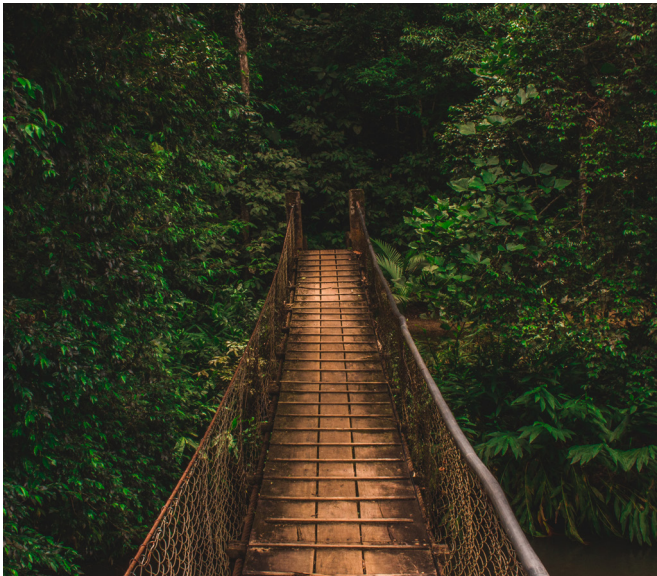


UNITED IN PRAYER

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 boldness to stand in solidarity with Aboriginal Australians as they seek recognition and justice.

We pray for peace in communities affected by racial tensions.

We pray for courage and sensitivity in finding fresh answers to old problems.

For what else shall we pray...

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

OPENING PRAYER

We pray that, like Mary, in the face of uncertainty and fear, we become acutely aware of God speaking through the events and challenges of daily life. May the gifts of our Gospel values help us to reach out and recognise the strangers among us, value the gifts that they bring to us and know that in journeying together we are each enriched.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

WE LISTEN

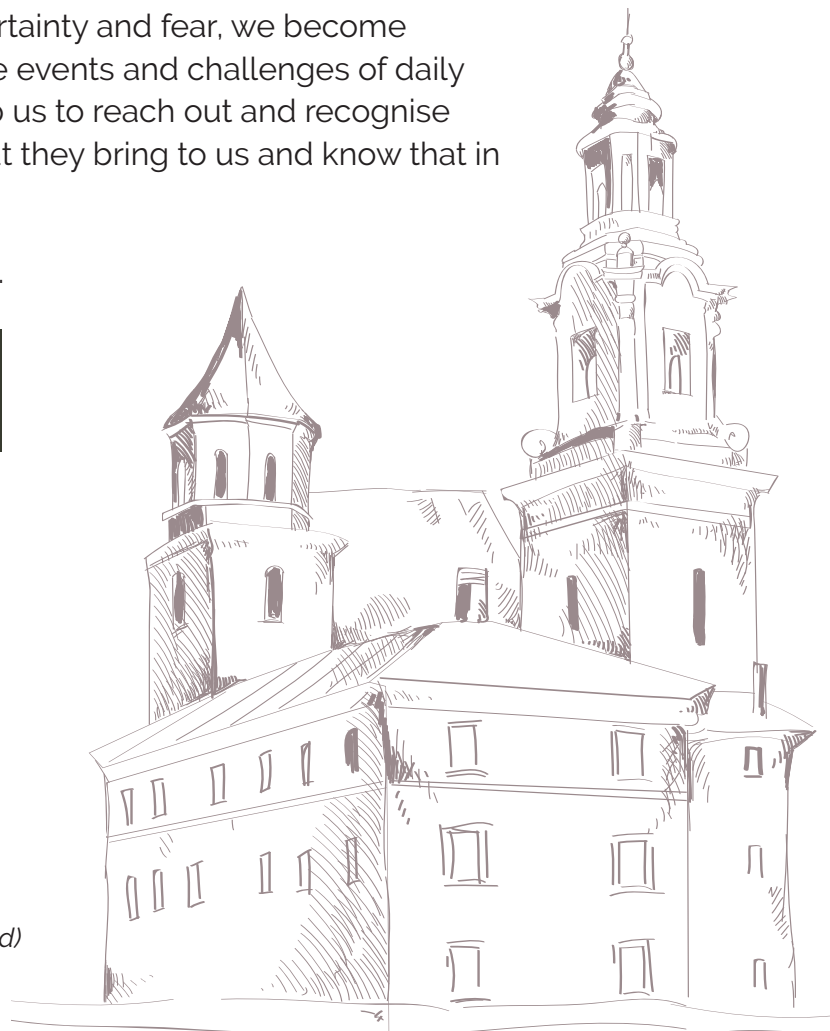
Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

Psalm 127:1-2

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the LORD guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.

*(*Psalm 127 was one that St Marcellin regularly prayed)*



WE REFLECT

In his Feast Day message, Br Ernesto Sánchez speaks of Marcellin's boldness -

Marcellin was a man with an acute awareness of God speaking through the events of life. He learned "to read the signs of the times". And in prayer, searching deep within himself, he responded with courage... he was bold enough to devote himself to the education and evangelisation of young people, giving priority to the most abandoned, and to found an Institute at their service. He encouraged the first missionary Brothers to go beyond their borders even to very distant countries... Simplicity, solidarity, and attention to the poorest and neediest were characteristics that were reflected throughout his life. His boldness led him to be open and flexible, to find fresh answers without getting stuck in pre-determined schemes. As always, he was inspired by Mary, always ready to respond and serve as she did at the Visitation and at Cana. ²



WE RESPOND

As I read the "signs of the times", where am I finding God?

What bold actions for justice are challenging me as I grow to understand the spirit of Marcellin in my life?

How has responding to the poor, the lonely and needy changed and enriched me spiritually?

CLOSING PRAYER

We pray that the inspiration of St Marcellin Champagnat encourages us, as Marists, to walk together, hand in hand with Mary, confidently and boldly searching for fresh ways of responding to the needs of our time. We ask this through the compassion and love of Jesus Our Lord.

Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Mary Our Good Mother
And let us always remember

Pray for Us
Pray for Us
Pray for Us
To Pray for One Another

¹ Jennifer Wagner, 2020

² "Walking Together, Taking the Best of Our Marist DNA with Us", Message of Br. Ernesto Sánchez Barba, Superior General, on the occasion of the celebration of the feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat - Rome, 6 June 2020.