Association ensures that the hard work of the early Brothers - that their vision, their mission - continues well into the future through coresponsibility; that the lay people feel responsible for the Marist vision in Australia.

James Mazzolini | Warragul Marists

As a family we belong to one another and we share responsibility for this Marist way, here in this country.

Br Michael Green | Adelaide Marists



### We are Marist, We are Family

# Come join us!

### New Members Welcome

The Marist Association has over 50 Local Groups located around Australia, in cities and regional areas. Many, but not all, are situated in Marist schools, and are eager to welcome new Members into the Association family.

For a complete list of locations, FAQs, the Membership Application Form, and lots of other information, please go to our website:

### www.maristassociation.org.au





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Anyone familiar with the life of St Marcellin Champagnat would be aware of the encounter that has become known as 'The story of the dying boy'. The young priest in 19th century rural France was deeply affected by tending to this youth who knew nothing of God's love for him. It was a huge impetus in the founding, by Marcellin, of the Marist Brothers to educate and minister to young people – particularly those on the margins.

## What is the Marist Association?

St Marcellin's ministry, and the spirituality that underpins it, is alive and well today all over the world. As well as the Brothers, thousands of lay Marists are living out Marcellin's vision.

One great expression of this here in Australia is the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat. It is a 'spiritual family' that is spread across the country and currently has over 900 Members – and growing. These are comprised of Brothers and lay people, males and females, young and not so young.

Many of our Members teach in Marists schools – but others may have different connections to the Marist community.



### What inspires us?

Members of the Association seek to live out their vocation in ways that are inspired by Marist spirituality and values. This means we seek to follow Jesus in the way of Mary.

"Like St Marcellin, we seek to be contemporary witnesses of faith and disciples of Jesus Christ."

Br Peter Carroll I Leader Marist Association

### Our Missions

It is also a wonderful means by which Members have co-responsibility for our Marist mission in Australia – carrying out this mission with vitality and passion.

These ministries include Marist Schools Australia, Australian Marist Solidarity, Marist180 and Marist Youth Ministry. Our mission also finds expression in several other smaller, localised ministry projects.

### Marist Life

Members participate in Local Groups around Australia to pray together, gather together and work together.

Members have expressed that they find hope and feel uplifted by sharing time together.

We also have a sense of belonging to the wider Marist world by staying connected to our national and international family.



### Sharing our Gifts

One of the great gifts the Association offers is the opportunity for ongoing formation. Each year a calendar of events and programs is offered, to nourish and enrich the faith life of all Marists.

Among many other Association resources, there is the online monthly newsletter, 'Christlife', and the Daily Marist Prayer App.

There is a wealth of material on our website www.maristassociation.org.au, and Members stay connected through our social media platforms.

"The thing I appreciate most about being part of the Ossociation is the relationships I've been able to make,"

Jessica Bryan | Hunters Hill Marists



