

# Being Marist:

## FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

**Faith and Spirituality** is one of three films in a series that highlights the key elements of Marist life in Australia and explores the contemporary expressions of Christian faith in our Marist spiritual tradition.

The films are produced by visual storyteller Conor Ashleigh, a communications specialist and former student of St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton and the Marist Brothers Australia Vocation Office.

### Suggested Use:

Designed for individual or group reflection. View the video and use the questions as stimulus for discussion or reflection. Video timings have been given for ease of segment reference.



### General Stimulus Questions:

1. What sentence, idea or phrase strikes a particular chord for you?
2. As you listened to what was being shared, what is the overall impact of the film on you?
3. What thoughts about your own experience of **Faith and Spirituality** are stimulated by the presentation?

### Being shaped by God (0:00 – 1:30)

Br James Hodge

*The call of being a follower of God is being a searcher, someone who searches, and it's a lifelong process... a constant movement of creativity.*

4. Describe your experience of being a searcher.
5. In ways is God being revealed to you in your life?



*“Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay,  
you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.”  
Isaiah 64:8*

### **In relationship with Jesus (1:30 – 3:04)**

Br David Hall

*To live in the Marian way, is to bring that God (of love) to birth into the world.. to be a funnel of God to the world.*

6. How is your relationship with God influenced by the work that you do?

7. In what ways does Mary show you how to bring Christ into the world?



### **A Relationship that is Always Growing (3:05 – 4:32)**

Maddy Forde

*Right now, I am in a new space, in a new work place, a new community. So, I am in that turbulent period of spirituality, but I know when I find what works for me in this moment, it will be special and rewarding and peaceful.*

8. How does the analogy of ‘where’s Wally?’ connect with your experience of spirituality?

9. “To be comfortable in the discomfort”. What does that mean for you in the turbulent moments of your spiritual journey?

### **In the Way of Mary and Marcellin (4:33 – 5:17)**

Br Michael Green

*It’s not to clone them, copy them, or read some Marian instruction book, or Marcellin instruction book, but to grow in intuition.*

10. How do Mary and Marcellin model a way for living faith?

11. What is your understanding or experience of Marian intuition?

### **Kitchen Table Spirituality (5:17 – 6:46)**

Br Graham Neist

*Spirituality is simply a way of talking and thinking about the fact that I have spirit, and that my spirit connects with the spirit of all of life.*

12. Describe the experiences that nourish your spirituality.

13. How do you understand the meaning of ‘kitchen table spirituality’?

### **Connecting Through Nature (6:47 – 7:52)**

Br Harry Prout

*I always had a sense of God being in the natural world and I felt really comfortable with that.*

14. When do you feel ‘nurtured by nature’?

15. Describe what is at the ‘heart’ of your relationship with God.

