

Vocations Week

In our Marist schools we have an increasing number of staff, students, parents and friends seeking to deepen their spirituality. A good number of these people are looking for ways to allow this spirituality to permeate their personal and family lives, their teaching and learning. They hope this will assist their children and the youth they teach to find God, and therefore give a deeper meaning to their lives.

At both our adult and student Sharing Champagnat's Vision programmes held across our Province each year, we meet people who enjoy connecting with our broader Marist family. This networking is sometimes new to them, but always important. Students in particular enjoy sharing their lives, their hopes and their struggles with students from other Marist schools Province wide. They sometimes create a shared dream.

Over the past few years some of these young people have participated in immersion experiences in Santa Teresa, the Philippines, East Timor, the Solomons, India and Brazil. More want to go. We are blessed to be able to provide these special opportunities for today's young people - opportunities established through the foresight of our Marist men and women worldwide.

The role of Brother continues to be critical to this evolution, this reincarnation of Marcellin Champagnat's charism for a new and fast changing world. Many adults and young people look to Marist Brothers to provide a special witness, a community life and a tangible support in their journeys to God. We Brothers are blessed to have this opportunity, this vocation.

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