment in which to ponder the hope that springs from new life.

**Date:** 25 - 29 October

**Time:** Commences 5.00pm and finishes 11.00am

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Contact:** John Hickey | [john.hickey@marists.org.au](mailto:john.hickey@marists.org.au)

## **PRIVATE RETREATS**

The Hermitage offers a variety of retreat experiences, including those tailored to individual circumstances. If you would like to participate in a personal retreat please contact The Hermitage. Spiritual direction is an option available during these retreats. Prices may vary according to retreat requirements. Individual Hermitage Cottages are available for retreatants and a variety of catering packages are available.

The Hermitage, corner of Old South Road and Bong Bong Road Mittagong. Mittagong has a train station, the trip taking two hours from Sydney with a change of train at Campbelltown station. It is a slightly longer trip from Canberra.

A detailed map giving directions to our property can be found on the website.

Visit: [www.thehermitage.org.au](http://www.thehermitage.org.au)

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## MARIST HOUSE OF LIGHT

This program is offered by the *Marist House of Light* community in Lismore.

### FINDING OUR INNER LIGHT - RETREATS AT TUGUN, QLD | \$525.00

How do we nurture the Spiritual in the midst of daily life? In this guided retreat we offer participants a quiet reflective space away from the busy nature of life. A variety of input, prayer experiences, accompaniment and silence is offered during this retreat. Eucharist is offered on the final morning of the retreat.

**Dates:** 6 - 8 March, 22 - 24 May, 21 - 23 August

**Time:** Commences 6.00pm and finishes 11.00am

**Venue:** 10 Elizabeth Street, Tugun, QLD. A 10-minute drive from the Coolangatta airport.

**Contact:** Brother Bill Sullivan | 0438 689 137 | maristhouseoflight@gmail.com

### PRIVATE RETREATS - HOUSE OF LIGHT, LISMORE, NSW

The 'Marist House of Light' offers a variety of retreats tailored to individual needs. Accompaniment is available for all guests who wish to consider this. You will enjoy comfortable single en-suited rooms. All retreats are fully catered. Guests are also invited to join the resident Marist community for morning and evening prayers. Daily Eucharist is available in the Monastery or in the adjacent Cathedral.

**Venue:** 8 Keen Street, Lismore. A 35 minute drive from Ballina airport or 1 hour from Coolangatta airport.

**Contact:** Brother Bill Sullivan | 0438 689 137 | maristhouseoflight@gmail.com

## PARENT FORMATION

In Marist schools, the faith formation of young people is integral to the mission of the Catholic school and life of the Church. Recognising that parents are the first faith formators of their children, these resources assist both parents and schools in their mutual work of fostering student spiritual formation. The following opportunities explore Marist values and spirituality, while encouraging engagement with the school community.

Program and Resources include:

### ***Year 7 Parents Orientation Program*** | *A 40-minute Year 7 Parent Orientation Program*

The program explores the Marist story and traditions, how being Marist supports the educating community and its faith life and provides an opportunity for Year 7 parents to build relationships with each other.

### ***A Series of School Newsletter Articles for Parent Formation***

A series of eight Parent Connect newsletter articles for schools to send to their new parents, perhaps accompanying the regular school newsletter, to help continue the Marist formation of parents.

**Contact:** Paul Harris | [paul.harris@marists.org.au](mailto:paul.harris@marists.org.au)



## COUNCIL AND BOARD FORMATION

Throughout Marist schools and ministries, many generous people give their time to support the governance and leadership required to meet the needs of those we serve. Whether in a governance or advisory capacity, it is critical that all Board and Council members are familiar with the Christian Marist story and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to inform their work.

Council and Board Formation resources include:

### ***Online Modules for Individual and Group Reflection***

45-minute online modules that may be facilitated for use by individuals or with whole Council or Board groups covering topics including:

- The Marist Story
- Catholic Identity and Marist Spirituality
- A Marist Approach to Ministry
- Faith Leadership and Discernment

### ***Prayer Reflection Resources for Meetings***

A resource pack of 15-20 minute reflections for use at Council and Board meetings.

### ***Selected Texts and Resources***

A collection of selected texts and resources for use in extended Council reflection opportunities.

**Contact:** Brother Michael Callinan | michael.callinan@marists.org.au



## FORMATION OF RETREAT STAFF

This two-hour program aims to build the facilitation and formation capacity of retreat staff in designing and delivering retreats for students.

The material presented in this program is influenced by Marist spirituality and is based on a philosophy that provides retreatants with an opportunity to gain a deeper sense of self, to build relationships with others, and to grow closer to God.

**Date:** By request

**Contact:** Brother Tony Leon | [tony.leon@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.leon@marists.org.au)

## BESPOKE PROGRAMS

The Marist Formation Team offers bespoke programs that are specially designed to meet the needs or interests of a particular school community or ministry. Some of the bespoke programs developed include:

- What it means to be Marist
- Marist Pedagogy
- Spirituality Programs for School Officers and Services Staff
- Contemplative Practice for Daily Life

**Date:** By Request

**Mode:** In Person and online

**Contact:** Tony Clarke | [tony.clarke@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.clarke@marists.org.au)

## ONLINE MODULES

### THE ART OF READING AND PRAYING SCRIPTURE

A series of four one-hour e-learning modules examining different methods of reading and praying Scripture. Each module focuses on a distinctive methodology to interpret and pray the Divine Word of God. The modules will concentrate on selected Scripture passages from both the Old and New Testaments.

This program aims to help people understand and experience how God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture and gain the necessary skills and insights to effectively interpret and pray with the living and active Word.

**Mode:** Online | **Register**  
**Contact:** Michael Neylan |  
michael.neylan@marists.org.au  
**Cost:** \$80.00

### FULL OF GRACE: MARY FOR US TODAY

A series of four one-hour e-learning modules that examine the significance of Mary in the Christian tradition. The modules explore how Mary has remained a religious symbol of enduring power in Christian imagination for over 2000 years, as well as learning of her prophetic influence for our times.

This course aims to help participants gain a deeper understanding of the person of Mary and offers opportunities to contemplate the role she played within the faith life of the early Christian community.

**Mode:** Online | **Register**  
**Contact:** Paul Harris |  
paul.harris@marists.org.au  
**Cost:** \$80.00

### OUR LIVING MARIST SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

A series of four one-hour modules exploring the rich Marist spiritual tradition and heritage of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. The modules focus on the spiritual history that comes to us from the life and works of Champagnat from Lavalla to the Hermitage.

The program aims to help participants study and reflect on key Marist sources to gain a deeper appreciation of Saint Marcellin and our spiritual heritage. Participants will learn how our contemporary expressions of Marist life are in conversation with our past.

**Mode:** Online | **Register**  
**Contact:** Mark O'Farrell |  
mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au  
**Cost:** \$80.00

# Marist

MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY



**NATIONAL**

*Senior Student*  
**MISSION FORUM**

The Hermitage, Mittagong NSW

FRIDAY, 15 MAY - SUNDAY, 17 MAY

\$400.00

Marist

## Marist Connect Nights

### NSW/ACT

25 February  
20 May  
2 September  
4 November

### SA

11 March  
24 June  
2 September

### QLD/NT

13 February  
8 May  
7 August

### WA

12 March  
25 June  
3 September

### VIC

11 March  
24 June  
2 September



## Student Leaders Gathering

### NSW/ACT

15 - 17 November

### QLD/NT SUMMIT

17 - 19 October

### VIC

25 - 27 November

### WA/SA

28 - 30 October

\$400.00

## National MYM Formators Pathway (online)

Formators Pathway Session 1	18 February
Formators Pathway Session 2	13 May
Formators Pathway Session 3	5 August
Formators Pathway Session 4	25 November

## Young Adult

National Young Adult Retreat	28 - 30 June
The Hermitage, Mittagong	\$250.00



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## Game Changers Program

### VIC

Year 5/6 Retreat	28 August
Year 7/8 Retreat	7 August
Year 9/10 Retreat	29 May
Year 10 La Valla Track Camp*	16-18 September

### NSW/ACT

Year 7 Retreat (Metro)	30 October
Year 7 Retreat (Regional)	23 October
Year 8 Retreat (Metro)	28 August
Year 9 Retreat (Metro)	20 March
Year 9/10 Retreat (Regional)	12 June
Year 10 Retreat (Metro)	18 September
Year 10 La Valla Track Camp*	14-16 August
Year 11/12 Retreat	6 March

### QLD/NT

Year 7/8 Retreat	27 August
Year 9/10 Retreat	21 May
Year 11/12 Retreat	26 February

### SA

Year 7/8 Retreat	12 August
Year 9/10 Retreat	27 May
Year 10 La Valla Track Camp*	16-18 September

### WA

Year 5/6 Retreat	TBC
Year 7/8 Retreat	11 August
Year 9/10 Retreat	26 May
Year 10 La Valla Track Camp*	16-18 September

\*Year 10 La Valla Track Camp \$400.00

# GAME CHANGERS PROGRAM







# **CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS & EVENTS**

# MARIAN LECTURE

## ***Full of Grace - Transform the World with God's Love***

Theologian, international speaker, author, and retreat leader Rev. Dr Sarah Bachelard will provoke us to consider how grace shapes our way of seeing, relating, and responding to the world. Her insights will help us engage with the theme in ways that connect faith with action and invite us into deeper reflection on what it means to live a grace-filled life. We are delighted Geraldine Doogue AO will facilitate the evening with Dr Bachelard.

**Speaker** Rev. Dr Sarah Bachelard is an Anglican priest based in Canberra and founder of Benedictus Contemplative Church, an ecumenical community centered on meditation and spiritual reflection. She has taught at Charles Sturt University and is an Honorary Research Fellow at the Australian Catholic University. She is the author of several books including *Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis* and *Resurrection and Moral Imagination*.



**Moderator** Geraldine Doogue AO is a distinguished Australian journalist and broadcaster, celebrated for her work in print, radio, and television across religious, social, and international affairs who will facilitate the evening of dialogue. She is known for presenting ABC's Life Matters and Saturday Extra, and for hosting the TV program Compass, which explored faith and ethics.

**Date:** 12 May

**Time:** 6.00 - 7.30pm (AEST) Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne  
5.30 - 7.00pm (ACST) Adelaide, Alice Springs  
4.00 - 5.30pm (AWST) Perth

**Venue:** Online and open to the public at Southern Cross Catholic College, Burwood, Sydney

**Contact:** Mark O'Farrell | [mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au)

## FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS LEARNING SYMPOSIUM | \$190.00

### Professional Practice Network – Focusing on Indigenous Students and Their Learning

Following the success of the First Nations Colloquium, Marist educators have voiced a strong desire to deepen collaboration and enhance professional practice with a clear focus: improving learning outcomes for First Nations students.

The program will provide the opportunity for a full day to connect with colleagues from across the country. To reflect on the ways First Nations culture, story and spirituality are animated within schools, and share practice on the engagement and support of First Nations students in their learning.

**Date:** 30 March

**Time:** 9.00am - 8.30pm (includes dinner)

**Venue:** Marist Centre Sydney

**Contact:** Michael Neylan | michael.neylan@marists.org.au

## MARIST ARTS AND SPIRITUALITY SYMPOSIUM – CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS OF THE SPIRIT | \$600.00

The Arts and Spirituality Symposium provides participants with opportunities to explore and experience a variety of arts as a source of transformation and encounter with the sacred. The program offers participants engagement with professional artists and arts educators. It will be useful to those interested in exploring contemporary spirituality through the artistic insights of accomplished artists and to those wishing to express themselves through practical art experiences.

**Date:** 25 - 27 October

**Venue:** Marist College Ashgrove

**Contact:** Justin Golding | justin.golding@marists.org.au  
or Brother Tony Leon | tony.leon@marists.org.au

## PRIMARY EDUCATORS SYMPOSIUM | \$480.00

This gathering of Marist Primary Educators is designed for teachers involved in faith formation in the primary schools across Marist Schools Australia. It is a significant opportunity for our family of primary educators to gather around four key themes: unity in diversity; responsive collaboration; common purpose and the spiritual formation of young children.

**Date:** 10 - 12 June

**Venue:** Marist Centre Brisbane

**Contact:** Mark Elliott | [mark.elliott@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.elliott@marists.org.au) or Tony Clarke | [tony.clarke@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.clarke@marists.org.au)

## MSA BOARDING SCHOOL CONFERENCE

The Marist Boarding Conference brings together staff from boarding houses and schools to explore how the Marist way can renew and enrich residential communities. With a focus on faith, care, and academic support, the conference offers practical insights and shared learning to strengthen the heart of Marist boarding life.

**Date:** 30 April - 1 May

**Venue:** Marist College Ashgrove

**Contact:** Jim Noble | [noblej@marash.qld.edu.au](mailto:noblej@marash.qld.edu.au)

## MSA ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

The MSA Assistant Principals' Conference is a valued opportunity for Marist leaders to engage in a high-quality professional learning experience in a reflective and collegial setting. Held at the Hermitage in Mittagong, this much anticipated annual gathering seeks to facilitate a rich learning experience that offers Assistant Principals meaningful opportunities for learning, reflection, prayer, and renewal in order to enhance their leadership in Marist schools.

**Date:** 6 - 8 May

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Contact:** John Robinson | [john.robinson@marists.org.au](mailto:john.robinson@marists.org.au)

# BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Following on from a very successful 2024 MSA Biennial Conference, where we journeyed to the heart of our country in Central Australia, the 2026 conference will be hosted in Western Australia. The conference is intentionally focused upon our mission and vision of Marist educators to evangelise through high quality Marist education. The conference will draw upon the 2026 annual Marist theme as a key point of inspiration.

The conference will begin on Sunday 26 July at Newman College Perth and then move to the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle for Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 July. The gathering will offer a meaningful opportunity to welcome the movement of the Holy Spirit within the context of our Marist story and the life of the Catholic Church, set against the beautiful backdrop of Western Australia.

**Date:** 26 - 28 July

**Time:** Commences Sunday 26 July 1:00pm Newman College, Perth  
Concludes with Conference Dinner Tuesday 28 July 10:00pm (Depart Perth 29 July)  
Invitation extended to visit St Marcellin Catholic College in Madora Bay Wednesday 29 July, 9.00am – 11.00am. (Depart Perth 30 July)

**Venue:** Western Australia

**Contact:** Darren McGregor | [darren.mcgregor@marists.org.au](mailto:darren.mcgregor@marists.org.au)





# MARIST ACCREDITATION AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

# PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Marist formation programs and courses are purposefully designed to provide ongoing professional learning and spiritual formation for leaders, teachers and staff working in Marist Schools across 19 Dioceses throughout the country.

These programs are accredited at various levels under the four areas of accreditation applicable to staff in Marist schools:

1. University Recognition
2. Marist Schools Australia (MSA) Accreditation
3. Diocesan Accreditation
4. State/Territory Teacher Accreditation

The Marist developed learning opportunities offered in this booklet have been designed to the highest standards of academic and theological scholarship, meeting the shared expectations of diocesan, state and national Catholic education authorities throughout Australia. All programs are aligned to the National Catholic Education Commission's (NCEC) key principles for Catholic formation.

For detailed information about Marist formation program accreditation (including 'accreditation hours' offered by our annual programs) go to: Professional Learning and Formation Accreditation – A Guide for Staff Working in Australian Marist Schools.

**Marist Accreditation Contact:** Michael Neylan | [michael.neylan@marists.org.au](mailto:michael.neylan@marists.org.au)



## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE UNIT IN MARIST METHODOLOGY | \$300.00

This series of 12 two-hour modules are taught for staff in Marist Schools in South Australia as part of the Adelaide University's Graduate Certificate Course (formerly known as the University of South Australia). It is a collaboration between the university, Catholic Education South Australia and Marist Schools Australia. The course aims to help teachers apply Marist pedagogy in their professional practice, serving to promote the flourishing of life for every child and the flourishing of the human community in light of the Catholic Christian understanding of the human person (or Catholic Christian Anthropology (CCA)).



**Date:** 20 - 21 March, 9 April

**Venue:** Adelaide

## MARIST EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP\* | \$390.00

This is a Postgraduate Masters level course offered annually for people studying at university, for those seeking accreditation with a Catholic Education authority, or for those who simply wish to learn more about Marist Leadership. The program focuses on educational leadership from a Marist perspective, internationally and nationally, at both the system and school levels. It addresses the Marist enterprise within the context of the Catholic Church and local cultures.

In 2026, this course will be offered in person in Melbourne. This is a chance to come together face to face and provide an invaluable opportunity for those seeking to develop their leadership skills in a Marist environment. For those seeking tertiary recognition, there will be additional online commitments and course work.

**Presenters:** Dr John Kyle-Robinson, Brother Michael Green and Professor Brother David Hall

**Date:** 20 - 21 August (accreditation components to be completed by 1 December 2026)

**Venue:** Melbourne

*\*Course requires a minimum of ten participants to run*

*\*\*Cost does not include travel and overnight accommodation*

**Marist Tertiary Contact:** David Bobkowski | [david.bobkowski@marists.org.au](mailto:david.bobkowski@marists.org.au)



## MSA PRINCIPALS' REGIONAL MEETINGS

**Marist Centre Sydney** - 16 March

**Marist Centre Brisbane** - 17 March

**Marist Centre Melbourne** - 19 March

**E:** sally.dillon@marists.org.au

## MSA ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER

### **Melbourne**

10 October

**E:** darren.mcgregor@marists.org.au

### **Sydney**

16 October

**E:** john.robinson@marists.org.au

### **Brisbane**

17 October

**E:** mark.elliott@marists.org.au

## CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

**Basketball:** 22 - 26 March - Newman College, Perth

**Netball:** TBA

**Marist Oratory:** TBA - Parramatta Marist High School, Westmead

**Cricket:** 29 November - 4 December - Tier 1- St Gregory's College Campbelltown,  
Tier 2- Catholic College Sale, Girls - Bunbury Catholic College, East Bunbury

## CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

Champagnat Global is a collaborative network that connects and encourages the Marist school community to “walk together as a Global Family.” The network includes 600 Marist schools in more than 80 countries across five continents. The aim of Champagnat Global is to strengthen Marist education and the values that inspire it: presence, simplicity, family spirit, love of work and following the model of Mary, through the collaborative involvement of the whole international Marist school community.

**Date:** 1- 5 June (Champagnat Global Gatherings in Champagnat Week)

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The left side of the image shows dark, calm water. The right side shows a rocky, uneven shoreline with various textures and colors, including shades of brown, grey, and blue. The overall scene is dramatic and natural.

# **MSA GOVERNED SCHOOL COMMITMENTS**

## MSA GOVERNED SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' MEETING

4 March	8.30am - 3.30pm	Marist Centre Sydney
19 May*	8.30am - 3.30pm	Marist Centre Sydney
12 August	8.30am - 3.30pm	Marist Centre Melbourne
29 October	8.30am - 3.30pm	Marist Centre Sydney

\* College Business Managers will be invited to attend.

**Contact:** Sally Dillon | [sally.dillon@marists.org.au](mailto:sally.dillon@marists.org.au)

## GOVERNANCE DAY

For Board Members, Chairs of Regional Councils, Chairs of College Advisory Councils and MSA Governed Schools Principals.

**Date:** 13 March

**Venue:** Marist Centre Sydney

**Contact:** Sally Dillon | [sally.dillon@marists.org.au](mailto:sally.dillon@marists.org.au)

## MSA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE NETWORKS

### MSA Professional Practice Network – Data

By focusing on and measuring the Marist Measures of Education Excellence, the network helps ensure that schools uphold key values while driving improvements in teaching and learning. Additionally, the network supports the development of teacher efficacy by providing a collaborative platform for educators to share insights, address challenges, and apply data-informed decision-making. This approach strengthens professional growth and ultimately enhances student outcomes across our Marist system.

**Who:** Leaders working in Data Analysis

**Contact:** Grant Barclay | [grant.barclay@marists.org.au](mailto:grant.barclay@marists.org.au)

## **MSA Professional Practice Network – Leading for School Improvement**

Leading for School Improvement network will focus on how schools implement the strategic priorities and evaluate their impact through Annual Improvement Plans using the Australian Council of Educational Research School Improvement Tool (SIT) and Catholic Identity and Marist Spirituality Foundational Domain. These will include sharing evidence-based strategies in achieving better student outcomes.

**Who:** Deputy/Assistant Principals

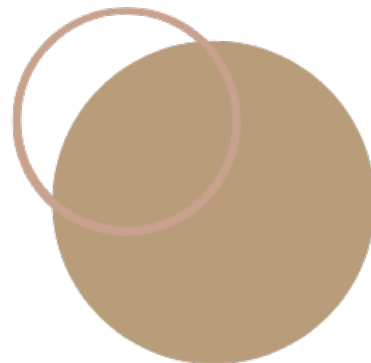
**Contact:** John Finneran | [john.finneran@marists.org.au](mailto:john.finneran@marists.org.au)

## **MSA Professional Practice Network – Formation in Catholic Identity and Marist Spirituality**

Formation in Catholic Identity and Marist Spirituality network will examine the common themes in Formation that have emanated from the Marist Cyclic Inquiry process. This will include a “deep dive” into the Enhancing Catholic Identity (KU Leuven) data surveys in our Marist schools and a review of the Marist Foundational Domain. It is envisaged that this network will foster a stronger collaboration in addressing the opportunities for apostolic witness, evangelisation and targeted formation in our Marist schools.

**Who:** Directors of Mission, Assistant Principals, Religious Education Coordinators

**Contact:** Tony Clarke | [tony.clarke@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.clarke@marists.org.au)





Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) is the international development agency of the Star of the Sea Province. Our mission is to partner with communities in Asia and the Pacific region to facilitate access to education for young people in need. There are many ways that you can engage with the work of Australian Marist Solidarity.

## AMS COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Join us in-person as we update you on some of our exciting plans and share stories of impact from our inspiring partner communities.

Adelaide	15 May	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Brisbane	23 July	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Sydney	6 October	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Melbourne	November, details TBC	<a href="#">Watch this space</a>

## VIRTUAL PROGRAM VISITS

Be inspired as we hear from 2-3 of AMS' program partners working in the Asia-Pacific region. Learn about their projects, culture, challenges and achievements through this unique inter-cultural forum. Students are invited to attend supervised by a teacher.

18 March, 12.00pm – 1.00pm AEST	<a href="#">Register here</a>
19 August, 1.00pm – 2.00pm AEST	<a href="#">Register here</a>

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Learn how our Marist School Community can make a difference through your AMS School Campaign and our AMS Briefings and Workshops. Connect directly with our program partners in Timor-Leste for this wonderful inter-cultural experience and peer-driven sessions.

AMS Teacher Briefing	18 February, 3.00pm – 4.00pm AEST	<a href="#">Register here</a>
AMS Student Ambassador Briefing	4 March, 12.00pm – 1.00pm AEST	<a href="#">Register here</a>
AMS Student Ambassador Workshop	29 July, 1.00pm – 2.00pm AEST	<a href="#">Register here</a>
AMS Student Ambassador "Lessons Learned"	5 November, 12.00pm – 1.00pm AEST	<a href="#">Register here</a>



## SOLIDARITY SCHOOLS NETWORK

The AMS Solidarity Schools Network offers a platform for connection between our Marist Schools Australia and AMS. This collaborative partnership shares ideas and experiences each term and receives updates from AMS.

Topics that align with AMS activities and school initiatives concerning immersions and fundraising are discussed. If you wish to join the AMS Solidarity Schools Network, please consult your principal and then email [ams.communication@marists.org.au](mailto:ams.communication@marists.org.au) to inform AMS of your nomination.

18 February, 4.00pm - 4.30pm AEST

13 May, 4.00pm – 5.00pm AEST

5 August, 4.00pm – 5.00pm AEST

21 October, 4.00pm – 5.00pm AEST

## FUNDRAISING APPEALS

At Australian Marist Solidarity, we are deeply thankful for the incredible generosity of our donors. Your ongoing support makes our work possible. Funds raised help us support community-led programs across the Asia-Pacific region, transforming lives and opening doors to education for children and young people who need it most. If you would like to support our campaigns, please see the dates below and scan the QR code to access resources to help you advocate for AMS activities.

Lenten Appeal

Mid-Year Appeal

Champagnat Giving Day

Christmas Appeal

18 February - 4 April

1 May - 30 June

6 June

1 November - 25 December

For all events, please scan the QR code or go to [www.australianmaristsolidarity.org/events](http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.org/events) to register your attendance as well as access AMS-related resources.



# SPIRITUALITY HUB

The Marist Formation Team provides for the service of animation, formation and support of those leaders and staff involved in the various Marist Schools and Ministries and connects visitors to formation resources in one click. The easy to navigate and searchable website is constantly refreshed with new content, recordings and links to:

- Programs and Retreats
- Bookings
- Conferences and Events
- Theme Resources
- Online Courses
- Prayers and Reflections
- Marist Tertiary
- Accompaniment and Supervision



Visit [maristformation.org.au](https://maristformation.org.au) or scan here:



## BUY A TREE PROJECT

Buy A Tree is a new Province-wide initiative from the Laudato Si' Committee of the Star of the Sea Province, inspired by Brother Peter Carroll FMS and grounded in Marist values and care for creation. This faith-driven environmental project invites you to take simple, meaningful action. Each time you travel, visit the Buy A Tree webpage and make a small contribution. Your donation will fund the planting of a native tree somewhere across our Province, from Mittagong to Kiribati, Samoa to Vanuatu, and in other Marist communities across 11 countries.

These trees will help restore native vegetation in the Laudato Si' Committee approved areas, supporting both people and planet. To learn more, visit [mariststar.org](https://mariststar.org) or scan the QR code to go directly to Buy A Tree.



# ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

Registration and payment for Marist staff programs and courses are to be made online. Places are only confirmed when payment has been received. Payment can be made through credit card or invoice request.

## TO REGISTER

Go to: <https://www.maristformation.org/bookings>  
Online registrations will be opened **11 November 2025**.



[register@marists.org.au](mailto:register@marists.org.au)

Enquiries about bookings and payment for staff programs should be directed to Marist Registrations.




Call 02 9218 4007

## THEME RESOURCES


To access our Marist Formation Theme resources, please visit:  
<https://www.maristformation.org/theme-resources-2026>

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 07 3354 0600

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Mascot NSW 2020  
 02 9218 4000

### MELBOURNE

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Brunswick VIC 3056  
 03 9389 3100

To access our Marist Association website, please visit  
<https://www.maristassociation.org.au>



### MARIST DAILY PRAYER APP

The Marist Daily Prayer App is designed to provide a framework for daily prayer for men and women seeking to pray in a contemplative, Marial way.

Download today from:





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*In Australia, the Star of the Sea Province and Marist Association act in the name of the Church in four broad areas of ministry:*

### **Marist Schools Australia**

... is a family of 57 schools which draw on Marist spirituality and Marist educational practice to help them to shape their identity and mission as Catholic schools. Of these schools, 12 are solely governed by the Board of Marist Schools Australia Ltd and the rest are conducted in various partnership arrangements with dioceses and parishes. MSA schools, which help to educate over 40,000 young Australians, are grouped into three geographical Regions. Each Region is led by a Director who is advised by a MSA Regional Council.

### **Marist Youth Ministry**

... is a ministry aimed at young people aged between 12 and 25. MYM supports school-based and young adult programs. The principal school involvement is through the six-year Christian leadership program known as Game Changers. A suite of post-school opportunities include prayer and worship, service and solidarity, forums and festivals, together with a range of local and international volunteering opportunities. MYM operates in all MSA Regions.

### **Marist180**

... is the Marist social welfare ministry and offers a range of programs and services that connect with and support young people and families in most critical need. It is headquartered in Western Sydney with a presence across greater Sydney, as well as Orange, Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane. Marist180 provides training and services for First Nations support and engagement, homelessness, family preservation and refugee settlement. It also offers Intensive Therapeutic Care for young people living in Marist180 out-of-home care; this latter service provides strong continuity and a link to our first work and ministry, St Vincent's Boys Home, founded in 1896.

### **Australian Marist Solidarity**

... is the Marist ministry for aid and development work throughout Asia and the Pacific Islands. Australian Marist Solidarity, a registered NGO, works with the people in this region through projects that empower local communities to take their own path to development, with an emphasis on redressing poverty through the provision of education. It also offers educational and international solidarity awareness services for MSA schools and other Marist ministries.



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