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Have you ever seen the dawn? That moment when it is no longer dark, but not yet fully light. It is a moment when our vision sharpens and our senses slowly attune to the things before us - the arising movement and the emerging sounds. It is a twilight moment full of anticipation and expectancy in what lies ahead. The dawn is opening a door to a new day!

We celebrate our Marist Bicentenary with the same expectancy and hope of the awakening of a brand new day. A time to reflect on what has been and look ahead to what is to come.

It is a moment of gratitude for the **inspiring vision** and life of Saint Marcellin and the early Marists.

It is a moment of giving thanks for each one of us, for all Marists, and for our **God who has journeyed with us**.

It is a moment of discernment as we look to the future, one full of excitement and hope as we are led by the **Holy Spirit** in the particular way we make Jesus Christ known and loved.

We take up the invitation of Pope Francis to *'Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living!'*

So let us as Marists welcome every sunrise full of hope as we embrace all the opportunities the new day brings.

'Arise, awake, and Christ will shine on you' (Eph 5:14).

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