

OUR MOMENT OF RENEWAL 2023



Mary received the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation and responded immediately to Elizabeth's need. In so doing, she shows us that contemplation and action are both indispensable elements of spirituality. Mary's way lays the foundation of all our actions: listening, patient waiting, nurturing interiority and responsiveness to God's will (WFR131)

The Marist Association is a gift of the Spirit and urges us to bring life to the world. In this moment of renewal we recommit ourselves to following Marcellin as contemporary witnesses of our faith in Christ, and recognise that we become streams of living water, flowing through the personal, communal, and ministry aspects of our lives.

On 8 December 2022, The new Star of the Sea Province was inaugurated by Br Ernesto Sanchez, Marist Brothers Superior General, heralding a new era of Marist life and mission in this part of the world. Like Mary, we Marists feel called to say 'yes' again to God's dream for us as we seek together to bring to birth a vibrant new expression.

As Br Peter Carroll said at the inauguration, 'The emerging reality for us as Marists of Champagnat is that we are a global, spiritual family and we want to enhance that and grow that....as sisters and brothers together.' Br Ernesto asked us to 'look beyond a worldly mentality, beyond short term interests, beyond a partial perspective in order to open to the horizon of our universal fraternity.'

St Paul reminds us that the spirit renews, sustains and guides our path towards holiness. *Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.* (Ephesians 4:23-24 NRSV)

Mary helps us recognize our place in the one great family and the bond that unites us, so that in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we may grow strong in faith, persevering in service, and constant in prayer.



Prayer of Commitment

Leader: We have a deep longing to encounter God in our life and are grateful for this opportunity to participate in shaping a new expression of Marist life and mission. Mindful of our desire to actively participate in the life of the Church and her mission as Marists, we dedicate ourselves as contemporary witnesses of faith and disciples of Jesus Christ.

We aspire to:

All: Centre our lives on God
who calls us to prayer and action

Deepen our experience of communion
with each other and with all life

Radiate hope
through hospitality, availability, and spiritual liveliness

Hear God's whisper within our hearts
urging us to become our best selves

Consciously meet the needs of young people
particularly the most vulnerable

Leader: Let us stir up and seek from the Lord the power of the Holy Spirit to go forward in greater unity: as a renewed movement within the Church, as anointed and sent members of the Body of Christ.

Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat,
Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
Mary Our Good Mother,
And let us always remember,

Pray for Us
Pray for Us
Pray for Us
To Pray for One Another



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