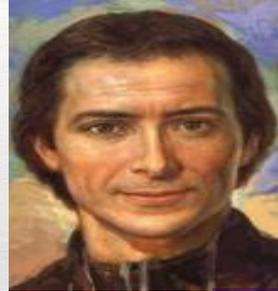




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What does being a Champagnat Marist mean to you?

At the recent Brothers Conversazione presentation on 'Shared Marist Life' on Sunday 7 November, an invitation was extended to all our Brothers to help reflect on the key question below. The hope is to produce a resource to share and inspire our next generation of Champagnat Marists.

Br Damien Shutt's prompt and thoughtful reflection

As a young brother, over 50 years ago, an elderly brother confided in me: 'Marist means bringing forth, like Mary, Christ to others.'

Those wise words remain valid for me today. Today I will add that Marist also means I must 'be' Marist to others as well as for others.

For me my Marist-ness comes from both scripture and tradition. The tradition of Champagnat and the first brothers who shared and developed his vision give us Mary as our good mother and ordinary resource. Our motto 'All to Jesus through Mary, all to Mary for Jesus' is another expression of our Marist way.

Being 'In the Way of Mary' comes also from Mary of scripture. Mary was always open to God's call; she listened and she responded. She is the first disciple of Jesus, my model, my mother, and now my sister.

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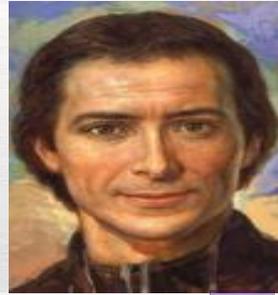
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What does being Champagnat Marist mean to me 2021 - by Janet Webster

This is something I have had cause to reflect on over the years, but I still come back to the same basic premise.... Being a Champagnat Marist is a way of expressing my spirituality and faith through knowledge of Marcellin, his Charism and the role that Mary, Our Blessed Mother has that leads us to her Son. It is practical, logical and allows for personal development. I like the fact that every time I sit and reflect, I find a new way, a new journey, a new focus for my life. I don't necessarily like the fact that the Charism calls me to get involved, but I know there is an exciting experience awaiting.



I went to the beach after Sunday's meeting... (District of Pacific Conversazione on Shared Life) and wandered across the stony Karoro beach, reflecting on the phrase, "keep issuing the invitation."

Every beach trip, Chris and I come home with coloured stones for our garden. What makes one stone more inviting than another, why do I take the time to bend down and decide that yes, that is one I want to take home today. All the stones have promise, but it is something that speaks to me that day, making that choice, that decision to pick it up and add it to my collection.

Our invitation to faith is rather like choosing the stone. Is today the day I choose to pick it up? Is it the right colour, fit, shape that appeals to me? Will there be better ones tomorrow when I walk the same beach? But if I leave it behind, am I poorer for making that choice or more definite in what I see as important, beautiful, original, mine?

I know sometimes my choices aren't what Chris sees as being a suitable stone for our collection. Sometimes I will look at it again and toss it back. Other times I will go, "No, I want this one, it fits me, I like how it looks, I like what it says to me."

We put the stones on our picnic table and look closely at them. We wet them to see their inner beauty. We rearrange them to see how they relate to one another and then we choose which garden to put them into.

As Champagnat Marists, we need to keep issuing the invitation. People are at different stages in their lives, their choice of stones, which garden they want to put them in, how they wish to express themselves and what they need to see beauty in the world. Our invitation might just be what people are ready for that day, that beach, that moment in time.

We need to reconnect with those who have been part of our world but moved on to other purposes. Maybe the invitation today will be just what they needed to reconnect and expand their lives. We need to invite new people to be part of our community. Invite them to experience the living Charism and find a place within Champagnat Marist to which they can relate. Maybe they won't be ready today but if we **keep issuing the invitation....**

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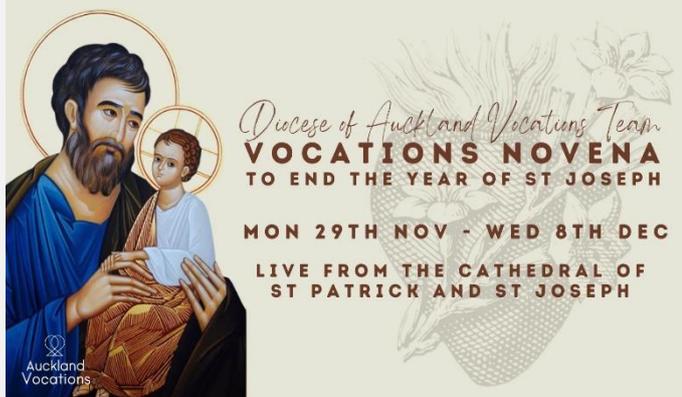
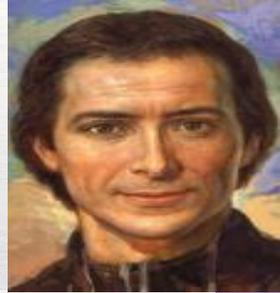
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Join us as we conclude this Year of St Joseph with a Diocese-wide Novena to St Joseph for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

Our Hope:

Now more than ever we need St. Joseph's loving fatherly intercession! We want to join together as a Diocese and, over 9 days of prayer, ask St Joseph to intercede for us and our young people: that they would perceive the Holy Spirit's movement in their hearts, that the Lord will bring to light and help us to recognise those who He has called to the priesthood and religious life, and that they may be willing and enabled to play their part in the history of salvation.

On Monday 29th November we will begin our nine days of prayer live at 7pm from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, and every evening until Tuesday 7th December.

To conclude our Novena to St Joseph, the Cathedral will live-stream Holy Mass on Wednesday 8th Dec at 7pm to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

We look forward to praying with you, and the live-stream will be available via Facebook, and also via Zoom.

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