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## *Fostering Brotherhood across the Oceania Region*



**Sixty three Community Leaders from the three Provinces of Melbourne, New Zealand and Sydney gathered at Mittagong for their first combined Conference.**

**Through workshops, discussions, reflections and hospitality gatherings, valuable insights about community leadership and being a Brother today emerged and will guide future community development.**



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



Our deceased and their families...

- \* **Br Columbanus Pratt.** Died February 19, 2011. Sacred Heart College community, Somerton Park.
- \* **Fr John Edward Begley, SJ.** Died December 9, 2010. Priest, Philosopher, Teacher. Inaugural Fellow of the Catholic Theological College, Parkville, Melbourne. Former student of Assumption College, Kilmore.
- \* **Matthew Hall,** died February 10, 2011. Son of Ros and Vin Hall (affiliated member), both of whom were on the staff at Catholic College, Sale.
- \* **Michael Kevin Bourke.** Died February 18, 2011, at 94 years of age. Uncle of Br Peter Bourke, Bendigo.

For those who are unwell ...

- \* **Br Charles Howard,** Campelltown.
- \* **Br Austin Stephens,** Netley. Recovering from a stroke.
- \* **Br Alexander Moss,** Randwick.
- \* **Br Ken Eaton,** Ashgrove. Ex-student of St Ildephonsus, New Norcia.

And also for ...

- \* Those who suffered from, or perished in, the recent floods and bush fires across Australia
- \* The victims, families and friends of those caught up in the earthquakes in Christchurch.

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# *From the Provincial*



7 March 2011

Dear Brothers and Friends,

At times we are positive in outlook, intellectually stimulated, excited by life, connected with God, alive in our faith. Other times we feel like the ashes of Lent: we are lonely, struggling, disconnected, and in need of prayer. We all become a bit forgetful of the ultimate values in our lives and it is probably true that we make a lot of concessions in order to live more comfortably.

Lent is upon us, a time to find out who we are before God, recognizing the liabilities we are burdened with and becoming more aware of the grace we receive to amend our lives. We focus on our life and we desire it to be less marked by self indulgence and more open to God and our neighbour. We use Lent as a time to reflect on who we would like to be: perhaps more reflective, more prayerful, more of service, more in touch with people in need or how we would like to be less busy, less selfish, less consumed with things, less worried about material goods.



When we reduce the level of our gratification and seek the grace of God, we leave behind hypocrisy and gloom and open ourselves to the peace and hopefulness that are the gifts of the Spirit. That sense of peace and hopefulness will inevitably extend to those around us.

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

Br Julian Casey

## **Gathering of newly appointed Provincials in Rome.**

I was grateful for the opportunity to take part in this gathering. It was an opportunity to review the changing landscape of our Province and the Marist world. As well it was a source of reflection on the leadership that was being required of us and the need for connection to the whole Marist world.

## **Appointment of Br Anthony Robinson as Regional Co-ordinator for Oceania**

In another part of this Newsletter, you will read of the appointment of Br Anthony Robinson to take on the co-ordination of the Oceania Region. We are grateful to Br Anthony for taking on this significant leadership role.

### **Profile of Anthony Robinson as provided to the Leaders Conference at Mittagong.**



*I am the Community Leader for our new community at Rosehill. My day job is that of Province Secretary. I have been doing it now for six years and that follows an earlier stint in the role from 1990 – 1995. In between those two appointments I enjoyed 18 months doing the Second Novitiate and theological studies (on Mary) at the University of Dayton. Then I had a three year stint as Principal at St Francis Xavier College in Newcastle (A Senior Co-ed High School of 1000 students) and then four years as Director of Education and Welfare Services for the Province. My earlier years saw the usual range of roles in schools and time as Principal at Mt Maria College in Mitchelton and Marcellin College in Randwick. There is good energy around what is being put before us at the Chapters and I look forward to engaging in the conversations and decisions.*

## **Opening of the Montagne Centre.**

Being early March, it could have been unpleasantly hot; but in fact it was a cool drizzly day and we were relieved that the rain held off. Bishop Tim Costelloe blessed the Centre and the Honourable Martin Dixon, MP formally opened the Centre and spoke affectionately of his time at Marcellin College. Br Stephen welcomed the Minister and the Bishop and outlined the purpose of the Centre. In blessing the Centre and those who would work there, the Bishop spoke in the most encouraging terms about our efforts to ensure that our ministry was relevant and co-ordinated. Photos of this important Province event follow.