

BI-CENTENARY RESOURCE BOOKLET

# AWAKEN

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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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# Image Deflection

The image speaks of our Christian story and of our deep desire to be in relationship with God and with one another. It celebrates the Bicentenary of our rich Marist spirituality, evoking the experiences of the first Marists and of those who have followed in their footsteps.

The *Awaken* image can be broken down into three key elements:

**Hands** – the hands represent our humanness and the work of God's creation. As co-creators, we continue this work by building and forming young people, using our unique identity to help grow our own faith communities. They speak of our Christian mission of bringing 'Christ-life to birth' in others and in the world through our service to them. We use open hands in response to the story of the Gospel, indicating our willingness to respond to those most in need.

*"We are all the work of your hand." (Is. 64:8)*

**Heart** – As Marists, we place our absolute trust in God and depend on Mary for support and guidance. The heart or 'M', reminds us of our identity as Marists and speaks of our deep sense of family spirit that is strongly relational and affective. We strive together with a generous heart, constant and persevering in our daily work.

*"...we journey, growing into that inner harmony that attracted people to Jesus - humble and gentle of heart." (Water from the Rock, n.109).*

**Spirit** – The Holy Spirit in the image is represented by wind. Like the wind that appeared at Pentecost, we are reminded of the Spirit who continues to breathe life into our lives and the Church. Attentive to this Spirit, we are enthused and encouraged as it unveils the mystery of Christ, bringing us into deeper communion with God and into peace with one another. It is the Spirit who prepares and unites us to go out to the world, to recall God's word and to open the minds and hearts of all to God's mission in Jesus.

*"And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth." (1 Jn 5:6)*



# Badges Presentation

*(slide of the College Crest)*

*(light the Bicentennial/Awaken Candle)*

**Leader:** This year, 2017, marks a very special moment in our Marist history.

It has been 200 years since Marcellin gathered his first brothers and since then a spiritual family has grown within the Catholic Church known as the Marist family. It is a family that is now extended around the world and a family of which we are all members.

Our two hundredth birthday is very special and a good time to reflect upon what it means to be Marist; not only now but into the future.

**Student 1:** The Marist theme this year is Awaken!

Awaken is an invitation to really open our eyes, sharpen our senses and move with anticipation into our Marist future.

This year, let us be grateful for the inspiring vision and life of Saint Marcellin Champagnat and his early Brothers.

Let us give thanks for our community of faith here at .....and for the God who journeys with us.

Let us look to our Marist future as we are led by the Holy Spirit to continue to make Jesus Christ known and loved.

Let us be people of the dawn and, with each day's rising sun, be awake to those who need us.

*(Awaken Image slide is projected)*

**Student 2:** The image you see on the screen symbolizes our Marist spirituality. The heart or M reminds us of our identity as Marists. The hands represent our humanness and the work of God's creation and the Spirit, represented by the wind, continues to breathe life into our lives.

**Leader:** To help us celebrate our 200th birthday, we are giving everyone the gift of a Marist badge. As Marists we will wear it with pride as a reminder of our proud heritage as well as the dream of continuing Marist life into the future.

*(Badge blessing/commissioning)*

**Leader:** Finally, let us take up the invitation of Pope Francis who urges us to 'Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living!'

*(project the slide image of the badge)*

*(Badges to be distributed how and when is suitable)*



# School Assembly Prayer

**MC:** *(lights the School/Awaken candle)*

**Student:** As we gather in prayer today, I would like to acknowledge the (insert name here) people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the (insert name here) Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals present. We acknowledge the owners of this land.

**MC:** On the 2nd January 1817 a young priest, Fr Marcellin Champagnat, moved into a house on the edge of the town of La Valla in France. He built some furniture for it himself, and invited two young men to become brothers who could educate and care for the children of the parish. The number of Brothers slowly grew. Today, 200 years later, we sit here as part of Champagnat's dream-come-true. We are one of 53 Marist schools in Australia celebrating the life and achievements of St Marcellin Champagnat. It is also a celebration of a spiritual family, our Marist family.

**Leader 1:** To begin our new year using the Marist 2017 theme of Awaken, let us remember that in our Marist tradition we can see Marcellin Champagnat as an example to us of how ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they make use of the gifts they have been given.

2017 marks the two hundredth birthday of the Marist Brothers.

Let us all resolve to start 2017 having the courage to be the people our Marist tradition calls us to be.

Let us be people of peace and hope. People of compassion and tenderness.

People of truth and understanding. People awake to the knowledge that Jesus loves us.



**Leader 2:** Let us be people who are not afraid to let our light shine. People who are repairers of bridges and restorers of roads.

Let us be like Marcellin Champagnat, driven by a passion to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us be authentic people being the best we can be.

Let us make a promise to ourselves that, this year, we will be awake! Awake to the opportunities given to us and awake to the needs of those around us.

**MC:** In acknowledgement of our Marist Bicentenary and as part of our prayer this morning let us all be upstanding and, together, sing the Sub Tuum.



# Staff Prayer

## Introduction

On 2nd January 1817, Marcellin Champagnat welcomed two young men into a house which he had rented in the town of La Valla where he was assistant pastor. Their names were Jean-Baptiste Audras and Jean-Marie Granjon. They became the first Marist Brothers, and the date became known as the Foundation Day. Later that year, these two Brothers began to teach the young people of La Valla, thus beginning the first Marist school.

We Marists – like all disciples of the Risen Christ – are called to be people of the dawn. Indeed, to be prophets of dawn. It prompts us to look beyond the horizon, to imagine new possibilities, to have the liberty to build new paradigms. It is typical of us as Marists that our bicentennial year is not focused primarily on celebrating what has been, but on looking ahead to what might be. We are at the beginning of a third century of the Marist way of sharing in God's mission. As we gather to begin the new school year we look beyond the horizon to what might be.

## Reading *John 21:4-6*

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

## Response *Psalms 127:1-4*

**R: As people of the dawn we look beyond the horizon with hope.**

If the LORD does not build a house  
in vain do its builders toil.  
If the LORD does not guard a city  
in vain does its guard keep watch. **R.**



In vain you get up earlier,  
and put off going to bed,  
sweating to make a living,  
since it is he who provides for his beloved as they sleep. **R.**

Children are a birthright from the LORD,  
they are a reward from him.  
Like arrows in a warrior's hand  
are the children you father when young. **R.**

### Prayers of Petition

1. Our beginnings were shaped by the caring relationship between a young country priest and a group of young people, living in a time of great social turmoil. The priest was Marcellin Champagnat; the young people were Jean-Marie Granjon, Jean-Baptiste Audras, Jean-Claude Audras, Antoine Couturier, Barthélemy Badard, Gabriel Rivat, and Jean-Baptiste Furet. They became our founding community at La Valla. [WFR 2] For all young teachers setting out on the road to 'make Jesus known and loved', we pray.  
**Response:** *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*
2. Simple and uneducated men, they lived with great simplicity and unity. Their day was spent in learning how to write, read and teach, and in manual work that sustained them economically. They lived in the midst of the people and shared their lot. [WFR 3] For the gift of simplicity and unity in our school community, we pray.  
**Response:** *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*
3. Ever more deeply they discovered the presence of God in their midst, and learnt to rely upon Providence. Together they developed a thirst for Jesus and for following him in Mary's way. They developed a love of Mary as a sure way of centring their hearts on Jesus. They competed with each other to help someone in need. [WFR 4] For a love of Jesus in the way of Mary, we pray.  
**Response:** *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*
4. Like Mary setting out in haste to the hill country, each week they went out into the surrounding hamlets to make Jesus known and loved. They cared for poor children and welcomed them into



their home. [WFR 5] For the poor children in our care that we love them as Jesus loves them, we pray.

**Response:** *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

5. This Montagne event was for Marcellin a summons from God. His compassion aroused him to immediately put into action his foundational insight; We must have Brothers! The needs of young people and his responding vision for a group of dedicated evangelizers was now confirmed. They would bring the good news of Jesus to people on the margins of church and society. He had been a priest for just four months. [WFR 9] For all people on the margins that we respond to their plight with compassion, we pray.

**Response:** *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

### Salve Regina\*

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae;  
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae,  
ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia, ergo advocata nostra, illos tuos  
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;  
et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy.  
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs,  
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
Your eyes of mercy towards us.  
And after this, our exile,  
Show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

*“Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living!”*  
*[Pope Francis, 2015]*

\*This could be either sung in Latin or recited in English with the Latin playing softly in the background



# Student Home Room / Tutor Group Prayer

## Prayer with class response

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*All: Amen*

**Leader:** The response to the first part of the prayer is “We give thanks and praise.”

*All: We give thanks and praise.*

**Leader:** We pray together in thanks and praise for the blessings of being Marist.

For the presence and love of God in our lives;

*All: We give thanks and praise.*

**Leader:** For the trust we place in Jesus and His word;

*All: We give thanks and praise.*

**Leader:** For the peace and strength we find in Mary, our Good Mother;

*All: We give thanks and praise.*

**Leader:** And in the relationships we share with one other.

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**Leader:** In this our Marist bicentenary year, we look toward our future with confidence, joy, audacity and hope. May we continue to awaken the same spirit in our lives that captured and inspired Saint Marcellin and fuelled generations of Marists to be people of passion and compassion; passion for God and compassion for people.

We pray this prayer in the company of Mary, who always has her adorable Son within her arms or in her heart.

*All: Hail Mary, full of grace.*

*The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

**Leader:** We now pause and pray in our hearts for those intentions that are special to us ..  
(pause for 5-10 seconds)

**Leader:** 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.**

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
*All: Amen*

## **Prayer - Leader only**

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
*All: Amen*

We pray together in thanks and gratitude for the blessings of being Marist.

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**Leader:** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

*All: Amen*

# Scripture

## **Romans 12:11-12**

*You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from your sleep...The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light!*

## **Psalms 108:1-6**

*Awake, my soul!*

*Awake O harp and lyre!*

*I will awake the dawn.*

## **John 20:1-10**

[Mary Magdalene's awakening belief is associated with the light of the new day]

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.*



# Hymns - Song Suggestions

## Bicentenary Celebration

### Hymns/Songs

Holy Spirit – Francesca Battistelli  
We Gather At Your Table - Gina Ogilvie & Monica O'Brien\*  
Can You See God – Chris DeSilva\*  
Gather As One – Amanda McKenna\*  
We Remember - Marty Haugen\*  
A Journey Remembered - Kevin Bates  
As Mary Did - Michael Herry  
[Marist Bicentenary Hymn \(More Than Memories\) - Kevin Bates \(Sheet Music, Words\)](#)  
We Walk By Faith - Marty Haugen\*  
Abundant Life - Marty Haugen  
With You By My Side - David Haas  
(For All the Saints - Christopher Willcock  
Litany of the Saints - Matt Maher)

### Chant

Blessing - Taize  
Bless The Lord - Taize

### Instrumental

Blessing - Margaret Rizza

## Awaken

### Hymns/Songs

Awake my Soul - Chris Tomlin  
Fall Afresh – Jeremy Riddle  
Your Grace is Enough – Chris Tomlin  
All That Is Hidden - Bernadette Farrell  
We Will Rise Again - David Haas

### Chant

The Lord Is My Light - Taize

### Reflection

I Arise Today - Rita Connelly (composed by Shaun Davey)  
I Will Rise – Chris Tomlin

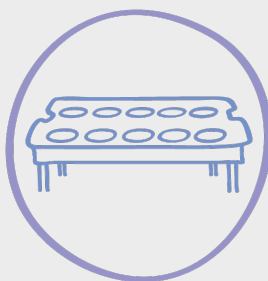
### Instrumental

Awakening - Secret Garden  
Grace – David Tolk

### Mass Setting

Mass For A New World - David Haas

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