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Sharing Formation Experience II

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In some provinces, new forms of welcoming the lay vocation are being carried out. We should discern together, Brothers and Lay people, the best ways to channel the vitality that is growing. [Gathered around the Same Table. #143]

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**The Editor welcomes contributions and suggestions
from our readers**



Our deceased and their families...

- * **Br Kevin Friel**, Auburn. Died of cancer June 25, aged 80.
- * **Fr Michael Morahan OSA**. Died June 25 in Cairns. Chaplain and community member in the Brothers' community in Cairns for the last two years.
- * **Adrian Philip Ryan**, Newcastle. Died June 6, aged 64. Former student of Bendigo Marist and son of Marie Ryan, affiliated member.
- * **Tony Preece**, Alexandra and ex-ACK 1968-70. Died June 21 of cancer, aged 58.
- * **Maria Deambrogio**, friend and supporter of the Brothers in Griffith during the 70's and 80's. Died June 24 in a nursing home in Brisbane.
- * **Peter Benstead**, Geelong. Father of Mark Benstead, a former Marist Brother.

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
- * **Br Ken Eaton**, Ashgrove, receiving palliative care. Ex-student of St Ildephonsus, New Norcia.
- * **Fr John Carnie CSsR**, undergoing major surgery at Epworth hospital on July 13. 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



2 July 2011

Dear Brothers and Friends,

Whether July 2nd was our entry into the Novitiate or not, we have all been drawn into the traditional celebration at this time of the year. It's a time of reflection and I am sure that each one of us has much to thank God for. It's a time of looking back and recognizing how gracious the Lord has been to us all our lives. It's even breathtaking to count the surprises that have overtaken us, those times when we have been led (or sent) unpredictably to places and people we never dreamed of, the kind of engagements we have had with life, the mysteries we have been part of, the experiences entered into, the joys and disappointments.

We get in touch with that mainly when we look back, when we step aside for a while and replay the years. It's a kind of annual review in much the same way as the daily review. We actually have to take special time for this not only on an annual basis, but on a weekly or daily basis. This is because we are required to be engaged in a focussed and concentrated way in the hurly-burly of a life on mission. We concentrate on our particular activity whether it be teaching, leading, looking after someone in need, attending meetings, organizing or travelling. These all demand our fullest attention.

Becoming aware of all this as meeting Christ in the other person or seeing the other person being Christ for me, is something that takes place outside the moment itself, when we have time on our own to allow to emerge what has been happening or stored away in our heart, and to look at it with the eyes of faith and recognizing the pattern of God's love in all of that.

As I speak with the Brothers during the visits I make, it is remarkable to note the connection between "peace of mind" and the practice of taking a little time for "the review of the day", or for some, "the review of the week". I recommend it to you and offer in the following pages an outline of what I picked up and have used.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Br Julian Casey".

Br Julian Casey
Provincial

REVIEW OF THE DAY OR OF THE WEEK

- A time of contemplative prayer when we focus on what
God is doing in my day,
in my week -

1. An expression of gratitude for the day (or the week) and of openness and willingness to be led by God's Spirit right now.
2. Allow body and mind to slow down.
3. A conscious prayer asking the Spirit to bring into my awareness what I need to listen to now: an event, a person, a feeling.
4. Wait for this to emerge and allow the experiences of the day (or the week) to flow back into my awareness.
5. Whatever comes to me, allow it to stay. Let its memory touch my heart and ask the Spirit what I am learning from this.
6. At some point respond to what I have heard... a prayer of gratitude, sorrow, petition, love or trust.
7. Conclude with a prayer of gratitude and for guidance and strength for the day or week to come.

I think this was given to me by Br Romuald Gibson many years ago in Fribourg.

VISITATION OF COMMUNITIES

Since the last Newsletter, I have been in Western Australia, South Australia, Darwin and Baucau and across the Province. I think I have been able to speak individually with all but four Brothers. It is always a pleasant and inspiring experience to speak with Brothers about their lives. I am most grateful to those who helped organize my movements from place to place.

VISITS BY COUNCILLORS CONCERNING THE FORMATION OF THE NEW PROVINCE IN AUSTRALIA

I am most grateful for the effort of those on the Provincial Council to visit and meet with Communities concerning their reactions to the work being undertaken to establish a new Province in Australia. Some of the common responses have been:

- Positive reactions and a sense of "not before time"
- Surprise at the number of different Committees established

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- The members of the Committees drawn from both Provinces, both Brothers and Lay
- The size of the task is immense
- The age structure of the group is older than imagined
- The early involvement of Lay Marists in the process
- Questions about the gathering of Brothers in January
- The importance of this gathering to begin inviting all Brothers to be involved
- Appreciation of the NEXUS Newsletter
- Concern that we must impact on our ministry landscape
- A fear of bureaucracy and Brothers feeling disenfranchised
- Being aware of the differences between the two Provinces
- How will it all work?
 - Formation of Communities
 - Appointment to Communities
 - Appointment to Ministry



BR STEPHEN BUGG



Steve has been engaged as a part-time Chaplain to the Youth Detention Centre at Malmsbury. This position has been vacant since Peter Walsh left. As well, Steve will become a volunteer visitor to the prison at Port Phillip. We wish him well as he takes up these challenging tasks.

BR JOHN McMAHON



John is attending the Marist Higher Education Meeting in Mexico City from 3rd to 6th July; he is a member of the Executive of that organisation. This Executive is made up of Marists from five different countries.

FR JOHN CARNIE

John Carnie, an affiliated member, as well as a friend to many of the Brothers and Chaplain of Marcellin College Bulleen, will be undergoing major surgery on Wednesday, 13th July.

Those attending the Jubilee celebrations on 10th July will have the opportunity to wish him well personally.



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AQUINAS COLLEGE NORTH ADELAIDE

Professor Denis Ralph is retiring and has resigned as Head of Aquinas College North Adelaide. He and Br John Furlong have formed an impressive team at the College and have been able to establish a College that now has a waiting list of Applicants. Archbishop Philip Wilson has approved the appointment of Professor Colin MacMullin to the position of Head of Aquinas College. Professor MacMullin, who is Adjunct Professor of Education at Flinders University and a Senior Research Fellow at the University of South Australia, has an impressive set of academic qualifications.



JULY ITINERARY FOR PROVINCIAL

I am at the AMSA Conference in the first week of July and following the Jubilee celebration and the Oceania Finance Commission, I will be away from the Province for the week commencing 13th July. Following that and after the Council meeting I will be in Fiji at Lomeri.

Province Mission Council



L-R: Br Peter Walsh (minutes secretary), Rick Sidorko, Br Jeffrey Crowe , Julia Lederwasch, Br Darren Burge, Br David Hall, Br Paul Kane, Br Julian Casey, Darren McGregor, Joe McCarthy . (absent: Erica Pegorer)

PROVINCE MISSION COUNCIL

On July 28, 2011, a very significant occasion in the movement towards a new Marist Province in Australia took place with the inaugural meeting of the Province Mission Council (PMC).

The present PMC has 10 members including the two Provincials and 5 Lay Marists: Br David Hall (Chair); Mr Darren McGregor (Deputy Chair); Br Darren Burge, Br Paul Kane, Mrs Julia Lederwasch, Mr Joe McCarthy, Ms Erica Pegorer, Mr Rick Sidorko. The two Provincials attend as co-Presidents.

Many of the national groups now in operation and helping us to become this new Province will cease to be with the birth of the new Province. The Province Mission Council, however, is the first group that is part of the new reality and will continue its life alongside the future Provincial and his Provincial Council.

The Provincial(s) and Province Mission Council will oversee and direct our Marist Mission in Australia - a work previously done within the two Provincial Councils. In the near future, the two Provincials and their Councils will formally delegate this authority to the Province Mission Council.

This first meeting focussed on understanding the mandate and role of the new Council and its relationship with other individuals and groups responsible for Marist ministries. Time was spent with Br Michael Green (Marist Schools Australia) and Mr Tony Clarke (Marist Mission and Life Formation Team). We also looked at some proposals for how Remar (the Marist youth movement in schools) could grow nationally and had a first look at a national Mission Assembly planned for mid-2012.

It is intended that the Mission Council will meet twice a term, at this stage alternating between Melbourne and Sydney.

So, another significant step along our way to becoming a new Australian Marist Province.

Congratulations and thanks to all who have put in much hard work to make this possible.



Br Julian Casey
Provincial (Melbourne)



Br Jeffrey Crowe
Provincial (Sydney)