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The Editor welcomes contributions and suggestions
from our readers

The Marian principle affirms that Mary is the model of faith for all the members of the Church.



The characteristic which Mary brings is that she is the "prototype" of the Church, its "model", from the beginning of her mission, that is, from the event of the Annunciation. "Mary comes before everyone else and, obviously, Peter himself and the apostles".

"The Marian profile is anterior to the Petrine one ... and it is more lofty and pre-eminent, richer in implications for the person and the community".

The Marian principle is, in various aspects, more fundamental than the Petrine principle. In fact, the Marian principle antecedes the Petrine. This means that being a believer is more important than performing a ministry in the Church.

This new slant on Mariology is fundamental in the teaching of the Vatican II Council and is one of the most significant contributions to the renewal of the Church..

Mary is the model for the life of the Christian; she is the prototype that women can contemplate to find their place in the Church; she is the "style" of the ecclesial movements. Mary is, as well, the road that leads to ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue, that makes it possible for Christianity to avoid the risk of becoming inhuman and for the Church to avoid the risk of becoming functionalistic and without soul.

Marist News: June 24, 2010

From our Provincial



23 June 2010

Dear Brothers and Friends,

We know from our Gospels that at the Last Supper, there seemed to be no future except the cross; it all seemed over, and the Supper was indeed their last act together. But just when the end was in sight, Jesus made this extraordinary act of hope and the Last Supper became the first Eucharist.

Every time that we gather as a community for the Eucharist, we are taken back to that dark moment, and that unexpected gift of hope in the future. And so we need never be afraid of the future.

As a Province there is evidence of God's gift of hope at work in us. At the Champagnat gathering of the Montagne Centre, in the presence of our Superior General and Vicar, we celebrated our hope in a most fitting way. We re-connected with so many encouraging friends and associates there and the Mass and function afterwards was a wonderful experience for all concerned. In the display of the work done in the Ministry Centre, the progress of the DOXA School and the preparation for MSA, there was a clear energy and obvious passion for the Kingdom.

Now we are preparing to celebrate the Jubilees of many Brothers and there is wonderment about how God works through our ordinary lives. We are soon to take possession of Nicholson St and Coburg residences and as a result there will be further dialogue for a renewal of community life in those places. Our Ministries are coming to the end of the semester and our Principals and staff are consoled after reflecting on their ongoing work for young people.

In a world that has suffered from the retreat of dreams, we can continue to find energy and hope in opening ourselves up to the God's loving Providence both on a personal and Province Level. The signs are all around us.

Let our dispositions be a source of hope to those we meet.

Faternally

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Br Julian Casey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Br Julian Casey
Provincial



A Further reflection

*If you look at a sunset, you might see only the disappearance of daylight.
If you look beneath, you may see darkness opening the splendour of stars.*

*If you look at illness and disease, you might see only physical diminishment.
If you look beneath, you may see it as a teacher bringing you vital wisdom.*

*If you look at a broken relationship, you might see only a harsh ending.
If you look beneath, you may see the courageous seeds of new growth.*

*If you look at lost dreams, you might see only disappointment and doubt.
If you look beneath, you may see the stuff that new dreams contain.*

*If you look at the death of a loved one, you might see only pervasive sorrow.
If you look beneath, you may see that love lives on forever in the heart.*

*If you look at the planet's pain and creatures' woe, you might see only despair.
If you look beneath, you may see hope woven in the compassionate care of many.*

*If you look at yourself, you might see only tarnished unfinishedness.
If you look beneath, you may see your basic goodness shining there.*

*If you look for the divine being, you might see mostly unresolved questions.
If you look beneath, you may be astounded at the availability of divine love*

Circle of Life, by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr