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



Our deceased and their families...

- \* **Maurice Flynn**, brother of Br Valentine Flynn (dec.). Died at 94 years of age.
- \* **Mrs Cushla Woodgate**, died Melbourne October 18, 2010. Aged 90. Aunt of **Br Gerard McNamara**. Her two sons attended St John's, Hawthorn.

For those who are unwell ...

- \* **Br Charles Howard**, Campelltown. Recovering from what seems to have been a slight stroke.
- \* **Br Michael Green's mother**.
- \* **Kevin Bodey**, recovering in hospital from blood poisoning and pneumonia. Originally a Macedon Junior from Mt Gambier. A Brother (Ian Robert) for a time.

And also for ...

- \* **Patrick Connell**, as he prepares for Religious Profession
- \* The students across our Australian Marist Schools Network sitting their final examinations.



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## *From our Provincial*



Dear Brothers and Friends

### *November 1:- “and all our Marist Saints”*

Who do we think of during this time:- the official saints or the unofficial ones? I find myself thinking of the unofficial ones who have touched our lives and I am drawn to the stories of their lives. They make great reading; what a motley collection of individuals and what a vast array of human qualities! There are those who struggled against difficulties of temperament and character, and those who showed that their relationship with God meant more to them than earthly goods – a "poverty of spirit", a "meekness" and "gentleness" after the example of Jesus. There are those whose "hunger for justice" shaped what they did for the educational needs of the times, according to the values of the Kingdom.

Their stories help to remind us that we take into eternity hearts that are formed as a result of our willingness to allow God to come through the locked doors of our inner dwelling place, just as Jesus came through the locked doors of the fearful disciples' house. And they are a reminder that although the hearts of all God's family will be filled with joy, some will be limited hearts and some will be undivided and generous hearts.

In the Creed we profess our faith in the “Communion of Saints” and it helps to be aware that we have a genuine companionship with Mary, the Mother of Jesus and all those Brothers who have completed the journey. Although we have not reached the end of our journey, the story of the lives of all these Brothers is a source of encouragement in our life of as Marists.

Fraternally,

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

Br Julian Casey  
Provincial



## WEBSITE

Please remember to check the website for News ([www.maristmelb.org.au](http://www.maristmelb.org.au)). The latest postings include: News from Central Australia, Br Michael Herry's Launch, Baucau Visitors, Cambodian Floods and the Third Age Group. I don't want to repeat such news.

## LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE - OPENING OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES CENTRE AND THE STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE

It was my honour to formally open these Centres for the Kildare Campus of Lavalla Catholic College and to unveil the plaque commemorating this event.



Bishop Prowse presided and blessed the up-to-date facilities.

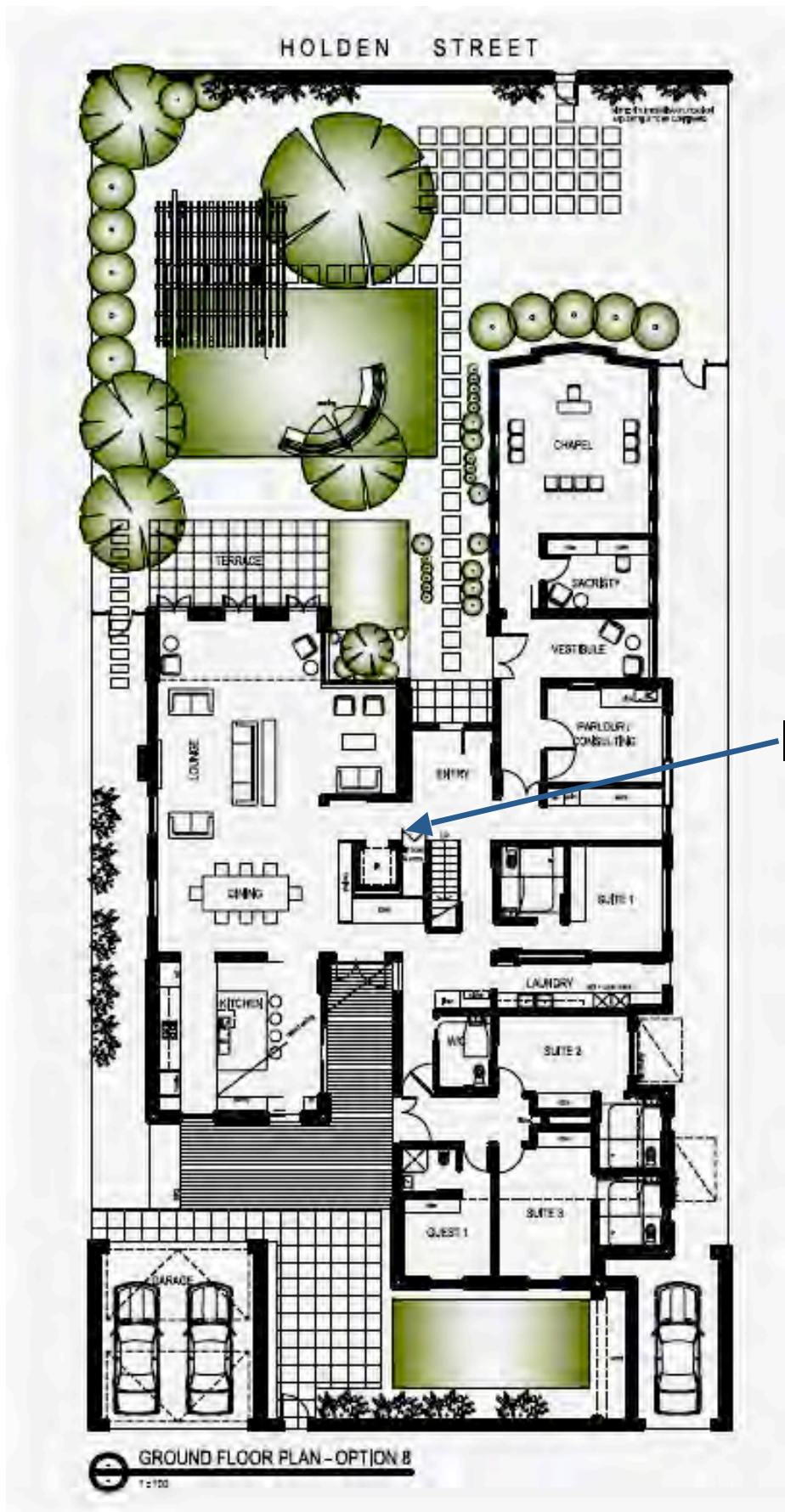
## BR JOHN MCMAHON AND REX CAMBREY RETURN

We welcome back Br John McMahon from his attendance at the Marist Higher Education Conference in Brazil and his pre-pilgrimage planning in Rwanda. Jet-lag was put aside as he moved straight to a meeting of the Champagnat Education Council at Kilmore.

Welcome also to Rex Cambrey after his return from Long Service Leave. Rex is officially the Director of Business Affairs for the Province and is working a shorter week these days as John Greaves takes over the role of Business Manager.

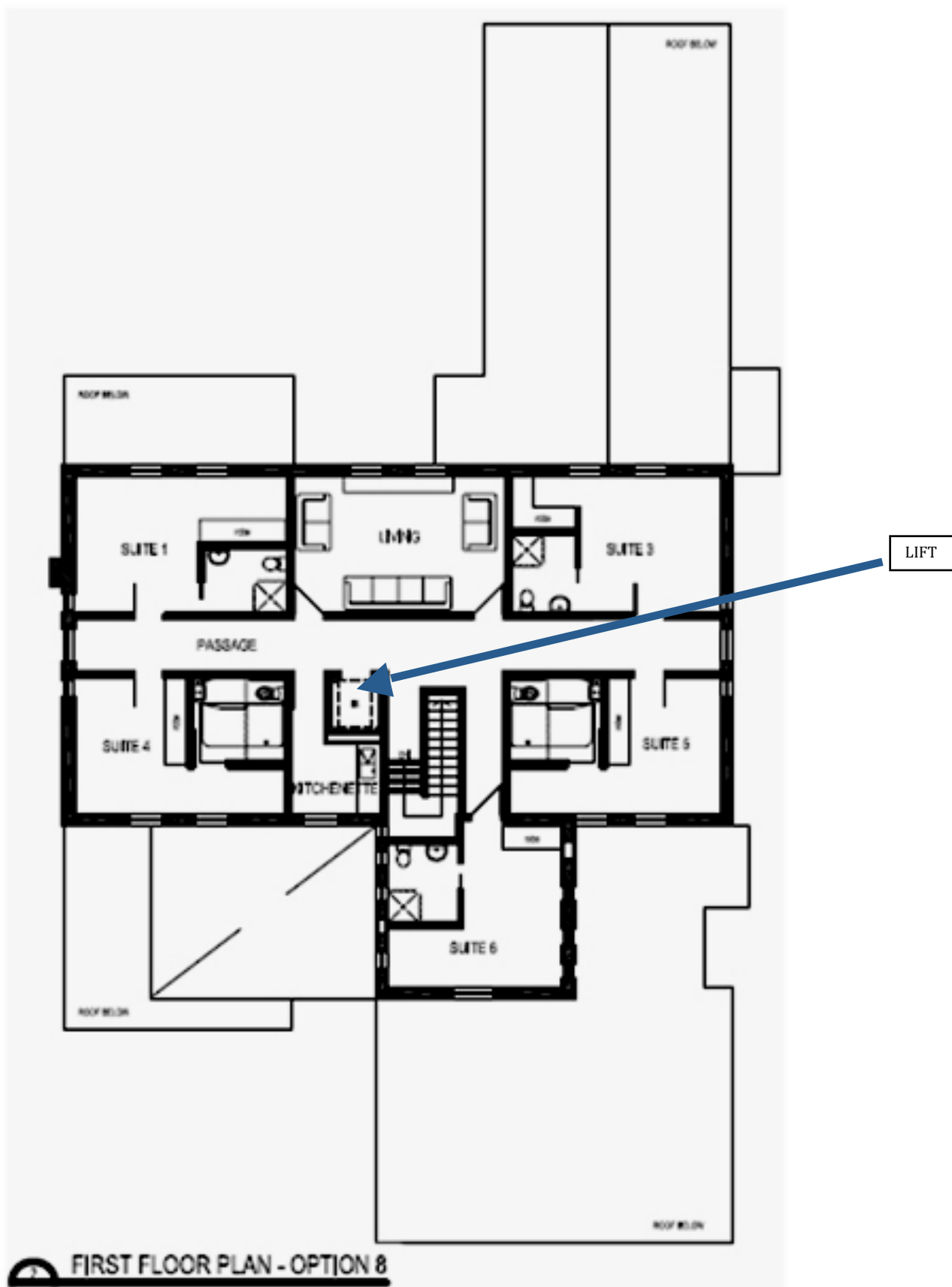
## BROTHERS' RESIDENCE AT NORTH FITZROY

You will see following, the eighth sketch plan, with number nine to arrive soon. Discussions are in progress about the arrangements for Marcellin College to use the land and former residence at Bulleen. The compensation will help defray the cost of the refurbishment at North Fitzroy.



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# Province News ...



## **CANONIZATION OF ST MARY MACKILLOP**

Congratulations to Br Mark O'Connor for his excellent planning and arrangements for the Melbourne Celebration of the Canonization. It was well attended, over 7,000 people, and had some notable guests including the Prime Minister and the Premier of Victoria. Mark set off the next day to begin his discussions and meeting with potential overseas guests in the coming years.

## **MANILA VISIT TO MAPAC**

During October, I travelled to Manila to attend the Board Meeting for Marist Asia Pacific Centre for Post Novitiate Formation. It comprises about thirty Brothers from the area and is led by Br Des Howard who has been Rector since 2008. It is always a pleasure to live with young Marist Life for a while and get a sense of young modern Marists preparing for their ministry. Des is well and doing well to keep on top of so many different responsibilities, both academic, organizational and formational.

## **BR AL SHERRY**

We are in the process of bringing together the two solidarity units of the Provinces: MAPS, Sydney Province and Marist Solidarity Office, Melbourne Province. The combined operation will be a National Body for Australia and will use the title MAPS (Marist Asia-Pacific Solidarity) and will operate out of an office at Rosalie in Brisbane. Al will join Br Chris Wills in the Brisbane office and will live in a Marist community in Brisbane. Al will still retain the Solidarity Reference Group in Melbourne.

## **OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

There are a couple of appointments still being finalized. Notification will come through in a couple of weeks.

## **CONCURRENT CHAPTERS AND OCEANIA ASSEMBLY (DEC 19 - DEC 22)**

There has been significant preparation for this milestone event. The Provincials of Oceania and the District Leader or COMS (College of Major Superiors) have met twice since putting forward two models for the governance which formed the basis of a consultation across Australia, New Zealand and Melanesia. Given the feedback from the Brothers and from the Canon Lawyers, both models have been revised and clarified. It was impossible to portray on one image all the relationships associated with ways of coming together. Hence, delegates will or have received revised models and descriptions. Once that is done, there will be some further information for the communities.

The process involves all the delegates from each Province and the members of the District Council of Melanesia coming together to form consensus about recommendations to put to each separate Chapter of the Provinces of Melbourne, New Zealand and Sydney.

## SUMMARY OF OUR REGIONAL MEETINGS

The meetings were held in Adelaide, Alice Springs, Darwin, Forbes, Melbourne, Perth and Timor Leste. They were very well attended (only 7 absentees across the Province) and included some Lay people. All appreciated the opportunity to come to an understanding of what was being proposed. The results of the soundings were:

1. There was general consensus with the amalgamation of the Sydney and Melbourne Provinces into a new Australian Province.
2. Although there was an overwhelming majority of green cards for the preferred model for Oceania, there were some reservations (yellow cards) expressed about the preferred model. Some would support this model if New Zealand were comfortable with it. A few preferred an Oceania Province and there were a couple of questions about the relationship between the models and the enhancement of our Mission.
3. Although there was a general agreement for the development of Mission and Ministry Councils, there were reservations because some Brothers needed more information about them and about how well the Ministry Council in Melbourne has worked.
4. *"Let's get on with it"* was a common refrain across the Province.

This summary was taken to the meetings of COMS and formed a part of reasons why we needed to modify and make amendments to what is being proposed.

## THANKS

This is the final Newsletter for the year. Many thanks to our Newsletter Editor, Br Terry Orrell and his team, Brs Matthew Clarke, Noel Hickey and our Printer and Dispatcher, Peter Howes. It is a very big task to get the Newsletter out and it is surprising how quickly the "deadline" comes around for the next one. I am grateful to these Brothers and I speak for the Province in expressing our appreciation for their efforts. The Newsletter is awaited by many Brothers and I often see it in other places, where it is highly regarded.

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