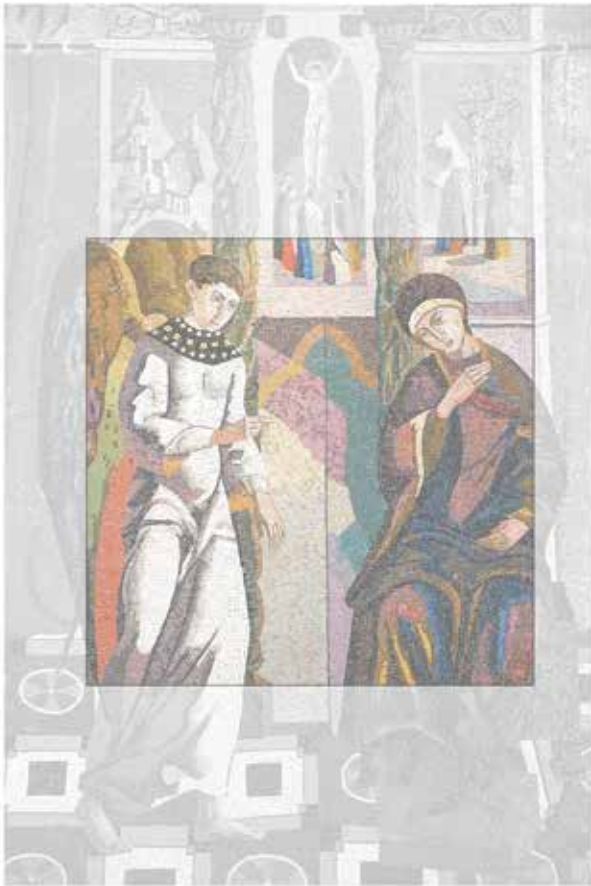




Marist

ASSOCIATION OF
MARCELLIN CHAMBERLAIN

**PROGRAMS
AND EVENTS 2023**



Justin O'Brien
Mosaic. Basilica of the Annunciation.
Nazareth. Israel.

Dear Marist Friends

The second assembly of the Australian Church's Fifth Plenary Council was held in July 2022. Eight priority areas had been identified through a lengthy and detailed discernment process that began four years ago. The discussions about each of these areas invariably focussed on formation opportunities of one kind or another. Time and time again formation was identified as a key strategy for effectively addressing these key areas.

Over the past thirty years the Marists of Champagnat have devoted significant attention to faith formation opportunities for staff, students and Association Members. It is no exaggeration to say that the Marists have a fine reputation in the scope and quality of their formation offerings. I am therefore delighted and proud to present the programme of faith formation for 2023.

This year's theme is **Created and Called**. It is truly elemental. In Christian anthropology this is the way human life is interpreted. We are all the blessed creation of a personal God, who calls us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. If people accepted the creative action of God then they would also accept the unity of all creation. And in so doing, we would discover anew that we are called *"to be at the heart of a network of life made up of millions of species lovingly joined together for us by our Creator. Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters, and stewards of creation"*. (Pope Francis)

I hope you will personally benefit from the 2023 Marist Formation programme.

Br Peter Carroll FMS

Provincial and Leader of the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat



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“Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

These words from St Catherine of Siena express a desire to be our deepest and truest selves in response to being known and loved by a God who, as Herbert McCabe OP says beautifully, is “helplessly and hopelessly in love with us”. God’s love changes us. It ignites the flame of desire in our hearts to be God’s love in the world. It ignites a revolution, a revolution fuelled by God’s love!

So, what might this revolution look like? When the prophet Micah was faced with the stirrings of revolution in the air because of the mistreatment of the lowly and oppression of the poor, God gave a clear message of what to do. “What does the Lord require of you? Do justice, love tenderness, and walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8) Only this. These are perhaps unexpected qualities to associate with revolution.

In *Evangelii Gaudium* (EG), another unexpected figure is presented by Pope Francis. He encourages believers to look to Mary so we can “believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness” (EG, 288). In Mary, we see the qualities of humility, tenderness and concern for others are not virtues of the weak but of the strong. This is captured powerfully in Mary’s song of praise, the Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55), where she has literally been ignited by the divine fire of God’s love. In response to living her true identity, Mary is created and called to ‘magnify’ the Lord with her whole

being, and this ignites a transformation in others. Her prayer speaks of a revolution that “brings down the mighty from their thrones” and “raises the lowly”, through bringing forth the “loving tenderness of the heart of our God” (Lk 1:78) and the birth of a new world (EG, 288).

At times though, we might feel that we don’t really understand who God has created us to be, or it feels we are far from setting the world on fire. Artists like Michelangelo offer us consolation. He believed the sculptor was a tool of God, not creating but simply revealing the powerful figures already there. He once said, “I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set it free”. Let us trust that we are already created as God desires us to be. In fact, trust that, as St Catherine joyously declared, God is “pazzo d’amor” for us – literally, ‘crazy in love’ with us. Let us not be afraid to do something great with our lives and our love.

During the Nazi holocaust, the young 13-year-old Anne Frank wrote in her diary about the power of justice, tenderness and walking humbly with her God, saying: “The sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit”. She also said: “How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Today, the *revolution of love and tenderness* starts with you and me.

Let us pray that we may all be living signs of the Father’s tenderness and love (Water From the Rock, 102) as we set the world on fire with God’s love.

Tony Clarke
Director, Mission and Life Formation



The Atlas (marble, height
277cm, circa 1530-34)
Michelangelo di Lodovico
Buonarroti Simoni

THE 2023 MARIAN *Lecture*

A Revolution of Love and Tenderness

A conversation with Dr Medi Volpe Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University.

The Marian Lecture takes up the theme of generating a revolution of love and tenderness as we seek to discover our personal vocation and the call to create. Dr Medi will draw on her deep understanding of the Christian tradition, motherhood, spirituality and the human person to explore what it means to bring Christ life into the world.



Dr Medi Volpe

Dr Volpe is currently Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics at Durham University. She is also Director of Research at Wesley House, a theological college affiliated with the University of Cambridge and has edited or co-edited over fifteen books and articles. Dr Volpe's research interests in ecclesiology and ethics intersect with her work on Christian formation, intellectual disability and Christian imagination. She understands ongoing theological education as an aspect of Christian formation, not separate from but integral to one's vocational and spiritual journey.

Date: 16 May 2023

Time: Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne 6:00pm-7:15pm (AEST)
Adelaide and Alice Springs 5:30pm-6:45pm (ACST)
Perth 4:00pm-5:15pm (AWST)

Mode: Online

Contact: Mark O'Farrell | mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au

MARIST Association

MARIST ASSOCIATION REGIONAL GATHERINGS

The Regional Gatherings aim to strengthen the connections between members of the Marist Association in geographical regions across Australia. The artwork from the 2023 National Assembly (right) captures this vitality of coming together as a regional and a spiritual family. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experience of Marist life and explore ideas and resources for nurturing the Marist Association. 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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or Mark O'Farrell | mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au



MID-WINTER RETREAT *(For Association members, school and ministry staff)*

FR MICHAEL CASEY OCSO | **\$670.00**



Fr Michael has been a Cistercian monk at Tarrawarra since 1960, has published extensively on different facets of monasticism and, during the past 40 years, has visited over 100 monasteries in different countries giving seminars and retreats. He is regarded as one of the world's most significant writers in the Benedictine and Cistercian tradition. Our annual retreat offers a time of insight and renewal through a process of quiet reflection, spiritual reading and quality input.

Date: 5-7 July 2023 | Commences 10.30am and finishes 1.30pm (AEST)

Venue: The Hermitage, Mittagong

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

ANNUAL MOMENT OF RENEWAL

Each year, the Moment of Renewal provides a simple way for members of the Marist Association to remember in each other's company our desire to be a vital faith community, remain attentive to the God of all life, nurture our spirituality, and draw on our mission 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 St Marcellin Champagnat
23 July	Fourviere Pledge
15 August	Feast of the Assumption

Resources are made available to Marist Association Local Coordinators.

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or Mark O'Farrell | mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au

FRATELLI TUTTI – GROWING FRIENDSHIP AND DIALOGUE, TOGETHER

This online formation program will explore Fratelli Tutti with Marists from the diverse regions of Melanesia, Oceania, Australia and Asia, experiencing what it means to truly walk together as brothers and sisters in our regional Marist family. Participants will develop an understanding of what it means to place 'human dignity' at the centre of our world, and its implications for building a new kind of solidarity by how we treat others and reach out to those in need. Fratelli Tutti proposes the question... Who do you need to be in the world?

The six 90-minute sessions provide participants with an intercultural experience of authentic dialogue, opportunities to know each other and a practical way of walking together in solidarity. Commitment to each session is a vital part of forming this interregional community.

Dates: 15, 22 February and 1, 8, 15, 22 March 2023 | 4.00-5.30pm (AEDT)

Register: online registration [click here](#)

Contact: Nathan Ahearne | nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au



AVAILABLE FOR RETREATS AND SEMINARS WITH GROUPS

Br Graham Neist

Living Contemplatively

graham.neist@marists.org.au

Cost: Covering travel and accommodation

Br Robert O'Connor

Sabbath Experience (with previous experience on a silent retreat)

Nurturing the Spiritual

robert.oconnor@marists.org.au

Cost: Covering travel and accommodation

Br Mark O'Connor

Connecting Faith and Daily Life - the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis

mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

Cost: Covering travel and accommodation

Available for one-to-one spiritual accompaniment

Br Robert Aitken

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Br Darren Burge

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Br Tony Shears

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Br Bill Sullivan

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Br Bill Tarrant

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Cost: As discussed and negotiated with Spiritual Accompanier

Contact: Tony Clarke | tony.clarke@marists.org.au

Hermitage **RETREATS**

CARE FOR THE SOUL | 2 NIGHTS | \$410.00

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.

Dates: 24-26 March, 5-7 May, 3-5 November | Commences: 5:00pm and finishes 11:00am

CARE FOR THE SOUL – GIFT OF THE MYSTIC WITHIN | 3 NIGHTS | \$520.00

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: 20-23 July | Commences: 5:00pm and finishes 11:00am (AEST)



CARE FOR THE SOUL – DIRECTED RETREAT

| 3 NIGHTS | \$520.00

This is a Directed Silent Retreat with accompaniment by a qualified Spiritual Director. There will be a morning input reflection and daily Eucharist. Much of the time is available for private reflective time, allowing you to experience the movement of the Spirit in your daily encounters.

Date: 27-30 April | Commences: 10:00am and finishes 11:00am (AEST)

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 Br Bill Sullivan on 02 4872 1911 or email at bill.sullivan@marists.org.au . Spiritual direction is available during these retreats for those wishing to consider this.

Prices may vary according to retreat requirements. Individual Hermitage Cottages are available for retreatants and a variety of catering packages are available for these retreats.

Venue: 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 our website. Visit: www.thehermitage.org

Br Bill Sullivan
E: bill.sullivan@marists.org.au



Staff PROGRAMS

IN THE MARIST WAY: NEW STAFF FORMATION PROGRAM | \$60.00

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 mission as a mission of the Church and gain an insight into the charism of the founder, St Marcellin Champagnan.

Dates:

23 February	Canberra	1 May	Melbourne 2 (Bulleen)
6 March	Northern Queensland	1 May	Sydney East
14/15 March	Central Victoria	2 May	Gippsland
16 March	Central West	15 May	Brisbane
16 March	Bendigo	22 May	Macarthur
17 March	Melbourne 1 (Kilmore)	24 May	Sydney West
27 March	Adelaide	1 June	Hunter
1 May	Western Australia	8 June	Riverina



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

FOOTSTEPS: MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED | \$720.00

A three-day residential program for staff who have been in Marist schools and ministries for two years or more. It explores Marist charism, 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 St 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:

19-22-February

23-26 July

10-13 September

5-8-March

20-23 August

22-25 October

Footsteps 2:

7-10 May

6-9 August

Contact: Mark O'Farrell | mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au
or Paul Harris | paul.harris@marists.org.au

MARIST SOLIDARITY RETREAT | \$690.00*

This three-day retreat provides an opportunity for participants to encounter 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 of how the Marist story is being lived there. With a rich background of desert environs, this retreat provides an opportunity for solidarity with the land, its people and the Marist mission in Central Australia.



Please note: proof of full current Covid vaccination and recent negative Covid test result may be necessary prior to participation.

Date: 15 -18 October 2023 | Commences 1:00pm and finishes 10:30am (ACST)

Venue: Alice Springs / Santa Teresa

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

**airfare to Alice Springs not included. Due to the popularity of this retreat, only one participant per school/ministry will be accepted.*

ECOLOGY OF THE HEART RAINFOREST TO THE REEF RETREAT | \$690.00*

This three day retreat provides time and space to reflect on the exhortation of Pope Francis to see creation through the eyes of the creator. Nurturing and transforming creation is a command God gives not only at the beginning of history but to each one of us. Participants will be challenged to respond to this sacred task as we journey through the rainforests of Far North Queensland and the wonder of the Great Barrier Reef.

Stewardship starts from a position of humility. Through prayerful listening, learning, walking and reflecting, participants will engage with the deep springs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture as we travel from the rainforest to the reef. As this retreat involves journeying through natural environments, a reasonable level of fitness is required.

Date: 5-8 September 2023

Venue: Seville Mercy Conference Centre, Cairns
(Daintree Rainforest & Great Barrier Reef)

Contact: Tony Clarke | tony.clarke@marists.org.au
or Mark Elliott | mark.elliott@marists.org.au

**airfare to Cairns not included. Due to the popularity of this retreat, only one participant per school/ministry will be accepted.*



MARIST PILGRIMAGE | \$13,500.00

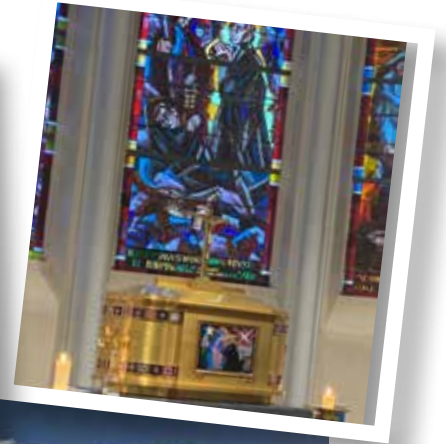
The Marist Pilgrimage is an annual formation experience offered to Australian Marists. It is a 19-day experience which invites participants to take a journey of the heart to the sources of our Christian and Marist tradition and life. It begins in the Holy Land to underscore the Christian foundation from which the Marist project is sourced before visiting our General House in Rome. We then experience the spiritual connection of being in places significant to the life and works of St Marcellin Champagnat in France.

The possibilities for spiritual and intellectual growth are endless as we walk together as Marist disciples and pilgrims. It is an opportunity to help change our consciousness and our perception of our spiritual identity and how we fit into this world.

Venue: Holy Land, Rome & The Hermitage, France

Dates: 9-29 April

Contact: Tony Clarke | tony.clarke@marists.org.au



MARIST MIDDLE LEADERS PROGRAM – 'SACRED HEART INFINITE MIND'

This program is designed for both teaching and non teaching 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 Teachers (APST) to build upon their understanding of teaching and leading in a Marist school.

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 St Marcellin Champagnat, these interactive sessions will engage with contemporary research and practice, enabling participants to explore their sacred role within the school community.

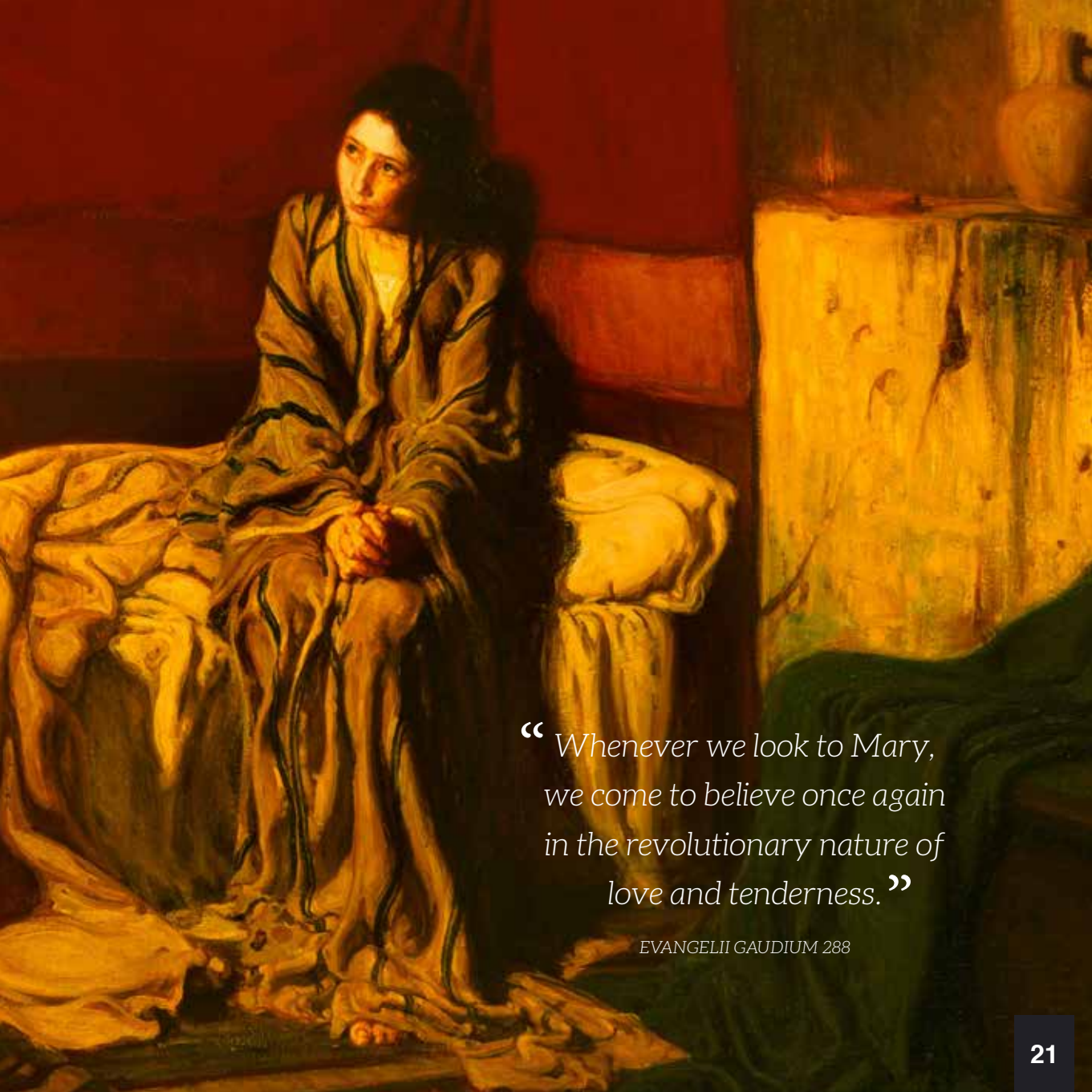
Date: By request

Mode: Face to face - 2 full days (6 sessions)
with an option of a follow up day (3 sessions)
or in a modification of afternoon sessions

Contact: John Hickey | john.hickey@marists.org.au
Br Tony Leon | tony.leon@marists.org.au







*“ Whenever we look to Mary,
we come to believe once again
in the revolutionary nature of
love and tenderness. ”*

EVANGELII GAUDIUM 288



ONLINE RETREAT ***HOLDING THE SPACE...*** ***A CONTEMPLATIVE CONVERSATION* | \$80.00**

This online retreat consists of 4 one-hour sessions over 4-weeks. We encourage full participation over the weeks to help build relationships and benefit from the sequential nature of the content. Every week, having received a variety of spiritual input – articles, questions to journal, scripture, reflections, meditations and prayers, retreatants gather via zoom for one hour to engage in a shared contemplative dialogue to what has emerged either personally or in response to the input.

Participants will journey with others and experience the power of contemplation as a tool for living with awareness. Experience the richness of dialogue founded on listening to others with an open mind and an open heart. Reflect on the power of contemplation and dialogue in response to our personal faith journey.

Dates: Session 1 - 24 May Session 3 - 7 June
 Session 2 - 31 May Session 4 - 14 June

Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm (AEST)

Mode: Online

Contact: Elizabeth Falconer | elizabeth.falconer@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 student-based retreats.

The material presented in this program is influenced by Marist spirituality and is based on the 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: Nathan Ahearne | nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au

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, whilst 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: Elizabeth Falconer | elizabeth.falconer@marists.org.au

MARIST LEADERS NEXTGEN | \$165.00*

A national program in leadership development for aspiring leaders in Marist schools. This program is designed for those in the early stages of school leadership who seek to develop their understanding of a Marian style of leadership. This program, facilitated by the Regional Directors of Marist Schools Australia, provides participants with the opportunity to explore new insights into the nature of leadership in contemporary Marist schools.

Date: 31 August - 1 September 2023 | Commences 5:00pm and finishes 3:00pm (AEST)

Venue: Marist Centre Brisbane

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

**airfare and accommodation not included*

COUNCIL AND BOARD FORMATION

Throughout Marist schools and ministries, many generous people give their time in order 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 which 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.

- Optional overnight retreat opportunities will be offered every two years for members and their partners

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



FREE TO BELIEVE

A one-hour or two-hour seminar exploring how we can offer:

- young people an imaginative journey to faith
- nourishment for believers who wish to support their always fragile faith
- practical resources on how to escape unfreedom/false images of God in its many disguises

Contact: Br Mark O'Connor | mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

BESPOKE PROGRAMS

The MLF 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: Face-to-face and online

Contact: Tony Clarke | tony.clarke@marists.org.au

Available for Professional Supervision for Principal and School Leaders

Mrs Elizabeth Lee: Supervisor, Australasian Association of Supervision AAOS
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Dr John Lee: Supervisor, Australasian Association of Supervision AAOS
john@inspiringeducators.com.au | <https://inspiringeducators.com.au/>

Cost: as discussed and negotiated with the professional supervisor

Contact: Regional Directors, *Marist Schools Australia*

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

FULL OF GRACE: MARY FOR US TODAY

A new 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: Nathan Ahearne | nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au

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
Contact: Mark O'Farrell | mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au

Created and Called

a revolution of tenderness

The national Marist Staff Spirituality program for 2023 (4-hour program)

“Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire.” These words from St Catherine of Siena express a desire to be our deepest and truest selves in response to being known and loved by God. This transforms us and ignites the flame of desire in our hearts to be God’s love in the world. It ignites a revolution, a revolution fuelled by God’s love!

So, what might this revolution look like? In *Evangeliium Gaudium*, Pope Francis encourages us to look to Mary so we can “believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness” (EG, 288). In Mary, we see the qualities of humility, tenderness and concern for others are not virtues of the weak but of the strong. In the Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55), Mary is created and called to ‘magnify’ the Lord with her whole being, and this ignites a transformation in others. Her prayer speaks of a revolution that “brings down the mighty from their thrones” and “raises the lowly”, through bringing forth the “loving tenderness of the heart of our God” (Lk 1:78) and the birth of a new world (EG, 288).

The aims of the program are to:

- explore how Mary’s Magnificat offers us a blueprint for our Marian approach to evangelisation
- grow in awareness of our own vocational call to create a revolution of love and tenderness
- examine the emerging questions that arise from the current context of Catholic education
- draw upon contemporary case studies to enliven our response to the challenge of doing justice, loving tenderly, and walking humbly with God
- facilitate contemplative reflection to allow our minds and hearts to be opened
- discern ways to magnify Christ’s life in our words and actions

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MARIST TERTIARY Education

TERTIARY, DIOCESAN, MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

A number of Marist programs have university recognition and are also recognised by dioceses and state-based professional and educational bodies for meeting annual professional learning requirements.

The following programs have been recognised by Australian Catholic University (ACU), University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA), and BBI – The Australian Institute of Theological Education at the Masters level (AQF level 9):

1. Footsteps 1 - Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved
2. Footsteps 2 - Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved
3. Marist Pilgrimage & Study Tour
4. Marist Educational Leadership
5. Leadership from a Marian Perspective

Graduate Certificate Unit in Marist Methodology

This series of 12 two-hour modules are taught for staff in Marist Schools in South Australia as part of the University of South Australia's Graduate Certificate Course. It is a collaboration between the university, Catholic Education South Australia and the Marists and is held in Adelaide. 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)).

Marist Educational Leadership*

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 2023, this course will be offered as a two-day online program. For those seeking Tertiary Accreditation, there will be additional online commitments and course work.

Date: 8-9 June 2023 (accreditation components to be completed by 24 November 2023)

Cost: Option 1 - Two-day program \$390.00
Option 2 - Tertiary Accredited two-day program and online component \$1,600.00

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

FAITH FORMATORS' COLLOQUIUM

For Directors of Mission, RECs, APREs, Local Coordinators

The Colloquium will explore the annual theme 'Created + Called - a revolution of love and tenderness' and its implications for forming staff and young people.

Through modern art, storytelling and reflection, participants will deepen their appreciation of indigenous spirituality and their role as co-creators, consider how they are being drawn by God as faith leaders and discover new ways of creating together for mission. The Colloquium will feature keynote speaker, Sr Hilda Scott OSB.



Sr Hilda Scott OSB

Sr Hilda has been the abbess of the Jamberoo Abbey since 2019 and continues to make an enormous contribution in the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. She is widely known for her role in an ABC television series *The Abbey*, which followed her as she mentored five lay women through 30 days of monastic life. She is also a household name to thousands of young people throughout Australia who have had the privilege to hear her speak at a number of Australian Catholic Youth Festivals.

Date: 18-20 June 2023 Commences 4.00pm and Concludes 1.30pm (AEST)

Venue: The Hermitage, Mittagong

Cost: \$645.00

Contact: Tony Clarke | tony.clarke@marists.org.au

PRIMARY SCHOOLS COLLOQUIUM 2023

The Marist Primary Schools' Colloquium is for teachers involved in faith formation in the fifteen primary schools that draw their inspiration and charisma from Saint Marcellin Champagnat. It is a significant opportunity for our family of educators to gather for the purpose of exploring issues of faith formation affecting staff and students in our Marist primary schools.

Date: 28-30 May | Commences 5:00pm and finishes 1:00pm (AEST)

Venue: St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

Cost: \$520.00

E: mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au

BUSINESS MANAGERS CONFERENCE

Date: 19-21 November 2023 | Commences 5.00pm and finishes 1.30pm (AEDT)

Venue: The Hermitage, Mittagong

E: Kath Corbett | kath.corbett@marists.org.au



MEETINGS OF PRINCIPALS OF MSA-GOVERNED SCHOOLS

Term 1 Online: 23 February, 11.00am-1.00pm (AEDT)

Term 2 Online: 15 June, 11:00am-1:00pm (AEST)

Term 3 In-person: 16-18 August, venue TBC

Term 4 Online: 16 November, 11:00am-1:00pm (AEDT)

E: sally.dillon@marists.org.au

MSA PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

Date: 14-16 March 2023

Venue: The Hermitage, Mittagong

E: sally.dillon@marists.org.au

MSA ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

Date: 21-23 May 2023 | Commences 3:00pm and finishes 1:00pm (AEST)

Venue: The Hermitage, Mittagong

E: john.robinson@marists.org.au



MSA ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER

Sydney	20 October
Brisbane	28 October
Melbourne	25 November

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CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

Marist Basketball Carnival	26-30 March - Sacred Heart College Adelaide
Marist Netball Carnival	19-22 June - Newman College Perth
Marist Oratory Competition	30 August - St Joseph's College Hunters Hill
Marist Cricket Carnival	3 -8 December - Trinity College Beenleigh, St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton, Assumption College Kilmore

Marist Connect Nights

NSW/ACT

Connect Night	15 March
Eastern Connect	21 June
Macarthur Connect	23 June
Inner West Connect	28 June
Connect Night	6 September
Connect Night	17 October

QLD/NT

Connect Night	17 February
Connect Night	12 May
Connect Night	4 August
Super Connect	3 November

VIC

Connect Night	9 March
Connect Night	8 June
Connect Night	17 August

SA

Connect Night	21 February
Connect Night	14 June
Super Connect	25 September

WA

Connect Night	1 March
Connect Night	3 May
Connect Night	8 August
Connect Night	18 October

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MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY



Student Leaders Gathering

NSW/ACT

19 – 21 November

QLD/NT SUMMIT

28 – 30 October

VIC

17-19 November

WA/SA

26 – 28 November

National MYM Formators' Conference

DATE: 13-14 February 2023

MODE: Virtual

MYM National Formators' Workshops

National	18 May	Virtual
National	18 August	Virtual
National	26 October	Virtual

Marist Forums

NSW/ACT

Year 12 Forum 19 – 20 May
Year 11 Forum 4 – 6 August

QLD/NT

Year 7 Forum 8 March
Year 8 Forum 8 March
Year 9 Forum 9 March
Year 10 Forum 9 March
Year 11 Forum 10 March
Year 12 Forum 10 March



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GAME CHANGERS

PROGRAM

Regional Retreat Days

VIC

Year 7	25 August
Year 8	26 May
Year 9	4 August
Year 10	5 May
Year 11	28 July
Year 12	12 May

NSW/ACT

Year 7	27 October (Metro)
Year 7	2-3 November (Regional)
Year 8	16 June
Year 9	18 August
Year 10	12 May
Year 12	31 March

QLD/NT

Le Rosey	17 May
La Valla	18 May
Hermitage	19 May

WA

Year 7	21 July
Year 8	9 May
Year 9	28 April
Year 10	5 May
Year 11	31 March
Year 12	29 March

SA

Le Rosey	29 May
La Valla	3 April
Hermitage	15 May

Twilight Retreats - Year 11

VIC

7 September

QLD/NT

25 August

NSW/ACT

30 August

SA

21 November



La Valla Leadership Camps

QLD/NT

11-13 April

NSW/ACT

15-17 September

VIC/ WA/SA

20 - 22 October

Year 5/6 Retreat Day

Assumption College

19 May



Australian Marist Solidarity, or 'AMS', is the international development agency of the Marist family in Australia. Our mission is to partner with communities in the Asia-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.

GENERAL GATHERINGS

Join us for the following in-person and online gatherings so that we can thank you for your contributions, update you on some of our exciting plans and share stories of impact from our inspiring partner communities.

AMS Virtual Program Visit	28 March, 12:00 – 1:00pm AEST	Register here
AMS Sydney Gathering	June, details to be confirmed	Watch this space
AMS Adelaide Gathering	June, details to be confirmed	Watch this space
AMS Virtual Program Visit	22 August, 1:00 – 2:00pm AEST	Register here
AMS Melbourne Gathering	November/December, details TBC	Watch this space
AMS Brisbane Gathering	November/December, details TBC	Watch this space



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

AMS Teacher Briefing	28 February, 3:00 – 4:00pm AEST	Register here
AMS Student Ambassador Briefing	14 March, 12:00 – 1:00pm AEST	Register here
AMS Student Ambassador Workshop	8 August, 1:00 – 2:00pm AEST	Register here

Students are also welcome to join our Virtual Program Visits (above) or we are happy to provide a recorded version of the sessions if the time doesn't suit.

REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS

The AMS Regional Working Groups report to the AMS Fundraising and Community Engagement Board Sub-Committee and the MSA Regional Director. Nominated members meet once a term to receive an update from AMS and share ideas and experiences.

14 February, 3:00 – 4:00pm AEST

25 July, 4:00 – 5:00pm AEST

26 April, 4:00 – 5:00pm AEST

24 October, 3:00 – 4:00pm AEST

If you would like to participate in your Regional Working Group, please speak with your Principal.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

At the time of publication AMS is considering offering the following programs in 2023. If you are interested in participating please register your interest by emailing us at ams@marists.org.au and we'll keep you updated as plans progress.



IMMERSIONS WORKSHOP

(PROPOSED FOR LATE MARCH IN BRISBANE)

An opportunity for immersion coordinators from Marist schools to come together, receive formation and participate in a range of workshops around the design, planning, delivery and ongoing lived experience of cultural immersion programs.

ADULT IMMERSION PROGRAM/ SOLIDARITY RETREAT

(PROPOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS OR MID YEAR IN TIMOR-LESTE)

An opportunity for Marist adults to visit with and learn from Marist communities, ministries and partner programs in Timor-Leste. Priority would be given to schools planning to commence/recommence immersion programs to Timor-Leste in the near future.

YOUNG ADULT IMMERSION PROGRAM

(PROPOSED FOR LATE 2023)

An opportunity for Marist young adults, particularly those who missed out on participating in a school-based immersion program due to COVID, to visit with and learn from Marist communities, ministries and partner programs in one of Australia's neighbouring countries.

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

Registration and payment for Marist staff programs and courses are to be made online. Places are confirmed when payment has been received. Online payment can be made through either invoicing or credit card.

TO REGISTER

Go to: <https://www.maristformation.org/bookings>
Online registrations will be opened **8 November 2022**.

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



register@marists.org.au




Call 02 9218 4007

THEME RESOURCES


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

MARIST CENTRES AUSTRALIA

BRISBANE

Marist Centre
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Ashgrove QLD 4060
 07 3354 0600

SYDNEY

Marist Centre
Suite 5.01, 247 Coward St,
Mascot NSW 2020
 02 9218 4000

MELBOURNE

Marist Centre
1 Dawson St,
Brunswick VIC 3056
 03 9389 3100

To access our Marist Association website, please visit
<http://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:



The Australian Conference of the Marist Association acts in the name of the Church in four broad areas of ministry.

Marist Schools Australia

... is a family of 56 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, 13 are solely governed by the Association 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 an 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, with Regional Coordinators and a number of part-time MYM assistants and volunteers.

Marist 180

... is the social welfare arm of the Association. Marist180 has 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 in Orange, Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane. Marist180 provides skills training and services for Aboriginal engagement, homelessness, family preservation and refugee settlement. They also provide Intensive Therapeutic Care for young people living in Marist180 out-of-home care.

Australian Marist Solidarity

... is the Association's agency for aid and development work through 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 support services for MSA schools involved in solidarity and immersion projects, and is the base for Marist Volunteers Australia.

These ministries are currently supported by a number of Association-level teams and services: the MSA Leadership Team, the Mission and Life Formation Team, the Coordinator of Membership, the Business Services Office, the Professional Standards Office, Marist Music, and The Hermitage at Mittagong – the national Marist retreat and conference centre.

