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**The recently installed stained glass window in the
Champagant Chapel at Newman College, Churchlands.**

All to Jesus through Mary; All to Mary for Jesus

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Copies are sent to each of the Brothers' Communities in the Sydney Province as well as to the General House in Rome and to some other overseas Marist Communities.

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

**NEWMAN COLLEGE'S
STAINED GLASS WINDOW**

* The aim for the stained glass window is to present a simple story that is accessible, meaningful and inspiring

* The window endeavours to capture the motto that was Marcellin Champagnat's beacon throughout his life:

ALL TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

ALL TO MARY FOR JESUS

* So, in the window, we have the figure of Marcellin surrounded by a group of children representative of all ages.

Marcellin founded the Marist Brothers to teach the children in the poorer French villages so that they would become good Christians and good citizens.

* Marcellin holds out his arm towards Mary, urging the children to have confidence in her as their heavenly mother.

* Mary, in turn, is looking out at us, those involved in Marist ministries today, and gesturing towards her resurrected Son, Jesus.

* Jesus looks back and reaches out to the young people in the care of Marcellin as he does to each of us today.

* Leading young people to an understanding and love of Jesus, and his message of salvation contained in the Gospels, is the basis of education and formation at the heart of every Catholic/Marist school.

* The colour at the heart of the window is the traditional blue associated with Mary over the centuries.

* Around Marcellin and the children the earthy tones pick up the rural setting in which he and the children lived.

* The darker colours at the heart of the window give way to lighter, more transparent coloured glass on the edges to maximise the amount of light passing through from the outside.

* **Newman College acknowledges the generosity of the Melbourne Province and the Champagnat theme in the Chapel at Marcellin College, Bulleen.**

From our Provincial



4 June 2010

Dear Brothers and Friends

I have just returned from the Hermitage at Mittagong where some 16 Melbourne Province representatives, (both Brothers and Lay), attended with a similar number of representatives from the Province of Sydney, the Province of New Zealand and the District of Melanesia. All these comprise the Region of Oceania. Mittagong, with its welcoming hospitality and peaceful environment, was an ideal venue, even though the weather was wintry.

We were so pleased to have Br Emili Turu and Br Joe McKee with us. They made great efforts to be present for this important gathering and to encourage us to take the appropriate steps that will lead us to a “new land”. It will also mean that when the matter comes before the General Council, they will be well informed and familiar with how the recommendation was shaped.

You may have seen some of the communiqués sent from this meeting. The assembled group reflected together on their response to the calls of the General Chapter and then took up the challenging task of looking at the future governance and structures which ensured viability and vitality of the whole region into the future.

The general feeling and consensus was that it made sense for the two Australian Provinces to unite. This consensus is not a decision. We obviously have to work on some details and processes. The formalization of a recommendation for the Superior General and Council will really be in the hands of the two Provincial Chapters to be held in December. Between now and then we obviously have to begin the process of identifying how this union will come about. But the Mittagong meeting has given us significant confidence to push ahead with this development.

The second area under discussion was the future shape of the whole area of Oceania. At the moment there is significant strength and vitality in the District of Melanesia. The Melanesian Brothers represented their region in a most impressive way, giving us all confidence that the Melanesian Brothers, supported by their Lay partners and their founding Provinces, were assuming increasing responsibility for Marist Life and Mission in Melanesia.

New Zealand and its Pacific Islands are seeking to be a part of a total regional unit and there was some significant support for this. If this comes about, it will mean the development of a

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simple regional structure which allows for the autonomy of each part, but which brings together the challenges of Marist life, mission and formation which we have in common. Ultimately, we want the poor children and young people to benefit from any future development and we don't want to get tied up in too complicated an arrangement.

Between now and then the Provincials of Australia, New Zealand and the District of Melanesia will be meeting and, with the aid of other groups, will begin the work to form consensus in the Provinces about the way forward. This would have to be ready by December for the Chapters, after which the final recommendation would be put to the Superior General and Council.

So here we are, on the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat, looking back with gratitude on the grace and challenges we received. This Mittagong meeting was an historic one. Each of the participants, both Brothers and Lay felt privileged to be present for the discussions and to be able to participate in such a gathering crucial to the future vitality and viability of Marist Life and Mission in the Region.

Yours fraternally

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

Br Julian Casey
Provincial



JUNE 6

We are delighted to have Br Emili Turu and Br Joe McKee with us to celebrate Champagnat Day. We welcome them most warmly and thank them for their presence. It will be the first and significant Province gathering at the Montagne Centre and, I hope, the first of many.

VISITATIONS

I have completed visits to Churchlands, Netley, Sacred Heart, North Adelaide, Canberra and Forbes. In Mid June I travel to Darwin to be present for the Jubilee celebration of Oliver (75 years!!) and Joe Hughes (50 years). I will soon be making a schedule to cover the Victorian Houses.

CHAPTER PREPARATORY COMMISSION

The first round of votes will be counted this coming Tuesday. The Mittagong gathering certainly highlighted the importance of this Chapter in determining the future shape of Marist Life in this part of the world.

NICHOLSON STREET

Delays are still occurring in this project after the negotiations with a neighbour have broken down. It now won't be until mid-July when we will finally take possession of the Building.

JUNE ADVOCACY TRAINING

On June 20th at Lavalla Centre, Rosalie, Brisbane there will be a special Advocacy Training workshop. Representatives will be coming from all areas of Oceania. Br John Horgan will be coming from East Timor. Its aims are:

- To train suitable people from selected Pacific and Asian countries to be advocates for the Rights of the Child using the tools provided by various UN mechanisms.
- To begin to develop a network of regional and in-country based coalitions for the promotion of Child Rights and to gather and research material to support advocacy.
- To promote, within the represented countries, the Rights of the Child according to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Preparing submissions of the Rights of the Child is an important part of Jim Jolley's work and he will be present and helping to facilitate this work.

PERSONNEL NEWS

Michael Sexton has returned and was present at the Champagnat gathering at Brunswick. He has now got a good grasp of Algerian Arabic and is immensely satisfied with his ministry and his library contact. He will be at home until the end of July. His mother has declined significantly and his presence at home is most important to all his family.

Tony Paterson will complete his term as Principal at MacKillop College in Swan Hill at the end of this year. He will return to a Province Community and Ministry in 2011. In the meantime, he will lead a MacKillop College contingent to the canonization of Mary MacKillop and will be the Province representative at this great event.

David Blay and Kevin Langley have accepted the invitation to join the Third Age programme in Manziana from 17th October to 13th December, 2010.

John Hilet has accepted to be a participant at the Mid-Life Programme at Manziana from 20th January to 10th June, 2011.

Anthony O'Brien is currently on leave from O'Mara House and holidaying with family in NSW. We would expect him back in mid June.

APPOINTMENTS

At our last Council Meeting we were discussing the community placements for the half-year of 2010 and for 2011. With changes to residences about to take place, there will be a number of different appointments. We also had early discussions about the appointment of those Superiors who were at the end of their three, six or seventh year.

ADVERTISING FOR FINANCE MANAGER

Following the recent discussions we have advertised the position of Finance Manager and will be interviewing applicants for this position in mid June.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, SOMERTON PARK

At the last Council Meeting we gave the all clear for Sacred Heart College to begin negotiations for the purchase of the St Paul's Church just down the road from the College. The Church has been vacated for some time now.

RESPONSE OF BISHOP PROWSE AND PETER RYAN TO THE TRARALGON NEWS

I enclose copies of letters (below) received from Bishop Prowse and CEO Director, Peter Ryan.

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20 May 2010

Br J Casey
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Dear Br Casey

Thank you for your letter of May 4, 2010 in which you inform me of the new arrangements concerning the Brothers at Traralgon.

Now that the arrangements are public, it gives me an opportunity to thank you in writing for the wonderful contribution of the Marist Brothers in the Traralgon area of the Diocese of Sale over many years.

There will of course be disappointment at the transferring of the Brothers to different apostolates and as a consequence, leaving Traralgon. However, people will be understanding and very grateful for the contribution that has been made.

For many years, Marist Brothers of great distinction have offered their lives, expertise and talents to building up many generations of students in Traralgon and elsewhere.

As Bishop of Sale, please accept my sincere gratitude for the Brothers in Traralgon and pass on to the Brothers our sincerest thanks.

I am delighted that the Brothers still remain with us, especially in Sale, and we look forward to supporting them in the years ahead as we have in the past.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Bishop Christopher C Prowse DD
Bishop of Sale

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10 May, 2010

Br Julian Casey
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Dear Br Julian

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the closure of the Brothers house in Traralgon.

This is a sad moment for the town and, indeed for the College and the diocese generally.

The Marist Brothers have made, and continue to make an enormous contribution to the lives of so many they touch in the Sale diocese.

It is pleasing to note that at least some Marist presence will remain in the town through Brother Mark but clearly the heritage left by the congregation will remain a powerful force for many years to come.

On behalf of the Catholic Education community in the diocese I thank the congregation for its enormous contribution and look forward to maintaining a positive working relationship, even if in slightly reduced circumstances.

May God continue to bless you and your work.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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