



MARIST BROTHERS
Province of Australia

MEDIA RELEASE

MARIST BROTHERS AUSTRALIA VOCATIONS WEBSITE: LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE

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On Wednesday, 4 August, as part of marking National Vocations Awareness Week, the Marist Brothers Province of Australia will launch its new Vocations website, located at <http://www.maristvocations.com.au/>. This new website is dedicated to providing material and resources about the life and mission of the Marist Brothers in a contemporary context, as well as materials that can assist a person discerning life as a Marist Brother.

The website is part of the Marist Brothers' faithfulness to providing resources and avenues for young people to continue to explore the possibility of a formal religious commitment in the Catholic Church. Promoting and advocating diverse expressions of living one's vocation and discipleship to Jesus Christ, including life as a religious brother, remains an important priority of the Marist Brothers. Providing healthy and substantive processes of discernment is also an important part of supporting all people continue to deepen their relationship with God, and to give full expression to their vocation as a child and co-heir of God.

The website provides introductory information about the Marist Brothers in Australia, including insights into the life and spirituality of the Marist Brothers, a brief history of our Founder, St Marcellin Champagnat, and information on our discernment and formation stages.

The website also presents resources for education and formation settings, including three distinctive film series. The first series, "*Being Marist*" contain three films, titled, "Meaning & Mission," "Community & Relationships," and "Faith & Spirituality," all of which focus on the contextual understanding of the key elements of Marist life in Australia. The second, "*Characteristics of Marist Life*," provide reflective resources on the nature of mission, spirituality, and community for the modern-day Marist Brother. The third series "*Talking Heads*" involves the Marist Brothers in Australia responding to interesting, provocative, and challenging questions about the life of a Marist Brother in Australia today.

Finally, information about the ministries that Marist Brothers founded, and continue to be associated with through the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat, are also accessible on the new website.

The website is also viewable in a mobile-friendly mode, making it easier and clearer to access information on smartphones and tablets. Promotion of the new website will be found on our social media platforms: [Instagram](#) (@fmsbrothers: 'Marist Brothers Life Aus') and [Facebook](#) (@MaristVocations: 'Marist Brothers Life').

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Photos: Still images from the website



Welcome!

Welcome to our Vocations page for the Marist Brothers Province of Australia.

Discerning your vocation in life takes time and prayer as you seek to understand how best to respond to God's call.

If you are attracted to the idea of being a Marist Brother, following a spirituality of Mary, living in a community and making a difference in the lives of young people, then contact us and together we can try and discover what God is saying to you.



Caption: Marist Brothers Vocations Home Page

Resources

Marist Brothers Vocations Resources for Education and Formation

Understanding the vocation of a Marist Brother can help with understanding one's own vocational call. Here is a collection of resources for education settings and formation sessions.

Being Marist

Three new short films on contemporary expressions of Marist spirituality in Australia.

Each film features people who have a strong affinity and commitment to the Marist charism, deepening their own relationship with Jesus in the Catholic tradition. The films are produced by Connor Ashleigh, a visual storyteller, communications specialist, and former student of St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton in Newcastle, New South Wales.

The three films, titled, "Meeting & Mission," "Community & Relationships," and "Faith & Spirituality," focus on the contextual understanding of the key elements of Marist life in Australia. Their reflections offer resonance with the greater stories of the Christian faith.

Caption: Resources Page on the Marist Brothers Vocations Website

Formation

Contact Program

The Contact Program is designed to help you explore and discern your own calling to be a Brother and to help determine if Marist is the "best fit" for you. Considering becoming a Marist Brother is based on the following criteria:

- young adult to late 30's
- having a desire to know, love, and serve God
- having an ability to get along with others and to live in community
- having a willingness to deepen your prayer life
- showing an enthusiasm to serve others joyfully, especially young people
- being a practising, baptised and confirmed Catholic
- having a willingness to undertake tertiary study

Men who ask to join the Contact Program do so because they want to know more about our Marist way of living Brotherhood. The Contact Program is flexible and can last



Caption: Marist Brothers Vocations Formation section