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**Br Paul Gilchrist with the *Marcellin and Child* statue
outside the new Gymnasium at OLSH, Alice Springs.
(Sculptured by Geoff Todd from Ararat, VIC.)**

From the Provincial - WYD 2011 - Marist Young Adult Retreat - A 'Year of Grace' - Outreach Week, Aquinas College - The Internal Battle for Our Souls - Fitzroy Community.

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



Our deceased and their families...

- **Br Oliver Clarke**, Karama.
- **Fr John Carnie CSsR**, Kew.
- **Br Barnabus Newman**, Randwick.
- **Br Clarence Cunningham**, Campbelltown.
- **Br Brian McGrath**, Forbes.
- **Bernard Halpin**, Shepparton.
- **Helen Skehan**, Cobram. Relative of Br John Skehan, Macedon.
- **Pamela Marcelle Monro** (née Stone) - sister of Rosemary McBeath and auntie of Br Nick McBeath (dec).

For those who are unwell ...

- **Br Eugene Dywer**, Coburg - at home, improving day by day.
- **Br Charles Howard**, Campbelltown.
- **Br Austin Stephens**, Netley.
- **Br Kevin Hogan**, Netley.
- **Mrs Rosemary McBeath**, unwell, in hospital.

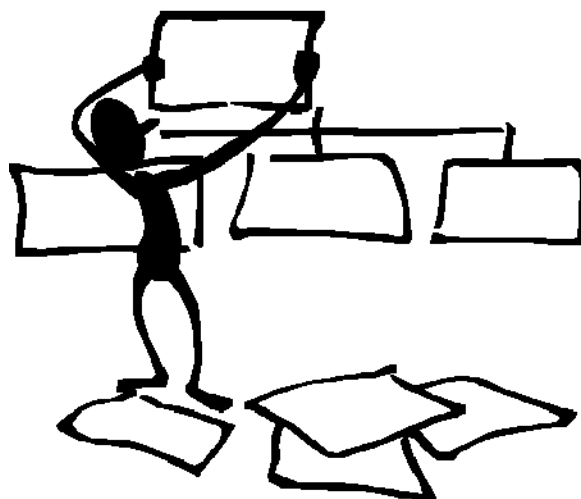
From the Provincial



October 3, 2011

Dear Brothers and Friends,

The progress to a new Province is quickening and the various Committees and Work Groups are now preparing for their third or fourth meeting. As we move forward, more complications are discovered, but we still have the determination and commitment to the unrelenting pursuit of our goal and to keep to the timetable. There are so many different things happening and in mid-October there will be a New Province Progress Consultation with of all the leaders of



the various groups in order to get a fix on how far we have travelled, what problems have been encountered and what progress we are making. Following that there will be a Combined Provincial Council Meeting to identify what steps and decisions each Province needs to make in order to ensure the progress. I include some of the progress already made.

- You would have received the notification and details about the Gathering of Brothers from January 12th to Sunday 15th January and I hope you can return the registration form as soon as possible. This is an important opportunity for Brothers of each Province to meet and get to know more.
- The Mission Council with Brothers and Lay has now met on three occasions and is quickly becoming a part of the fabric of Province Administration.
- Marist Schools Australia is becoming more widely known and accepted both at the local school level and at the Diocesan level and the Mission and Life Formation Team is now operating on a national basis.
- REMAR has attracted interest from schools beyond the Province and we are looking at expanding the operations.
- The Marist Young Adult Ministry has established a national reflection group in order to progress its development.

This kind of development is really an opportunity offered to us by the Spirit and we cannot miss this historic opportunity. It is an opening of the doors of the Province and we live these moments as an occasion for improvement, for enrichment and for expansion.

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sion of our mission. We live it in a climate of mutual goodwill, tolerance and generosity. We have a great sense of identity and history of our Province, but we must have the courage to free ourselves from anything that weakens us and entrenches us. We need to embrace changes in our structures, even at the juridical level. Our history is marked with frequent changes in structures even in Champagnat's time. Despite the difficulties, we have the potential to bring about a significant development in our evangelizing work.

The crunch comes, of course, when we realise that some sort of conversion must take place in our own hearts by recovering a strong interior life based on Marist Tradition. Our hopes and dreams about the New Province will actually hinge more on our response to the consequent call to renew our own commitment as Marists.

Yours fraternally



Br Julian Casey
Provincial.



Some Province News

Opening at Sacred Heart College Middle School, Mitchell Park



I was delighted to accept the invitation of Mr Andrew Balkwill to open the new science Centre and name it as the **Rivat Science Centre**. As you would know, Br Francois was a keen scientist particularly in the area of pharmacology and carried on his interest for many years after he retired from being Superior General. It was also an opportunity to

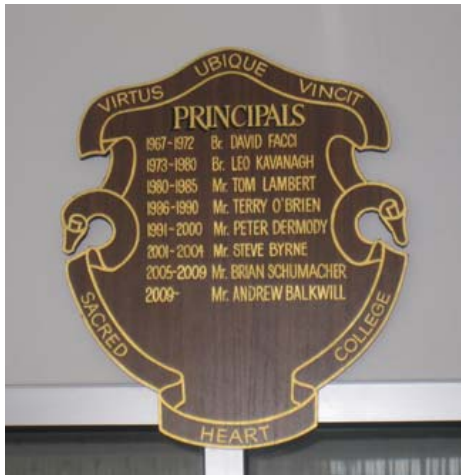
acknowledge Sacred Heart College Middle School's distinguished contribution over the past 45 years in the development, nurture and education of boys. The new science Centre was one of three areas constructed and refurbished with the help of the BER money. The other two areas were the Hermitage Resource Centre and the Refurbishment of the classroom block.



SHCMS Front Office



SHCMS L'Hermitage Resource Centre



SHCMS Principals



Br Julian Casey speaking at the Official Opening, with Fr Phillip Marshall looking on.



Senator Don Farrell and Br Julian Casey open the SHCMS Rivat Science Centre.

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National Catholic Education Convention.

I joined 900 educators in September for the National Education Convention held in Adelaide. This Convention is held every five years. It provides an opportunity to review the work of Catholic Education from a national perspective, and to chart possible policy courses for the National Catholic Education Commission to investigate over the coming five-year period. I was present at the first conference in 1972 at Armidale, where the idea of the development of Catholic Education Commissions first began. The theme this year was Catholic Identity and inspiration. It is interesting that this conference tackled the question about how to measure and judge the Catholic identity of the school at a time of increasing secular values and what needs to be done to enhance that.

Welcome to Brs Victor Preciado and Roy Deita



Br Victor Preciado & Br Roy Deita

Victor is the Econome General and Roy is his assistant. They have arrived to explain to the Provincial and some Council members and Finance personnel a new system for payment by the Provinces to the General Administration in Rome. Given that the number of Provinces across the Institute has been reduced from 51 to 25 and given different circumstances in each Province, the Superior General has been asking for a fair and equitable means by which the Provinces can support the General House and its projects.

Appointments

The last Council Meeting had a long session on the appointments to communities for 2012. Whilst we now have a general outline of what we think will be the best arrangements, many of these appointments are linked, so that if one suggestion doesn't come about, then other changes have to be made. Please understand that we are working to finalize these as soon as we can. However, a number of conversations still need to occur.

Aged Care and Health

Bruce Houghton and Leo Kavanagh are working with the Aged Care Committee to draw up a booklet that we can pass on to the relatives of the Brothers. It deals with such things as how we manage aged care and the various procedures that we have in place with regard to care. One of the proposed documents for us will be an Advanced Care Directive, which is a signed

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directive by the Brother about the choice of medical treatment and personal care in the event that a Brother is no longer able to make that decision. In the Sydney Province every Brother completes this document on a regular basis.

Support Fund for Need Causes

From time to time, the Province receives various requests for small financial contributions for people or groups in need. The Council agreed to make \$5,000pa. to the National Solidarity Office at the Montagne Centre to allow us to make small donations of up to \$500, particularly for financial assistance to under-privileged people, particularly young people and those associated with our ministries.

Montagne Centre

Following the closure of the DOXA school, we have accepted a request for a lease from the Sisters of Charity to establish their National Education Office at the Montagne Centre. We are also considering allocating a part to the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre for teaching and training purposes. In addition to this we are negotiating with Damgar Investments PTY Ltd to establish a display unit and storage in the back corner of the property. We have been most grateful to Paul Kane and the Montagne Centre staff who have been host to many Committees associated with the development of a new province.

Archives

Dorothy Weekes, our Archivist, has reported on her first seven months in the work. She has made steady progress in updating records from 2000 and has set about establishing a work plan for the next period. There are many long-term tasks and we are most impressed and grateful for the work of Dorothy in this important area, particularly in view of the fact that we need to have our records well-ordered as we move to establish a new Province.

East Timor

We were pleased to welcome Fons and Tony recently. Fons was home for a well-deserved break and Tony was here to attend the Australian Volunteers International training and induction Programme. This will mean that Tony can receive a stipend for his work in East Timor. Depending on the report of his neurologist, Eugene Dwyer is still on the list for East Timor. In the meantime Eugene is making steady progress.