

Media Release



Marist Brothers' Province of Australia

Marist Brothers District of Melanesia joins with the Province of Australia

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Marists today celebrated the joining of the District of Melanesia with the Province of Australia with a special *e-gathering* of Marists and Brothers.

The celebration – ‘*Growing in Communion*’ – marks the unification of the two regions in another important development in the work and long history of Marists in Melanesia and Australia.

“This merger means that the Province is one of the most international and intercultural in the Institute”, said Provincial, Brother Peter Carroll fms.

“From today it now includes Brothers, Marists and Ministries in Papua New Guinea, the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB), the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, as well as Australia, East Timor and the community and school in Cambodia”,

“In our lives there are some occasions that are special moments of enlightenment, that lift us out of ourselves and immerse us in a larger vision – these are moments of communion.

“Today’s uniting of the District of Melanesia with the Province of Australia is one of those moments.

“Marists in Australia and Melanesia enter a new relationship and an extended Marist family with a larger vista and a boarder vision. Most importantly the bonds we have had for so many years, will be strengthened and deepened.

“The history of the Marist presence in Melanesia and Australia has always been a rich one and in joining together we are building on those strong foundations of Marist charism and mission.

“Australia and Melanesia joining together is another step in our shared journey to bring the spirit of St Marcellin Champagnat to this diverse region by walking together with the communities in which we live and work”, said Br Carroll.

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