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To all our Marist Community,

I hope this update finds you well and rested after a very busy summer. The purpose of this letter is to share with you, the ongoing work and actions, which followed our Marist Mass, which took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June at St. Mary's. Our mass celebrated the work of St Marcellin Champagnat and the past relationship between St Mungo's Academy in the UK and Camp Marist in the USA. Our gratitude and thanks go to Archbishop Tartaglia and Canon Tom, for their support and engagement in celebrating Holy Mass. We wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to Brother Charles's family and Gerry Donachie and family for their continued interest in Marist past and present. The purpose of our mass was not only to reflect back, but to support the continuation of Marist within our community, now and in the future.



Camp Marist Family



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Following the success of our mass Alastair Callaghan, a facilitator for the Marist Youth Leadership programme, met with Angela Milton, Head Teacher, and Caroline Keenan, Deputy Head Teacher of St Mungo's Academy. Together they established full engagement with the Youth Leadership programme from the beginning of the new school term. As a result of this meeting, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, nine pupils and staff from St Mungo's school travelled from Glasgow to The Hermitage in France. They were joined by St John's in Dundee, St Joseph's in Dumfries and three schools from Ireland all to learn about the work and teachings of St. Marcellin Champagnat. This has been an outstanding effort by the Marist team and St Mungo's academy staff; the speed and engagement has been remarkable. A separate newsletter will be created and posted on the West Central Europe Marist Website; I will also post via our Marist Facebook page and via old fashioned letters for those who are not fully engaged in social media.

During the summer a good number of our Marist community travelled out to Camp Marist to work/volunteer and to celebrate Camp Marist's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was also an opportunity to revisit the Marist Values and to create a space within the summer programme where campers and

<p><b>Symbols:</b></p> <p><b>Symbol of the World Map:</b></p> <p>The symbol of the map represents our world wide community of Marists. We may be many miles apart, but our Marist Family bond stays with us.</p> <p>We are all part of something special. We are Marists!</p>	<p><b>Symbol of the Marist Heart:</b></p> <p>The Marist Heart is a wooden heart that symbolises community, love and inclusion. It has been a tradition in Marist, and this year at Camp all staff and campers are invited to place their names into the wooden heart.</p> <p>This signifies their joining into the Marist Family.</p> 	<p><b>Symbol of Marist Prayer:</b></p> <p>The symbol of our Marist prayer is to represent our Marist spirituality. All staff and campers say this prayer together each morning at mound.</p> <p><b>St. Marcellin Champagnat; pray for us Mary our good mother, pray for us And lets not forget to pray for each other.</b></p> 
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Camp Marist has over 120 staff and c180 campers per session, and there are three sessions each summer, therefore there was a need to create a Heart of Marist big enough for all staff and campers names. Remarkably, the talented staff created something very meaningful and beautiful, and the Marist Values were carved into the side of the Marist Heart and the meaning shared at the mound.



Bekki Kowalski (Assistant Camp Director) posted this picture in July. The picture represents the heart of Camp Marist and is part of the National Friendship Week celebrated by all Camps across the USA.



September marks the beginning of the University calendar, when all students and staff return for another academic year. This year Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) has established the Marist Society, which will form part of the Catholic Society. Joining a society can be one of the best ways to

enrich a student's university experience. The purpose of the Marist society will be to support young men and women studying at GCU and to offer spiritual and social interaction, and support. I am delighted to announce that Mark Gallagher (Health Faculty, staff), Connor O'Neil (Business Faculty, student) and Matt Hughes (Engineering Faculty, student) and our Chaplain Brother Antony C.P. of St Mungo's parish, will form the committee. The diversity in experience and skills will ensure a robust supportive foundation for new and existing students.

The link for Camp Marist <https://www.campmarist.org> will be embedded on the Marist society pages for any student wishing to work during the summer and contribute to the ongoing work of St Marcellin Champagnat.

Finally, there has been a tradition for many years of hosting the Marist Supper. The Marist family in Scotland like nothing better than to eat and socialise and the perfect setting for this is a Marist Supper. Thank you to Andy and Fiona Gallagher for hosting the September supper. Food and company were excellent. As you can see there is a lot going on, below are some supporting links, to keep you in the loop.



Marist Scotland Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MaristScotland/>

The website to West Central Europe Marist website is: <http://marists.eu/en/>

The website for Camp Marist is: <https://www.campmarist.org>

**Save the date;** St Marcellin Champagnat Feast day is on the 6th of June, if possible, we hope to celebrate our Marist Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2020, followed by a catch up and a bite to eat at Bar West.

Kind regards

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