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Diamond Jubilarians, 2011

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The Editor welcomes contributions and suggestions
from our readers



Our Brothers celebrating their Jubilees in Heaven...

- * **60 years:** **Br Terence Gleeson**
- * **50 years:** **Br Jack Damian**
Br Evan O'Halloran
Br Bill Venables

Our deceased and their families...

- * **Br Oliver Clarke**, Karama, Darwin. Died July 30, 2011, in his 97th year. A Marist Brother for 76 years.
- * **Br Greg Moran**, Randwick. Died 28 July, 2011.
- * **Br Ken Eaton**, Ashgrove. Died July 12, 2011. Ex-student of St Ildephonsus, New Norcia.
- * **Br George Fontana**, U.S.A. Died July 29. Known to many Brothers from his time at Fribourg, Switzerland; Manziana, Italy, and the General House in Rome.

For those who are unwell ...

- * **Br Charles Howard**, Campbelltown.
- * **Br Austin Stephens**, Netley, Adelaide.
- * **Br Kevin Hogan**, Netley, Adelaide.
- * **Br Ambrose Reilly**, SHC Adelaide. Convalescing after heart surgery
- * **Fr John Carnie CSsR**, recovering from major surgery. Chaplain of Marcellin College, Bulleen.
- * **Sam Puglisi**, Principal of Mt Maria, Petrie Qld. Convalescing at home after surgery for cancer.
- * **Mrs Di Cesare**, mother of Marco, Acting Principal of Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon.
- * **Rosemary McBeath**, Swan Valley. Mother of Nick McBeath (Dec.)
- * **Bert Murphy**, Perth. Father of Br Paul Murphy, Sale.

From the Provincial



1 August 2011

Dear Brothers and Friends,

The Assumption of Mary takes us into the realm of Mystery. We can enter into the mystery; but we can never adequately grasp it and express it in words. What we say and what we write about mystery are symbolic expressions which point to the Mystery but never succeed in catching it or explaining it.

Hence, much of what has been written about the Assumption is symbolic language which evokes not only the mystery of Mary, but our mystery too.

In the feast of the Assumption we celebrate the fullness of Mary's life in union with God. In my reflection on Oliver's life, I was struck by how seriously he entered into a reflection on Mary and, throughout his life, came close to Mary and made her a partner in his life. He developed a special relationship with God that comes to us through fidelity to Mary's way. The Assumption speaks to us about God's love which simply cannot be contained. It's a reminder that we are destined for fulfilment and, with our knowledge of the Assumption, we can know that people like Oliver are no longer characterised by struggle and growth but by fulfilment absolutely attained. Life for Oliver is now really lived to the fullest.



Let the Assumption this year be a family celebration of Mary's homecoming, as well as the homecoming of people like Oliver. Let's sing our Salve, recall the memory, share the stories and savour the joy of being Brothers with a special place in our heart for Mary.

Fraternally



Br Julian Casey
Provincial

Bendigo

Catholic College Bendigo has close on 1900 students and there is a steady increase in applications for enrolment. Hence, it has been decided to establish a third site for Catholic Secondary Education at Maiden Gully, (6 kilometres West North-West of Bendigo.).

It has been agreed that the Marist Brothers will take responsibility for this new Secondary College. This offer was subsequently accepted gratefully by the Sandhurst Diocese.

We have been dialoguing with the Board and Principal (Darren McGregor) of Catholic College Bendigo and they are most supportive of the decision. The announcement to staff members has met with widespread approval and encouragement.

The Brothers have been in Bendigo since 1893 and have been continuously involved in the provision and governance of education over that time. We have been proud to be part of Catholic College Bendigo established in 1984 as an amalgamation of St Mary's College and Marist Brothers College. We are delighted to be continuing our involvement with Catholic secondary education in Bendigo in this next exciting development. 2014 is the present projected starting date and there are more discussions to be held with the Diocese concerning the project. Marist Schools Australia will have the responsibility of carrying this project forward to completion.

East Timor

At our last Provincial Council Meeting we received and accepted a report from the East Timor Committee. The Committee was made up of Brothers from Sydney and Melbourne together with Fr Wayne Stanhope (O'Carm) and Peter Appleton, both of whom have had experience in establishing and developing the Carmelite foundation in East Timor. We have kept the Combined Council Meeting of the two



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Provinces informed of our proposals and the report has been raised with the Inter-Province Executive. This project will be a part of the new Province in Australia and will be of interest to all Marists in Australia.

We are also mindful of the recommendation of this project by the Provincial Chapter and we are therefore delighted to be able to announce the acceptance of this report. This week I am writing to the Bishop of Baucau in order to alert him of our desire to commence the promotion of vocations to the Marist Brothers and the commencement of a formation programme designed to assist those East Timorese men in the discernment of their future possibility of being called to be Marists. This will mean that the current residence will become a residence for Aspirants and for those interested in Marist Life. The Community will consist of Tony Clark and John Horgan.



A new residence will be established and the community there will be focussed on the Catholic Teachers Institute (ICFP). The community there will be Fons Van Rooij as the Director of the Institute and Eugene Dwyer as a staff member for ICFP. A further detailed statement about this project will be made in NEXUS.

Parallel with this development and not cutting across any move we make in education, the East Timorese Government has approached the Brazilian Marist Brothers to ask them to commence a “Portuguese Language Reference or Model School” in the Baucau Diocese at Manatutu, half way between Baucau and Dili, the Capital. East Timor is committed to establishing Portuguese as an official language and needs the support of Portuguese-speaking teachers. The Brazilian Brothers are interested, have had a preliminary meeting in East Timor and are forming a small committee which will be attended by representatives from our Province

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AMSA Conference

The sixth biennial conference of AMSA took place earlier last month. It went well. Strengths were (a) the quality of the keynote presentations, (b) the venue and the way it contributed to the ambience, (c) the professional organisation, (d) the flow and structure of the days.

This will be the last biennial conference under the AMSA banner. In future, Marist Schools Australia will have carriage of these combined functions. The rituals and words around the transition from AMSA to MSA were sensitively done, and did not dominate or dampen the conference.

World Youth Day

We are supporting two Brothers at WYD: Pat Connell and Rod Thomson. Also going from Australia will be Ashley Higgins, Gerard Barklimore and a group of Young Adults from Melbourne:



- James Augustus Mazzolini
- Madeline Jane Hellings
- Hendrika Martha Duivenvoorden
- Cassandra Louise Schumacher
- Jack J O'Sullivan
- Simon Michael Martino

During the first phase of the World Youth Day, young people from all over the world will be welcomed into the various dioceses of Spain between 10 and 15 August 2011. It will be a great Meeting of Marist youth.

As well there will be Marist-sponsored activities during World Youth Day:

- Workshop on Vocations Animation
- Marists in the World
- Marist Solidarity: Workshop on solidarity, education and development
- Conference-colloquium: "About youth drug addicts, prevention and intervention"
- Dramatic Monologue – Anonymous Gospel
- Marist Festival: A Concert for 2000 by "Kairoi".

We keep our pilgrims in mind during this special time and we wish them safe travel.

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Returning from Overseas

We welcome back John Hilet from Manziana who is settling back into his role of Principal at Red Bend Catholic College in Forbes. Also returning mid-August is Des Howard who will join the Somerton Park Community this year and assist the community in their wonderful work of hospitality. He will also assist David Blay in some of his finance work.

Afaese Afaese and Simon Serrero

We welcome Afaese (from Samoa) and Simon (from Papua New Guinea) to our Province and our community at Nicholson Street. They are attending Heart of Life Institute prior to taking up appointments in formation in 2012.

North Fitzroy

The Planning Permit has at last been received and we now hope to have the tender documents ready for Builders in early September. Building completion is now set for August 2012.

Our 2011 Jubilarians



*Gathering outside the Marcellin
College Chapel*



Renewal of Vows