

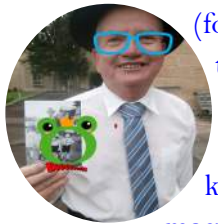


Training Young Marists Cycling for Seminarians 2015 Annual Appeal

**Br Charlie Randle SM 9th straight year
but with knee surgery to follow!**

Dear Marist Mission Friends,

The photos above tell a story of a life worth living. Taken almost 70 years apart, they are like the two wheels of the one bike. Bicycles have carried a cheeky confident five year old on the journey of a life-time. Fifty years of the ride has been in Marist colours (celebrated in January). In a thousand dedicated ways, Br Charlie has quietly (for him!) supported the training of generations of Marists who later served in every corner of the Marist world. In recent years, with your support, Brother Charlie has raised almost half a million dollars to finance training. Yes, the cheeky grin is still there. The irrepressible willingness to go the extra mile for others remains fresh but now his seventy-five year old knees are complaining. He is set for knee-replacement surgery as soon as he clocks up the magic 2015 quota of 500km for Marist Seminarians in this, his special Marist 'golden year'.



(Of course, Brother Charlie swears his knee damage is the result of 50 years of prayer on his knees. No problem!)

What is the annual 'cycling appeal' for? The simple answer - **To finance the training of Marists to do Mary's work in her gentle compassionate way, especially serving where needs are greatest in our world.** This explains why Marists move from place to place in service. The harvest is great. Nine new Marists made their profession in January from Oceania, Africa, Norway and NZ (below left) and some 24 young Marists from across Oceania were studying for priesthood in Fiji (below right) with another ten from China, NZ, Mexico, Brazil, Oceania and Europe studying in Rome (below left). Sadly, Australian labourers lately are few. If you know of suitable young Aussie prospects, please encourage them to think of the Marists. (www.maristfathers.org.au for further details). On behalf of all Marists, especially for those in the long years of training, thank you for your prayer and support. Many thanks also to Br Charles for riding again in this his 'golden year' as a Marist.

Every blessing,

Fr Kevin Stewart SM



How to help ... no change from previous years

Non-tax exempt donations (cheque/card/online) to **MFIM** (*Marist Fathers International Mission*). These donations support the Spiritual and Theological side of formation of young Marists. Your 'tax-exemption' with interest awaits you on your arrival in heaven!

If earthly needs require immediate returns, please make your cheque/credit card gift to **AMCOA** (*Australian Marist Centre Overseas Aid*). Donations go exclusively for aspects of Marist training that **qualify for tax-exempt status**. (e.g., *Social and community development internships*).

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Marist Seminarians studying in Rome



Marist Seminarians studying in Fiji



Newly professed Marists - Jan. 2015

