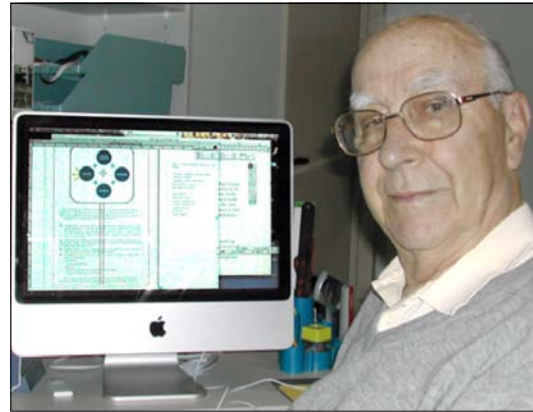




### NEWSLETTER AND BR DES HORNSBY

After twenty years of producing the Newsletter, Des Hornsby is standing down. In his generous way he will continue to offer whatever assistance is needed, but the time has come when Des feels that he needs to hand over to someone else. Over the years, we have had a wonderful editors after Aidan Smith canvassed the idea in the late 1960s and Brendan Feehan produced the first editions. Oliver Clarke took on the task in 1969 and stepped down at the end of 1989. Des Hornsby took on the role after that and has produced 20 years of Newsletters.



This in itself is a significant achievement. The Newsletter has arrived regularly each month, has been consistently looked for and eagerly received by communities not only in the Melbourne Province communities, but also by other Provinces, and by families and lay Marists throughout the world.

Newsletter has grown and flourished over the years as technology came on the scene and as photocopiers replaced the old Gestetner Offset. But the success of the Newsletter is not due to technology. Rather it has served this part of the Marist world by animating Marist Life in this Province. Des has given us an extraordinary gift. The Newsletter clearly bears the stamp of Des' painstaking care for presentation, whilst keeping it simple. He has done much to promote the unity of the Province, kept us in touch with one another and with developments in the Church and the world; he has helped us to remember our history and heritage thereby providing us with a sense of continuity.

Although he has invited us to send in material for the Newsletter, the fact remains that he has had to do most of the research, collection and writing himself. This means that he has to start one month in advance to ensure a worthy production. He was meticulous in ensuring that contributions were proof-read and presented in such a way as to enhance them and to make them more readable. He has catered for all tastes and kept us up with a wonderful supply of anecdotes and witty jokes that invited the inveterate non-readers to pick the Newsletter up and browse through it. He has brought his talents as a graphic artist to the fore and ensured that the layout, the headings and photos were of high quality.



I speak for many people when I offer our heartfelt gratitude to Des and our prayers and good wishes and that he may enjoy a speedy recovery from his present vision problem.

*Br Julian Casey*  
Provincial • 31 May 2009

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## From our Provincial

31 May 2009

Dear Brothers and Friends,

Last Wednesday 27 May Br Stephen Bugg and I met with Father Michael Casey PP (*not to be confused with Michael Casey OCSO*) in order to receive the key to St Ambrose's Primary School. We had reached agreement about the terms of the lease and, having reached an 'in principle' agreement with DOXA, it was with great pleasure that we finally took possession of the Ministry Centre. We still have an application for a planning permit from the Moreland City Council; but we foresee no difficulties there. The negotiations for the Centre began in January this year; so it has been a long road.

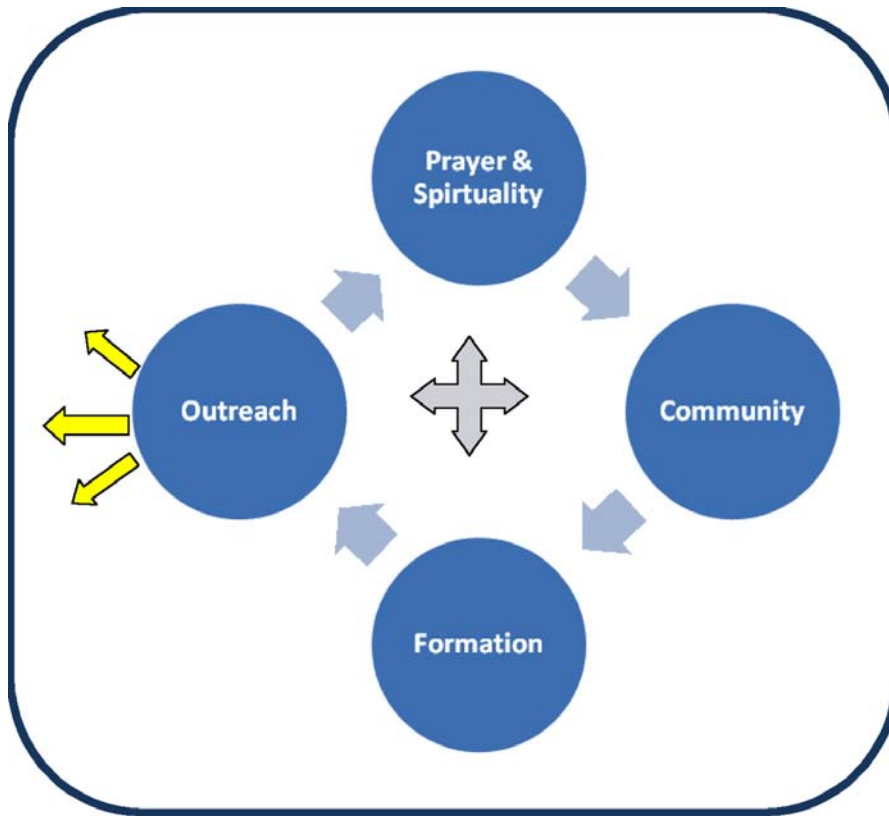


In the 2001 General Chapter, we were called to go forward, Brothers and Lay persons together, in a clear and decisive way drawing closer to the poorest and most marginalized of young people through new ways in education, evangelization and solidarity. Our Province ministry initiative is essentially a response to this call.

In my visits to community I sometimes hear Brothers say "Look I don't do much here!" or "I can't do much here because of my situation". I think we need to remind ourselves that there is more to ministry than simply doing something. Ministry in our tradition is closely associated with other dimensions of our life. To our traditional concept of "Prayer - Apostolate - Community" I have added the important element of formation.

These four elements provide a framework for the way we hope to implement our Mission as Marist Brothers in this Province.

The structure can be illustrated below:-



By organizing our resources around these four areas (Community, Formation, Prayer and Outreach) and by recognizing their interconnectedness, we can all be more authentic and relevant bearers of the Good News of Jesus and equip young people for an increasing maturity in our Marist way.

- **COMMUNITY** has been a long and stable part of our Marist Tradition and places emphasis on forming communities as places of Brotherhood, Simplicity and Gospel Life. Any ministry must carry an invitation to gather together in the community. This is where we draw inspiration, support, challenge and encouragement.
- **PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY** are crucial for us to centre our lives in Jesus Christ with passion and enthusiasm. Ministry without this dimension falls short of witnessing to the Good News.
- **FORMATION** is vital for forming people in our Marist way providing a basis for growth in human and spiritual maturity.
- **OUTREACH** is the manner by which we bring Good News to others. Our areas of outreach are:-
  - \* Education
  - \* Young Adult Ministry
  - \* REMAR
  - \* Solidarity with the poor and those on the margins
  - \* Vocation Promotion and Formation

Those who feel they no longer have the energy for outreach are crucial in helping to form community, by promoting prayer and spirituality thereby assisting with the ongoing formation of those with whom we come in contact.

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Sometimes this formation is simply by the witness of our lives.

So I urge you to delete "I don't do very much" from your personal assessments. There are major responsibilities for each of us in these other areas and we need to focus on those in our personal assessments.

Fraternally,



Br Julian Casey  
Provincial



## Other Province News

### Provincial's Itinerary

I am yet to travel to Central Australia and East Timor; but I have managed to get around to all the other communities. I expect to be in Central Australia in July and East Timor in August before heading off to the Chapter.

I have to say that visiting communities and talking with individual Brothers is one of the better parts of my work as Provincial. I am continually humbled and inspired by the witness, life and work of the Brothers as a group and as individuals.

This week after a visit to Perth, I leave for Rome to attend a Pre Chapter Commission on Finances for the Institute and to prepare recommendations for the Chapter. I will be back on June 15.

### Jim Jolley

Jim will be finishing off his work in the Darwin CEO in late June, spend some time at home and will leave from Melbourne on Sunday 14th July. He will spend some weeks learning some French and will then take up residence in Geneva in early September, ready for work as the Marist Brothers' Advocacy Officer for Children's Rights at the United Nations Office for the protection of children.

### Charles Howard

Charles has returned to Campbelltown, having been discharged from hospital where he was receiving treatment for a stroke. We all hope and pray that his health will remain as strong as possible for as long as possible.

### General Chapter Process

Last Sunday we met a number of Brothers interested in the General Chapter to discuss the proposed direction the General Chapter is taking. This was a very helpful time for the delegates as we prepare for the big event. Following this and John's visit to Central Australia, we have been asked to write back to the

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Brothers about what we have heard by mid June. We will then meet by teleconference with other delegates from Oceania to draw up an Oceania regional response. So the General Chapter is a bit more than getting on a plane and going to Rome for a month!!

### **Brian Schumacher**

After five years as principal of Sacred Heart College Middle School, Brian has resigned in order to take up a position as Principal of Cabra Dominican College in Adelaide. Brian has been a most effective principal for us and has been instrumental in promoting greater awareness of the Marist Charism in the school community. We congratulate him and wish him well.

### **Celebrations Committee**

Brs Greg McCrystal, Peter Howes and Frank McIntosh along with Sophie Fenaughy have kindly agreed to form the Celebrations Committee. No doubt you would by now have heard from them about the Jubilees. I am most grateful to Br Leo Kavanagh, Pam Gartland, Jo Magnanini and Br John Skehan for their long contribution to this important Province function over many years. Recently on your behalf I sent a personal letter of thanks to them.

### **Finances**

Our Provincial Council at its meeting last Friday, May 29 spent time with Rex in going over the financial results for 2008. You will be pleased to hear that the results were within our budget expectations and it is clear that communities have done their bit by ensuring that expenditure was well controlled. Although our share portfolio and property values decreased, our investment returns were stable. We would expect that 2009 returns will be lower, but with some careful management and some cut-backs, we expect to meet our targets. The recent announcement about delaying the pension until age 67 in 2017 has thrown our projections out a bit!

### **Interim Ministry Council**

Following the resignation from the Ministry Council of Kate Fogarty after her appointment as Co-Principal at St Joseph's College, Echuca, The Provincial and Council have appointed Carolyn Young, currently REC at Assumption as a member of the Interim Ministry Council.

### **Diary Date for 2010**

The Oceania Council is organizing a Regional assembly comprising of about 60 delegates for May 24 to May 26, 2010. The purpose of this assembly is to take forward the Oceania regional commitments and to look together at what emerges at the General Chapter and how it will affect the Oceania Region.



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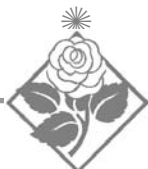
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The Editor welcomes contributions and suggestions from our readers.



**NORTH FITZROY COMMUNITY**

Champagnat Feast Day Celebration  
Sunday 7th June 2009  
4.30pm-6.30pm  
Marist Brothers' Residence  
106 Holden Street  
North Fitzroy

At this Celebration newly appointed  
*Young Adult Ministry Co-ordinator Mr Paul Chalkley*,  
will be formally commissioned into his role.  
The evening will begin with a prayer service  
and commissioning followed by a light supper.

RSVP:

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**Economic Stimulus**

*The American Medical Association has weighed in on the new economic stimulus package.*

*The Allergists* voted to scratch it, but the *Dermatologists* advised not to make any rash moves.

*The Gastroenterologists* had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the *Neurologists* thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

*The Obstetricians* felt they were all laboring under a misconception.

*Ophthalmologists* considered the idea very short-sighted.

*Pathologists* yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the *Pediatricians* said, "Oh, Grow up!"

*The Psychiatrists* thought the whole idea was madness, while the *Radiologists* could see right through it.

*Surgeons* decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

*The Internists* thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the *Plastic Surgeons* said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter."

*The Podiatrists* thought it was a step forward, but the *Urologists* were peed off at the whole idea.

*The Anesthesiologists* thought the whole idea was a gas, and the *Cardiologists* didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the *Proctologists* won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in Washington.

