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FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU...

✝ TO GIVE YOU

HOPES AND A FUTURE

Hope and a Future!

How do we give hope to the next generation?

In a TEDx talk last year Pope Francis, when talking about the future said, '*To Christians, the future does have a name, and its name is Hope*'.

Yet the global world trends suggest some very challenging indicators to a hope filled future for many people of the world:

We are witnessing the highest levels of displaced people on record with over 65 million people in the world driven from their homes¹ (50% of these are people under the age of 18), 1 in 6 people live in extreme poverty, we see enormous flows of migration, seismic effects of war and terrorist attacks, devastating fallouts from the financial crisis, the serious prospect of ecological disaster, the widening gap between rich and poor, and in our own country particularly, alarming rates of homelessness and mental health issues.

In this context, what can be said of the hope we have to offer the next generation and what difference can we make? Timothy Radcliffe in his book, *What is the Point of Being a Christian?* suggests that it starts with each one of us and the way we live our lives as Christians: 'If we are pointed to God, then this should make a difference to how we live. This is not a moral superiority. Christians are usually no better than anyone else. But the lives of Christians should be marked by some form of **hope, freedom, happiness and courage**. If they are not then why should anyone believe a word they say?'

Jesus gives us the most beautiful example of the kind of **hope and freedom** He wants for every person through the story of the healing of the *bent over woman* (Luke 13:10-17). We don't know her name. We don't know where she came from. Over eighteen years this woman had been bent over and the only thing she could see was the dirt on the ground and dust at her feet.

Then she encountered Jesus. He called her to Him and with a gentle word and simple touch she was immediately cured; '*Woman, you are set free!*'. From that moment she straightened up. She could see the smiles on people's faces. She could see the sun. The shape of her previous crippled body was a symbol of all those things that stunt or distort our lives: fear, ignorance, prejudice,

1 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) www.unhcr.org

discrimination. She was now set free and began another way of seeing the world. She could now look at the horizon for the first time, one full of possibility and promise.

This is the Christian hope that we have to offer to others, especially young people and those on the edges: to free them from that which cripples and burdens their lives, to know their lives matter, to stand tall and see the sky. And it begins with us, through our ability to love and the way that we are able to live our lives for others.

In the Year of Youth and taking up our 2018 theme of believing in **hope and a future** for all people, let us as Marists be people who, through our word and action, offer the world a new way of seeing and being. A world where every young person can enjoy the hope of a future beyond the horizon which they are yet to discover. Pope Francis said that '*a single individual is enough for hope to exist.*' The Good News is that our Marist communities are full of single individuals that together create an 'us'. Indeed, hope does have a future.

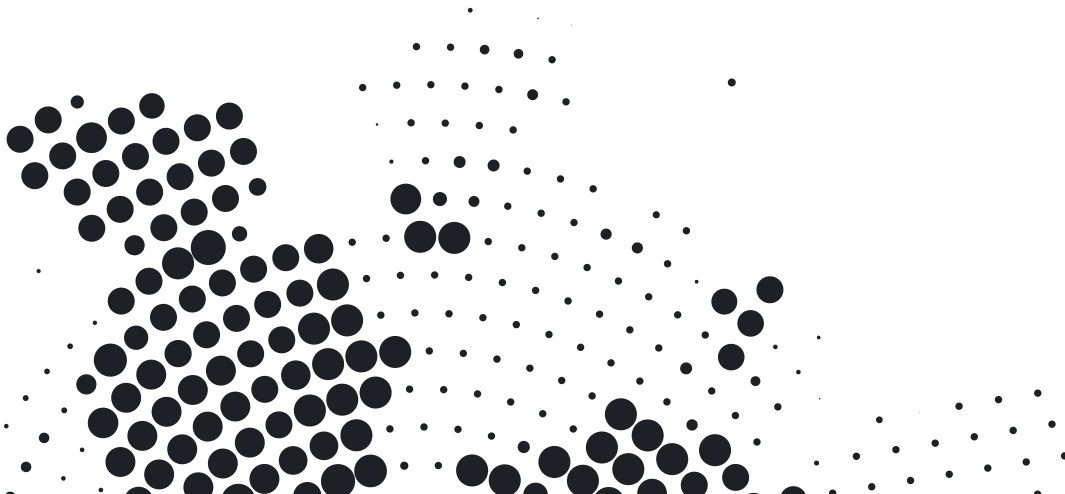


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STUDENT REFLECTIONS AND PRAYER

1. Hope

James Keller

Sign of the cross.

Hope looks for the good in people
instead of harping on the worst.
Hope opens doors
where despair closes them.
Hope discovers what can be done
instead of grumbling about what cannot.
Hope draws its power
from a deep trust in God
and the basic goodness of human nature.
Hope "lights a candle"
instead of "cursing the darkness."
Hope regards problems, small or large,
as opportunities.
Hope cherishes no illusions,
nor does it yield to cynicism.
Hope sets big goals and is not frustrated
by repeated difficulties or setbacks.
Hope pushes ahead
when it would be easy to quit.
Hope puts up with modest gains,
realizing that "the longest journey
starts with one step."
Hope accepts misunderstandings
as the price for serving
the greater good of others.
Hope is a good loser because it has divine
assurance of final victory.

Amen.

2. Trust in God

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Sign of the cross.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to
something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability -
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves,
without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

Amen.

3. A True Fruitful Branch

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Sign of the cross.

Let us all become a true and fruitful branch on the vine Jesus, by accepting him in our lives as it pleases him to come: as the Truth — to be told; as the Life — to be lived; as the Light — to be lighted; as the Love — to be loved; as the Way — to be walked; as the Sacrifice — to be offered, in our families and our neighbours.

Amen.

4. A Step Along The Way

*Bishop Ken Untener, inspired by
Archbishop Oscar Romero*

Sign of the cross.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Amen.

5. Prayer of Saint Francis`

Sign of the cross.

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it's in dying
that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



6. Prayer for Presence

The Marist Prayer Book, Oceania

Sign of the cross.

Good God, we believe that you are here, and
your presence gives us hope.

We thank you for each day of our lives.

We thank you for so many further chances to
understand, to forgive again, to trust again,
and to love.

We thank you that we live now,
that our problems are soul-sized.

We ask that you teach us and lead us,
that you put the thoughts into our mind
that you wall/us to think, the feelings in our
hearts that you want us to feel.

Reconstruct us, Lord.

Put us together because we don't know how to
do it ourselves.

We trust that you are hearing this prayer; and
that you care for the answer more than we do.

We pray therefore not alone,
but with the whole body of Christ in Jesus'
name.

Amen.

PRAYER OF ST TERESA OF AVILA

CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW ON EARTH BUT YOURS;
NO HANDS BUT YOURS; NO FEET BUT YOURS.

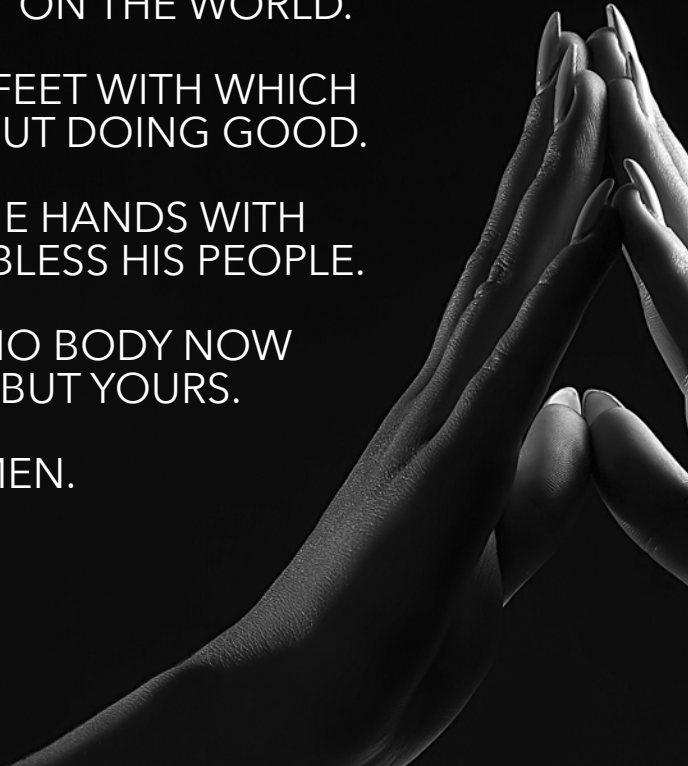
YOURS ARE THE EYES THROUGH
WHICH THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST
MUST LOOK OUT ON THE WORLD.

YOURS ARE THE FEET WITH WHICH
HE IS TO GO ABOUT DOING GOOD.

YOURS ARE THE HANDS WITH
WHICH HE IS TO BLESS HIS PEOPLE.

CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW
ON EARTH BUT YOURS.

AMEN.



A misty mountain landscape. In the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees is partially obscured by a thick layer of mist or fog. In the background, a large, rugged mountain peak rises above the clouds, its details softened by the atmosphere. The overall scene is serene and atmospheric.

STAFF REFLECTIONS AND PRAYER

1. New Beginnings

Br Emily Turu

Sign of the cross.

Mary, dawn of the new times,
we thank you because you have always
done everything among us
and you continue doing it down to today.

We place ourselves
confidently in your hands
and abandon ourselves
to your tenderness.

We also entrust to you
each of the persons who, like me,
feel privileged to bear your name.
We renew this day
our commitment to you
as well as our firm intention
to contribute to building a school
which reflects your face.

You, source of our renewal,
accompany our fidelity,
as you accompanied those
who preceded us.

In this year,
we feel your presence next to us
and for that we give you thanks.

Amen.

2. Signed by the Spirit

The Marist Prayer Book, Oceania

Sign of the cross.

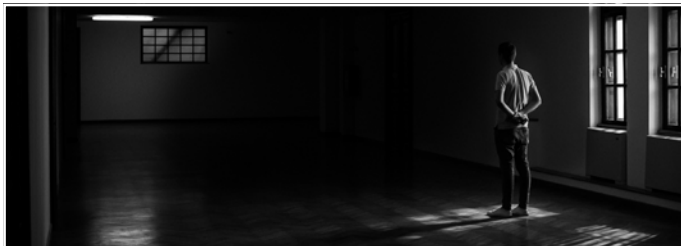
God, creator and lover of the world,
we offer to you our lives,
our words and deeds,
our hopes and fears,
and our love for each other.

Accept us as we are
and make us what we shall be.
Mary, you imagine for us
the perfection of the church.

You shine forth on earth,
until the day of the Almighty One
shall come, as a sign of sure hope
and solace for the pilgrim people of God
and for all your Marist sons and daughters.

By the power of the Spirit,
enable us to be a sign of
your presence in the world
so that through us others may
come to consider the call to service.

Amen.



MARIST LITANY TO MARY

Sign of the cross.

Mary, wellspring of peace:

Model of courage:

Model of risk-taking:

Model of perseverance:

Mary, our Good Mother:

be our source of consolation.

be our example.

be our inspiration.

be our strength.

lead us to Christ.

Woman of mercy:

Woman of faith:

Woman of vision:

teach us to be merciful.

help us in our unbelief.

open our eyes.

Comforter of the afflicted:

Cause of our joy:

Sign of contradiction:

give us a heart of compassion.

lead us to life.

help us in uncertainty.

Woman of wisdom:

Ordinary Resource:

Woman pregnant with hope:

gift us with knowledge.

protect and guide us.

be our source of new life.

First disciple:

Fellow pilgrim:

show us the way.

accompany us on life's journey.

Seeker of God's will:

help us to do the same.

Mary, our companion and guide:

be with us.

Amen.



3. Lectio Divina

Sign of the cross.

Leader:

Lectio Divina (Latin) means divine reading, and describes a way of reading the Scriptures and Holy Texts whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us.

In stage one, simply listen. Do not interpret. After the reading, if there is ONE word that stays with you, speak that word aloud.

Read Jeremiah 29:10-14.

“For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon’s seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile”.

Leader:

In stage two, reflect on the text as it is read.

What does it mean to you?

Read Jeremiah 29:10-14.

Pause

Leader:

In stage three as Jeremiah is read, leave all thinking aside. Are there any prayers that come to mind? Share the prayer aloud after the third reading.

Read Jeremiah 29:10-14.

Pause

Leader:

In stage four, simply listen. Do not interpret. Just sit with God. Let God speak.

Pause

Amen.

4. A Vocation with Hope

The Marist Prayer Book, Oceania

Sign of the cross.

We believe that the Marist charism given to us by the Holy Spirit through Saint Marcellin Champagnat is a gift to the whole Church.

All: Blessed be God forever.

We believe that our vocation is vital for the life of the School and the Church and that we are called to show the Marian face of our faith.

All: Blessed be God forever.

We believe that coming to know a young person and accompanying them is a critical step in inviting them to consider their life.

All: Lord, bless those of us who journey with young people.

We believe that young people need reflective spaces where they can listen to God's call and discern their vocation.

All: Lord, we pray that we intentionally provide these spaces.

We believe that all Marists have a shared responsibility to invite and accompany others on their life journey. We respond to the call and go out to the world making Jesus Christ known and loved.

Amen.

5. Mary, Woman of Faith

Pope Francis, May 13, 2013

Sign of the cross.

Mary, woman of listening,
open our ears;
grant us to know how to listen to the
word of your Son Jesus among the
thousands of words of this world;
grant that we may listen to the reality
in which we live,
to every person we encounter,
especially those who are poor,
in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision,
illuminate our mind and our heart,
so that we may obey, unhesitating,
the word of your Son Jesus;
give us the courage to decide,
not to let ourselves be dragged along,
letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action,
obtain that our hands and feet move
"with haste" toward others,
to bring them the charity and love
of your Son Jesus,
to bring the light of the Gospel
to the world, as you did.

Amen.

BEATITUDES OF MARISTS

The Marist Prayer Book, Oceania

SIGN OF THE CROSS.

BLESSED ARE ALL MARISTS, CALLED TO EVANGELISE YOUNG PEOPLE:
THEY WILL SEE THE FACE OF GOD IN THEM.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO LEAD YOUNG PEOPLE TO LIFE:
THEY WILL BE FOREVER SATISFIED IN GOD'S MYSTERY.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ATTEND TO OUR STRUGGLES
AND WHO TOUCH INTO OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE:
THEY WILL BE THE LIGHT OF GOD FOR THOSE DISCERNING THEIR VOCATION.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE INVITING AND WELCOMING:
THEY WILL KNOW THE MERCIFUL HOSPITALITY OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO LISTEN TO THEMSELVES AND TO
THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SEARCH:
THEY WILL HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH THEM.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHEN YOUNG MARISTS FEEL
CHALLENGED AND CALLED FORWARD BY THE SPIRIT:
THEY WILL NOT BE FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHEN THEY REALISE THEY ARE
MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD:
THEY WILL BE THE FACE OF GOD TO THE WORLD.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHEN THEY REALISE THAT THE DEEP
DESIRE FOR GOD IS BASED IN GOD'S DEEP DESIRE FOR US:
THEY ARE ON THE PATH TO MEETING GOD FACE TO FACE.

AMEN

7. A Blessing of your Soul (from Anam Cara)

John O'Donohue

Sign of the cross.

May the light of your soul guide you.

May the light of your soul bless the work you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you.

May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration, and excitement.

May you be present in what you do.

May you never become lost in the bland absences.

May the day never burden you.

May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises.

Amen.

8. Prayer of Hope

Thomas Merton

Sign of the cross.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this, You will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Amen.



SCHOOL LITURGY

SCHOOL LITURGY - A FUTURE WITH HOPE

Pre-service set up

Prayer Space

It is helpful to have a candle, cross, bible, and a representation of Mary (statue or icon) as part of your prayer space set up. Flowers, water, a copy of *Water From the Rock*, etc can also be added. These can either be at the centre of the room with the chairs in a circle, or at the front of the room in a central position if the prayer service is not held in a school chapel or sacred space.

Suggested Gathering Music: Magnificat – Steve Angrisano
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NXxUPaWCLs>

Also available for purchase on itunes:
Magnificat by Steve Angrisano from the album *A New Day*

Introduction

Leader: Welcome to our prayer service today: a celebration of our hope as people loved by God.

Acknowledgement of Country

Leader: We acknowledge the <INSERT-NAME> people as the traditional owners of the land and we pause to pay respect to <INSERT-NAME> Elders past, present and future.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Our Hope Leader (Student)

This year's Marist theme is adapted from the book of Jeremiah, Chapter 29, verse 11:
For I know the plans I have for you... to give you hope and a future.

Christian hope played a critical part in the lives of Marcellin Champagnat and the early Marists. With small resources, Marcellin established the first Marist community. His work was shaped by a deep trust in the goodness of God, and he also believed that Mary inspired and protected the "Marist project." This project did not just appear but took time to take shape. Marcellin had faith in the promise and accompaniment of God, and this took tremendous courage: the Brothers did not see or know the future but kept moving forward in hope. In this Year of Youth, we join our joys and struggles with Marcellin, Mary, and Jesus. We pray that we may also be people of hope and that we generously share our gifts and talents to transform the world around us, as Marcellin did.

First Reading A Future With Hope *Jeremiah 29:10-14*
Reader 1

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24:4-9

Reader 2: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

All: **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Reader 2: Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are the God my saviour.

All: **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Reader 2: Remember your mercy, Lord
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord.

All: **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Reader 2: The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor.

All: **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Reader 2: Please stand for the Gospel.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
 The spirit of the Lord is upon me;
 He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 4:16-22

Reader 3 **The Year of God's Favour**

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim
release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Please be seated.

Homily/Reflection

Prayers of Petition - *Inspired by the writings of Joyce Rupp, OSM.*

Leader: We bring all our hopes, dreams, and prayers to our loving God today.
Our response to the prayers is "God of hope, be with us!"

All: **God of hope, be with us!**

Reader 4: God of welcome, we ask that you help us to be people of your hospitality, inclusion, and kindness.

Lord, hear us.

All: God of hope, be with us!

Reader 5: God of truth, we ask that you inspire those in public office who make decisions about the lives of others to be people of service and integrity.

Lord, hear us.

All: God of hope, be with us!

Reader 6: God of peace, we pray for the places in our world which are darkened by conflict, poverty and war. Teach us all to be instruments of peace and living witnesses of your love.

Lord, hear us.

All: God of hope, be with us!

Reader 7: God of compassion, we pray for those whose lives are marked with pain and despair. Help us to listen deeply to those in need so we may become visible signs of hope in our local communities through our caring actions and words.

Lord, hear us.

All: God of hope, be with us!

Reader 8: God of presence, we ask you to walk with all young people in this Year of Youth so each one can know their value and purpose.

Lord, hear us.

All: God of hope, be with us!

Leader: God of hope, come be with us! Be the light that guides our way forward. Come and make a home in our lives, and in our hearts. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

Concluding Prayer The Magnificat of Mary

Leader: Please join together in praying Mary's prayer, the Magnificat:

All: *My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

*His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.*

*He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.*

*He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'*

Leader: We pray that God be with us in this Year of Youth, and always.

All: Amen.

Leader: We pray that we recognise God's face in each other, and that we take the opportunities offered to us to be the hands and feet of Christ this year.

All: Amen.

Leader: We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Optional* **Suggested music as students leave:** How Can I Keep From Singing?
as sung by Audrey Assad <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li2hddmy63U>

Also available for purchase on itunes: How Can I Keep From Singing?
as sung by Audrey Assad from the album Inheritance.

*Hope is what Mary, Mother of God,
sheltered in her heart during the darkest time in her life:
Friday afternoon to Sunday morning.
That is hope: she had it.
And that hope has renewed everything.
May God grant us that grace.*

Pope Francis, 2013



YEAR OF YOUTH STAFF REFLECTIONS

Year of Youth Staff Reflection 1

The Values and Customs of Life

Gathering Prayer

God of all people,
be with us today as we gather together
for prayer and fellowship as a community.
Help us to know that you walk with us in our daily lives.
Help us to lead the young people we serve to you.
Give us the grace to be witnesses of your inclusion,
your faithfulness, and your belief in their future.

Reflection *Pope Francis*

Address to the Italian Union of Catholic School Teachers, Managers, Educators, and Trainers on Catholic Education (March 2015):

“In a society that struggles to find points of reference, young people need a positive reference point in their school. The school can be this or become this only if it has teachers capable of giving meaning to school, to studies and to culture, without reducing everything to the mere transmission of technical knowledge. Instead they must aim to build an educational relationship with each student, who must feel accepted and loved for who he or she is, with all of his or her limitations and potential. In this direction, your task is more necessary now than ever. You must not only teach content, but the values and customs of life.”

Spend 2 minutes reflecting on the “values and customs of life” that you teach in your classes. What would you hope that a student in your class can learn that is not related to the course content but to the way they can live life to the full?

Community Prayer

An opportunity to share prayers/intercessions for the needs of our community.

Concluding Prayer

God of hope,
help us to follow Jesus
in the way we walk, talk and learn with our young people.
Help us to see the good we can do.

Help us to work together and take care of each other.
Help us to be witnesses of hope in our community
for the young people in our care, and for each other.

Litany

Mary, Our Good Mother:

Pray for us.

St Marcellin Champagnat:

Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross:

Pray for us.

And let us always remember:

To pray for one another.

Year of Youth Staff Reflection 2

Waiting in Joyful Hope

Ps 27: 13-14

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord, be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Community Prayer

Responsive Reading

One:

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills -
from where will my help come?

Many:

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

One:

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

Many:

**He who keeps Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.**

One:

The Lord is your keeper,
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Many:

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

One:

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

Many: he will keep your life.
**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Sacred Silence

Participants are invited to sit comfortably and to close their eyes for a time of contemplation in prayer.

Leader

Take this time of peace. What is it that God wants to say to you today?
Pope Francis has asked us to:

"...rediscover the path to our heart, to recover the value of intimacy and silence, because it is there that God meets us and talks to us. And it is only starting from there that we can meet others and talk to them." (2016)

Music: Sacred Silence as sung by *Melanie Rea*
from the album *It Is Well*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dm_s-U1dgw
Also available on itunes.

We come back to the group after 1 minute of silent contemplation.

Prayer of Gratitude - The Waiting Time

Iona Community, Scotland

Reader 1

You keep us waiting.
You, the God of all time,
want us to wait for the right time in which to discover
who we are, where we must go,
who will be with us, and what we must do.
So thank you.....for the waiting time.

Reader 2

You keep us looking.
You, the God of all space,
want us to look in the right and wrong places
for signs of hope,
for people who are hopeless,
for visions of a better world that will appear
among the disappointments of the world we know.
So thank you.....for the looking time.

Reader 3

You keep us loving.
You, the God whose name is love,
Want us to be like you –
To love the loveless and the unlovely and the unlovable;
To love without jealousy or threat;
And, most difficult of all, to love ourselves.
So thank you.....for the loving time.

All: *And in all this, you keep us:
through hard questions with no easy answers;
through failing where we hoped to succeed;
and making an impact when we felt we were useless;
through the patience and the dreams and the love of others;
and through Jesus Christ and his Spirit, you keep us.
So thank you.....for the keeping time.
And for now and forever,
Amen.*

Litany

Mary, Our Good Mother:	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St Marcellin Champagnat:	<i>Pray for us.</i>
St Mary of the Cross:	<i>Pray for us.</i>
And let us always remember:	<i>To pray for one another.</i>

Year of Youth Staff Reflection 3

Gathered Around One Table

Prayer style: Contemplative
Suggested duration: 10 mins
Suggested artwork: The Last Supper by *Sieger Köder*

Suggested Gathering Music:

1. *What You Have Done For Me* by Tony Alonso
Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0i2lKGaa54>
Also available for purchase on itunes from the album In Endless Song:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/in-endless-song/1198884087> or
2. *The Least of These* by Matt Maher
Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgV5-gnnZG0>
Also available for purchase on itunes from the album Echoes:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/echoes/id1282133421> or
3. *Be A Blessing* by David Haas
Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2mq-A8r1Vl>
Also available for purchase on itunes from the album God is Everywhere!
<https://itunes.apple.com/au/album/god-is-everywhere/1198882544>

Welcome Participants are welcomed and invited to sit in a comfortable position to fully enter into 1 minute of silent contemplation.

In this time of stillness and peace in prayer, you are invited to ask God to be with you. What is it that you bring to prayer today? You are encouraged to share this with God.

Savouring the Word The Gospel passage will be proclaimed twice. The first time, you are invited to simply listen. Proclaim the Gospel passage at a reflective pace.

Humility and Hospitality Luke 14: 12-14

He said to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Savouring the Silence

*Take one minute for contemplation of the Scripture.
When has a person gifted you with something without
expectation of you returning the favour?*

A Shared Banquet

*The Scripture is read again and you are invited to put yourself
into the picture.*

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Savouring the Silence

*Take one minute for contemplation of the Scripture. What is
Jesus asking you to do in your own life to be more welcoming to
people who you do not know, or who are different to yourself?
Who do you sit down at table with?*

Sending Prayer (All)

***Welcoming God, you always surprise us
with those you invite to your table.
May we also welcome the stranger
as you welcomed them here on earth.
May we be surprised and filled with joy to discover that
we, too, are invited to the heavenly feast in your Kingdom.***

(Adapted from Love Bade Me Welcome by Magdalen Lawlor, Pauline Books and Media)

Litany

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And let us always remember:

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Romans 5:5

...and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 12:12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 13:7

And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

1 Peter 3:14-16

But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

COMMENTARY**The Bible Project**

Summary of Jeremiah

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/jeremiah/>

Jeremiah 29

Commentary

<http://www.robertjmorgan.com/devotional/jeremiah-2911-i-know-the-plans-i-have-for-you/>

Christian Hope

Taize

https://www.taize.fr/en_article343.html

The Road to Emmaus

A Story Towards Hope

<http://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/road-emmaus-journey-toward-hope>

VIDEOS

Exploring the theme of Hope

Bishop Robert Barron: Faith, Hope, and Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuyKsaj6GbM>

Joseph Solomon: For I Know The Plans I Have For You, Declares the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ybs7RzE36po>

TED Talk by Nick Vujicic: Changing Obstacles Into Opportunities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P2nPI6CTlc>

Pope Francis on Christian Hope

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUXlfnLRtik>

Inspirational reflections

Susan Boyle's First Audition on Britain's Got Talent: I Dreamed A Dream

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRiJNS8Oz6E>

Martin Luther King Jr: I Have a Dream

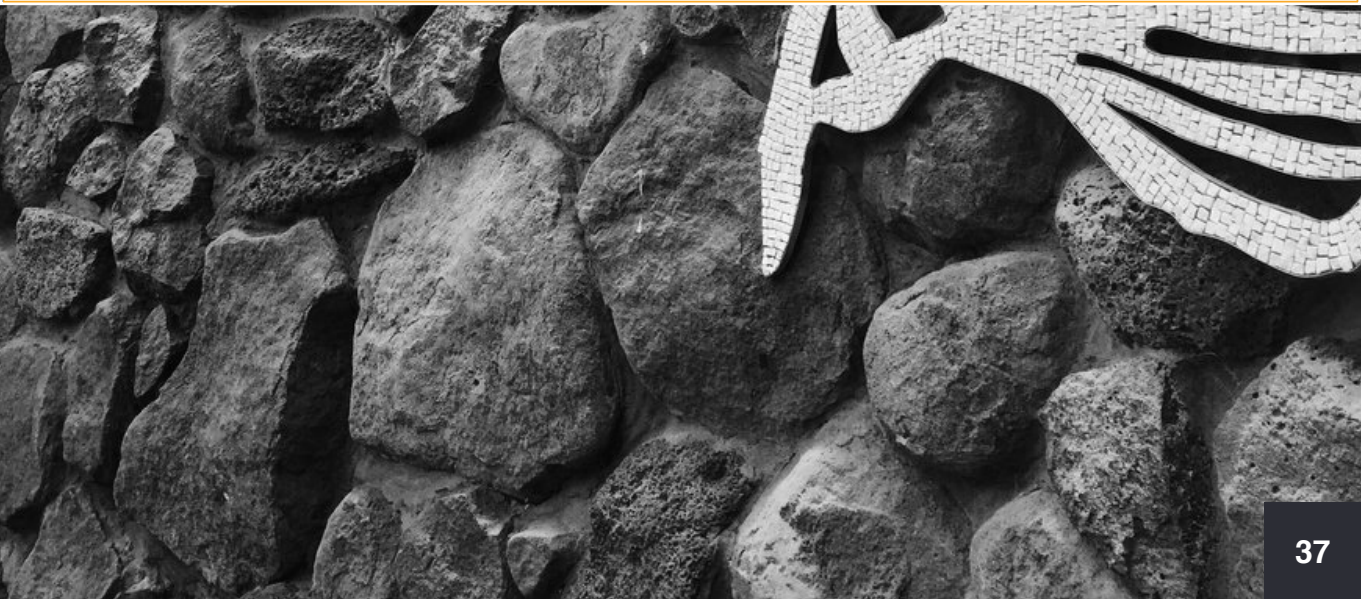
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dKimoybmEo>

The Pursuit of Happiness: Basketball and Dreams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZb2NOHPA2A>



MARIST STORIES OF HOPE



1822 - Brother Stanislaus

It was at the beginning of 1822. The Little Brothers of Mary were not well-known and there were few recruits; Father Marcellin Champagnat suffered because of the lack of people joining. Marcellin prayed fervently to the Blessed Virgin to obtain more postulants. On February 12, 1822, Marcellin celebrated Mass at the Chapel of Notre-Dame Our Lady of Sorrows. During the thanksgiving, which was very long, he repeated this prayer many times:

“Remember, O divine Mother, that it is you who have founded this little community, and that it would benefit you to bless it and make it prosper. If you abandon us, we shall perish; we shall go out like a lamp without oil. But, if this work perishes, it will not be our work which perishes, but yours. It shall not occur thus, O most holy Mother. We have put our trust in you, and it shall never be said that we counted on you in vain”

On his return, Father Champagnat found Claude Fayol (later known as Brother Stanislaus) at the house of the brothers, a young man of twenty-two, who came to ask to join the little Brothers of Mary.

1823 - Memorare in the Snow

In 1823 Marcellin Champagnat and Brother Stanislaus travelled from the Hermitage to a community a good distance from Brother Jean Baptiste, who was ill. Father Champagnat and Br Stanislaus were heading back to the Hermitage, in spite of the warnings about the weather from the brothers, when a ferocious snowstorm arose and blinded them. They lost their way in the snow. Br Stanislaus grew weak and Fr. Champagnat tried to carry him. Growing tired, he suggested to Br Stanislaus that they kneel in the snow to pray the Memorare, asking Mary's protection and rescue. As soon as they finished, they noticed a light in the distance and walked toward it. They came to a farm house and learned from the farmer, Mr. Donnet, that he had gone outside to the barn with his lantern to check his animals. He couldn't explain why, on such a bad night he had gone outside, when there was a connecting door from his kitchen to the barn. It was no mystery to Father Champagnat; he knew it was Mary's answer to the Memorare.

1836 - Marist Father Peter Chanel *Adapted from <http://www.maristfathers.org.au>*

In April 1836, Pope Gregory XVI entrusted the vast mission fields of the south-west Pacific to the Society of Mary. Fr. Peter Chanel was amongst this first group of Marists to take religious vows and the group left the port of Le Havre for the far-flung world of Oceania on the Christmas Eve.

The voyage was long and dangerous, round the Horn and westward across a mostly uncharted Pacific. Death by plague soon took the life of Fr Peter's close friend, Fr Claude Bret. Fr Peter Chanel was to work generously among the thousand inhabitants of the remote island of Futuna for the next four years. The population had once been much greater but constant fighting and cannibalism had decimated their numbers.

Indeed, not long before the arrival of Fr. Peter and Br. Marie Nizier, the native King Niuliki had been forced to outlaw cannibalism lest the natives eat themselves out of existence!

The two missionaries were now completely cut off from the outside world. They set about building shelter, growing food, and learning a language utterly foreign to them. Progress in bringing the Good News of Christ to this unfriendly people was heartbreakingly slow, and the living water of baptism that Fr. Peter so longed to offer was hardly to be poured. At the end of six months he had baptised only one Futunian — a dying child.

Peter Chanel's selflessness and love for this new flock began to have an effect on the people. They gave him the name 'the man with the good heart.' All might have gone well had not the king turned against Fr Chanel and his offering of the peace of the Gospel. The king was determined to be rid of the missionaries and forbade anyone to give them food. He would starve them out.

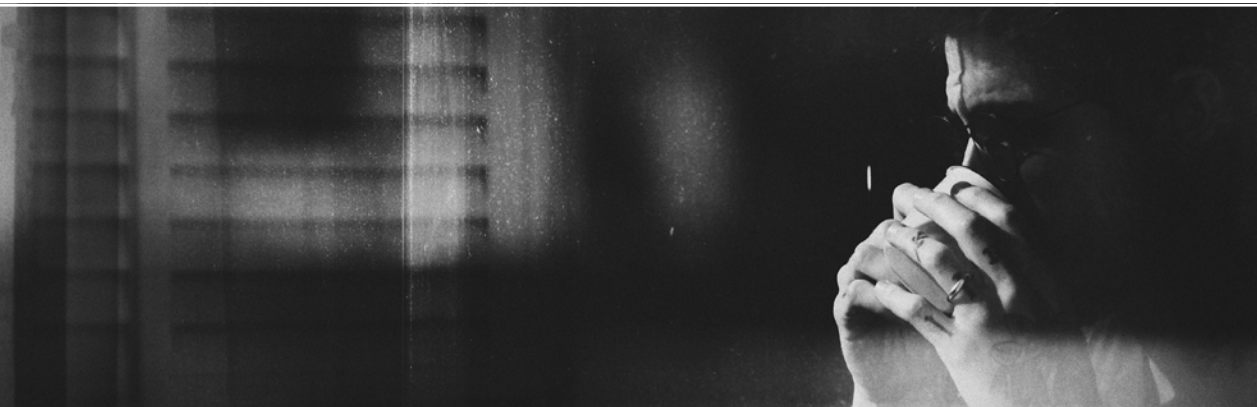
Fr. Peter and Br. Nizier's attempt to grow vegetables but were frustrated by raids by the King's tribesman on their garden. And then the king gave orders that the missionaries were to be murdered. One year after Peter Chanel's death, the entire island converted to Christianity, inspired by the witness of Peter Chanel's Christian faith.

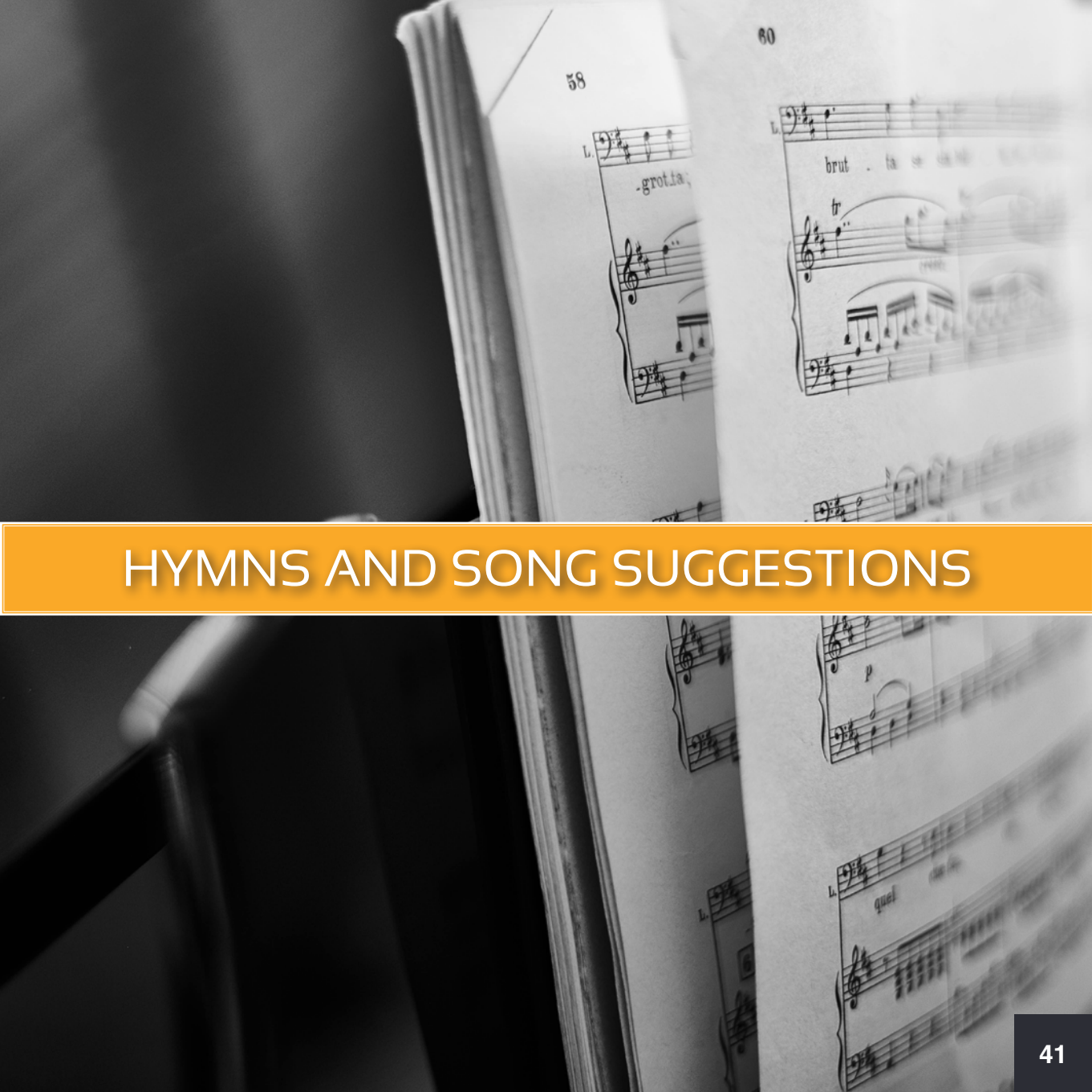
1872 – The May Miracle

In 1872, the Marist Brothers first established a school in Australia in the poor Rocks district of Sydney. Many of the children at the school had never experienced school life, and most were undisciplined and out of control. This created much anguish and chaos for the early Marist Brothers in Australia. As it was May it was suggested that the students help to create a May altar in honour of the Virgin Mary. The young students were to go home and collect various items for the construction of a prayer space. When they completed constructing this space using items like cloth, images and crosses, they prayed to Mary. It was the month of May. Weeks after the event, there was a significant change in the young people. Reflecting back on this moment, the Marist brothers realised that what took place was a miracle.

2011 – Marists in Aleppo

The Marist Brothers first came to Aleppo in 1904. In 2011, war broke out, displacing millions of Syrians. The Brothers were asked to leave the country. However, they chose to remain, as they realised their presence brought hope to the many people who could not leave. In July 2012, the Marists in Aleppo changed their name to the Blue Marists (both religious and lay) and expanded their work beyond students to include the poorest families, who were both Christian and Muslim. The Blue Marists have been able to provide medicine, food, and shelter for many people. Remarkably, they continued to run their school despite the war that raged around them.





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Liturgical Music Resources for School Masses

Resource Collections:

As One Voice 1, 2, and The Next Generation	AOV1, AOV2, AOVNG
Catholic Worship Book 1 and 2	CWB I, CWB II
Gather Australia	GA
Psalms for Feasts and Seasons	PFS
Digital Download (GIA, OCP, Marist Music, or OCP)	DD

For teachers new to the Catholic Tradition:

School Liturgies Made Easy by Lisa Freemantle and Carmela Caporiccio Novalis Publishing, 2012, Canada.

Available from Garratt Publishing at <https://garrattpublishing.com.au/product/9782896464081/>

For copyright compliance: <https://www.onelicense.net>

Recommended Mass Settings

Mass of Creation	Marty Haugen As One Voice Vol 1, 2010 Ed. only, No. 196 Catholic Worship Book II No. 69a, b, c, 74
Mass of Freedom	Maggie Russell As One Voice Vol 1, 2010 Ed. only, No. 197
Mass of a Joyful Heart Digital Download at Mass Shalom	Steve Angrisano https://www.ocp.org/en-us/collections/dg/44 Colin Smith As One Voice Vol 1, 3rd (2010) Ed. only, No. 195 Catholic Worship Book II No. 27 a, c, d/ e, f, g or h, j, k

Suggested Psalm Collections

Catholic Worship Book 1	
Gather Australia	
Psalms for All Time (Paul Mason)	DD Liturgical Song, Australia
Psalms for Feasts and Seasons (Willcock)	DD OCP
Psalms for the Church Year (Haas/Haugen)	DD GIA

Psalms for the Church Year (Br Michael Herry FMS)
Responsorial Psalms (Colin D. Smith)
Responsorial Psalms (Jenny O'Brien)

DD Marist Music
DD Willow Publishing, Australia
DD Brighton Publishing (SA)

Suggested Gospel Acclamations for Feasts and Ordinary Time

Celtic Alleluia	AOV1 13, CWBll 48
Easter Alleluia – Mode VI	CWBll 43
Halle, Halle, Halle	AOV2 46
Hallel Alleluia	CWBll 49
Mass of a Joyful Heart Alleluia	DD
Mawby Alleluia	CWBll 51
Murray Alleluia	CWBll 52
Shalom Mass Alleluia	AOV1 195

Please use the Gospel verse appropriate to the day

Suggested Gospel Acclamation for Lent

Lenten Gospel Acclamation	Colin Smith	AOV1 195, CWBll 27e
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Please use the Gospel verse appropriate to the day

Gathering/Entrance

All Are Welcome	Marty Haugen	CWBll 535 or DD GIA
Be Thou My Vision	Irish Traditional	AOV1 9, CWBll 455
Christ, Be Our Light	Bernadette Farrell	AOV2 3, CWBll 540
Gather Your People, O Lord	Bob Hurd	AOV1 71, CWBll 490
Hearts on Fire	Michael Mangan	AOVNG 62
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Joachim Neander	AOV2 132, CWBll 586
Send Down The Fire	Marty Haugen	AOV2 164, CWBll 389
Sing A New Song	Dan Schutte	AOV1 80, CWBll 598
The Summons	Bell/Maule	CWBll 645
We Are Called	David Haas	AOV2 60, CWBll 476

Procession of the Gifts

A Future with Hope	David Haas	DD GIA
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<https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/a-future-with-hope-print-g7164>

Bless the Lord, My Soul	Jacques Berthier (Taize)	AOV2 142
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Eat This Bread	Jacques Berthier (Taize)	AOV1 125, CWBll 484
God Has Chosen Me	Bernadette Farrell	AOV1 21, CWBll 495
Lord, We Come to Your Table	Br Michael Herry fms	CWBll 547 or free DD at Marist Music DD GIA
One Heart, One Mind	David Haas	DD GIA
	https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/one-heart-one-mind-print-g8851	
Open My Eyes	Jesse Manibusan	AOV1 166, CWBll 582
Prayer of St Francis	Sebastian Temple	AOV2 126, CWBll 555
Seed, Scattered and Sown	Dan Feiten	CWBll 592
Song of the Body of Christ	David Haas	AOV1 27
The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor	John Foley S.J	AOV1 83, CWBll 618
The Lord Is My Shepherd	Brian Boniwell	AOV1 26, CWBll 619
Ubi Caritas	Jacques Berthier (Taize)	CWBll 634
Wait For The Lord	Jacques Berthier (Taize)	CWBll 251
We Come to Your Feast	Fr Jan Michael Joncas	DD GIA
	https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/we-come-to-your-feast-print-g4270	

Communion

Bread of Life, Hope of the World	Bernadette Farrell	AOV1 164, CWBll 459
Make of Our Hands A Throne	Steve Warner	DD WLP
	http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/2793.htm	
One Bread, One Body	John Foley S.J	AOV1 129, CWBll 579
Shepherd Me, O God	Marty Haugen	AOV1 33, CWBll 597
Table of Plenty	Dan Schutte	AOV2 20
The Name of God	David Haas	CWBll 517
Unless A Grain of Wheat	Bernadette Farrell	AOV1 35, CWBll 635

Thanksgiving

Be Not Afraid	Bob Dufford S.J	AOV1 114, CWBll 653
In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful	Jacques Berthier (Taize)	AOV2 109, CWBll 522
Jesus Christ, You Are My Life	Marco Frisina	CWBll 523
Laudate Dominum	Jacques Berthier (Taize)	CWBll 531
O God, You Search Me	Bernadette Farrell	AOV2 31, CWBll 572
On Eagle's Wings	Fr Jan Michael Joncas	AOV1 153, CWBll 654

Remembrance	Matt Maher	DD OCP
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	https://www.ocp.org/en-us/songs/83228	
Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts	Steve Warner	DD WLP
	http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/2776.htm	
Shine, Jesus, Shine!	Graham Kendrick	AOV2 59, CWBll 550
Sub Tuum Praesidium	Lambillotte	CWBll 419 or free DD at Marist Music
You are Mine	David Haas	AOV2 2, CWBll 51

Sending Forth/Recessional

Amazing Grace	Newton	AOV1 29, CWBll 450
A Rightful Place	Steve Angrisano	DD OCP
	https://www.ocp.org/en-us/songs/86394	
Bring Forth the Kingdom	Haugen	AOV2 4, CWBll 647
Create A New Heart	Watts/O'Brien	AOV1 158, CWBll 477
Go, Make A Difference	Steve Angrisano	AOVNG 52 or DD OCP
Lord Of All Hopefulness	Irish Traditional	CWBll 541
Sing to the Mountains	Bob Dufford S.J	AOV1 92, CWBll 604
Take The Word of God With You	Walker/Harrison	CWBll 607

Please note: any music used from Hillsong and some other non-Catholic sources requires the purchase of a separate CCLI license.

Contemporary Music for Personal Prayer, Devotion, and Non-Liturgical Purposes

*Appropriate for use as a Call to Prayer before Masses, or as students are exiting

Be Thou My Vision Norton Hall*
This video is appropriate for all ages
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdBnu7OXk9g>

Be Thou My Vision Audrey Assad
This video is appropriate for all ages
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXDhCEm-bQ>

Build Your Kingdom Here Rend Collective*

This video is appropriate for all ages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg>

Also available on itunes

Falling Slowly

The Frames

This video is appropriate for all ages – lyrics only

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fj9ZoUr1XA>

This video could be appropriate for senior students

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8mtXwtapX4>

Future and Hope

New Hope Oahu Music*

This video is appropriate for all ages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEOBM9U4JyE>

Hope in Front Of Me

Danny Gokey

This video is appropriate for all ages – lyrics only

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KlhYZO_oww

Also available on itunes

This video could be appropriate for senior students

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5GFiDdGGGM>

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Audrey Assad

This video is appropriate for all ages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li2hddmy63U>

Jeremiah 29:11

Jeremy Lowe

This video is appropriate for all ages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rpualloS54>

My Hope Is In You

Aaron Shust

This video is appropriate for all ages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RRZgr7wNDs>

Also available on itunes

This video could be appropriate for senior students

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugD0i5Y3cw8>

Psalm 139

Brie Stoner

Darkness and Light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCfel6nlddQ>

The Potter's Hand

Hillsong

This video is appropriate for all ages – lyrics only

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgXL3y9Rlbl>

Through Heavens Eyes

The Prince of Egypt

This video is appropriate for all ages – title only

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHU7oPA-l1E>

Also available on itunes

You Know Better Than I

Joseph King of Dreams

This video is appropriate for all ages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oL6HlzOZLo>

You Raise Me Up

Josh Groban

Audio available for purchase from itunes

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman*

This video is appropriate for all ages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtwlT8JjddM>

