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## 'Peace be with you'

### *Pope Francis in Egypt*

Pope Francis spoke to the people of Egypt in their own language and with a greeting that is common and significant to both Islamic and Christian peoples – 'Peace be with you'.

He was speaking to the people of Egypt caught up in terrorist attacks particularly against Christians. His message was 'to bring peace and respect to all people'. Peace is much more than the absence of war, peace has its foundations in the dignity and rights of every person. Peace is found in God and is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis said to the religious leaders in Egypt 'we have an obligation to denounce violations of human dignity and human rights and to expose attempts to justify every form of hatred in the name of religion'.

A refugee living in Egypt welcomed the message of Pope Francis about peace by saying: 'He supports peace so conflicts don't happen that create refugees'.

This Newsletter has stories of children and community leaders in Fiji learning how to meditate and pray, refugees in Myanmar gaining accommodation, education, computer skills and vulnerable women in the Solomon Islands being offered protection from exploitation by foreign workers.

The MMC website contains the MMC AMCOA Fund Audit Report for 2016 and the last page of the Newsletter lists projects and activities funded by MMC in 2016. We are most grateful for your generous support. Visit [www.maristmissions.com](http://www.maristmissions.com) for the report and further information.



Fr. Paul Sullivan sm

MMC Executive Officer



## FIJI: Nazareth Prayer Centre - Sr. Denise McMahon smsm



Above: Children learning to meditate at school



Community leaders gather for support and meditation

## Myanmar

## Karen Refugees

Karen refugees are the 'forgotten ones' in a world of refugees. MMC funds hostel accommodation, support and education.

### Refugee Camp



### Myanmar - Bridge Program Computer Skills and Training

Conducted by Fr. Ron Nissen sm in  
partnership with  
Australian Catholic University



# Solomon Islands

Young women abused by foreign workers are offered safety and education by SMSM sisters



Myanmar - Stephen is fitted with a new prosthesis



## MMC - Marist International Mission Projects 2016 Generous hearts supporting projects

Asia/Africa RNDM Projects	\$57,061	Educational Assistance
Bangladesh	\$46,000	Hearing/speech impaired youth projects
Bougainville	\$4,792	Water Tanks
Cambodia	\$55,873	Mental health, education
Cameroon	\$21,064	Educational Assistance
Fiji	\$77,217	Social Development , Media watch, Cyclone Winston relief
Japan	\$22,149	Disaster relief, Osaka Slums
Oceania	\$440,600	Education and Training of priests and brothers
Timor Leste	\$11,951	Health Education
Philippines	\$277,117	BAPAS, Badjao & Agdao Mothers
Solomon Islands	\$26,000	San Isidro training centre, Marist projects Honiara Diocese
Tanzania	\$9,000	SMSM Sisters social work and education assistance
Thailand	\$151,630	Sarnelli House, refugees, child protection, HIV aids
Myanmar	\$8,345	Bridge Program
<b>Total Project Distribution 2016</b>	<b>\$1,208,800</b>	
Australian Marist Centre for Overseas Aid (AMOCA)		\$592,771
Marist Fathers International Mission (MFIM)		\$616,029

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## SMSM Renewal Program Rome for 10 sisters



Sr. Ruma smsm in Bangladesh conducting inter-religious marriage preparation

## Mission of Jesus

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
because he has chosen me to bring good  
news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to  
captives  
and recover the sight of the blind,  
to set free the oppressed and  
announce that the time has come  
when the Lord will save his people.

Luke 4:18-19, Good News version



Sr. Telisia smsm in Rwanda teaching in the Catholic secondary college

