COVID-19:

UNITED IN PRAYER

And the world came together as the people stayed apart.¹

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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INTENTIONS

We pray for all Marist Brothers, especially those who are ill or have died during COVID-19.

We pray for migrants and displaced peoples struggling to support their families during this humanitarian crisis.

We pray for teachers and students in our schools and ministries suffering from anxiety and mental health challenges.

For what else shall we pray...

Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God,

We give thanks for the gift of Marcellin and the profound relationship he had with Jesus and Mary. Inspired by our Marist spirituality, help us to have the same confidence and trust to share this gift with others.

Amen.

WE LISTEN Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew (28:16-20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



WE REFLECT

"We do our best to remain faithful to the Spirit of the Risen Saviour, who gives us, as he did the first Christians, the grace to live "one in mind and heart".²

In walking with our young people how do we, as Marists, live one in mind and heart?

Pause for a moment to reflect on this question.

WE RESPOND

We believe the charism of Marcellin is a gift given to the Church and to the world, a gift which we are being invited to further develop and live by progressively deepening our participation in this charism. Our spirituality describes and expresses this charism as it is incarnated at any particular place and time in history. As with all authentic charisms, it is a grace of the Holy Spirit entrusted to us for the purpose of building and unifying the Church as the Body of Christ. (WFR#13)

As Marists, we are privileged to be participating in an ongoing expression of this gift of the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Through our ministries in schools, Solidarity, Youth, Marist180, Spiritual Formation, and the Marist Association, we are continuing to express this spirit in our world today. The Marist dream that began in Fourviere in 1816 continues to live in our hearts in "a certain way" for each of us. We rejoice and give thanks for the Holy Spirit that allows this wonderful work to transform the lives of so many.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord we ask that in living our spirituality we find our thirst quenched at the streams of "living water."

We look, in turn, to become "living water" for others through:

- our presence with our young people
- our working with a style of simplicity
- our love for the work that we do
- our sense of family spirit and fraternity and
- that at all times we do your will in the way of our Good Mother Mar.

Amen.

Saint Marcellin ChampagnatPray for UsMary of the Cross MacKillopPray for UsMary Our Good MotherPray for UsAnd let us always rememberTo Pray for One Another