

Media Release



Marist Brothers' Province of Australia

Statement from the Marist Brothers Australia – Provincial address at Bicentenary Celebrations

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The Marist Brothers Province of Australia recently held celebrations across Australia marking the Bicentenary of the Foundation of the Marist Brothers by St Marcellin Champagnat.

A celebratory Mass was held to mark the 200th anniversary where Brother Peter Carroll FMS, Provincial of Marist Brothers Province of Australia, spoke about the community formed by the Marist founder and the virtues underpinning the Marist tradition.

On Saturday, 12 August, celebratory Masses were held in Brisbane, Bulleen and Parramatta at which the Provincial's address was delivered.

“In his bicentenary message, Brother Emili Turú, Superior General of the Marist Brothers, suggested that three words, or three realities, should shape our celebrations: *gratitude, forgiveness and commitment*”, said Brother Carroll.

“It is said that St Marcellin had a dream – and that’s true. But he had much more than that. What motivated, fired and empowered him? It was those three cardinal virtues – *faith, hope and love*: a vibrant and courageous faith in God, enduring hope that good will emerge from difficult situations, and robust, practical love for the young and the communities in which he was involved. Like Marcellin, these are what we need today and to which we must commit ourselves” said Brother Carroll.

Marcellin Champagnat founded the Marist mission and life in 1817 in La Valla, France.

The full address can be read here <http://www.maristbrothers.org.au/address-from-the-provincial/>

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