



Principals' Email Stream

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Dear Marist Colleagues



21ST GENERAL CHAPTER

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in the 21st General Chapter of the Marist Brothers. I found it an inspiring experience to see the great commitment by so many

Brothers and Lay Marists from all around the world. I came away with a real sense of optimism about the future and relevance of Marcellin Champagnat's charism for today's world. Several themes emerged consistently across the five weeks — that our mission is to young people and poor children, that our call is to think internationally, that Lay Marists worldwide offer great witness through their own commitment and the responsibilities they share with Brothers, that personal conversion is central to being Marist, especially our relationship with Jesus and our association with Mary, as mother and first disciple. The photograph above depicts Pope Benedict meeting our newly appointed Superior General, Br Emili Turu.



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SHARE THE MISSION Young men are being invited to share in the mission of the Marist Brothers in Santa Teresa, in two five month programs in 2010, the first starting late January, and the second late

July. This venture is an opportunity, for those drawn to living the Marist spirit and mission, to be involved in *service activities with indigenous young people* for half a year, while being supported by the local Marist Brothers' community. The program aims to assist participants in exploring their spirituality and life-direction. You can download the flier [here](#). For further details please contact Br Rod Thomson on 0428 627 478 or rthomson@maristmelb.org.au

MR SAMSON PATRAS Br Remy Fernando

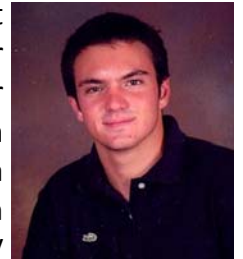


from Pakistan has written to us to recommend Samson Patras who is a friend of the Brothers there. Samson has worked in the field of accounting and finance

management for nine years and is keen to find employment in Australia. Please contact Samson directly if you can assist him, at sampatras@hotmail.com

GAP STUDENT REQUEST Matthew van

der Merwe, a student from St David's Marist Inanda, in Johannesburg has contacted us expressing an interest in being a Gap Student in 2010. Matthew has been educated at Marist schools and after a recent meeting with Br Michel Callinan, is firm about his choice for a working year in Australia. Matthew's CV can be viewed [here](#).



If you feel you can assist, please contact Matthew directly. His email address is mattbogs@gmail.com

I would like to thank Tom Smyth for standing in so competently for me while I was away, Marie Dorrington for her sustained and generous help and each of you, our Principals for your ongoing and dedicated leadership.

With best wishes

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