

# Marist Mission Centre (MMC)

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Pope Francis – ‘his leadership is an irrepressible beacon of hope’.

Fr. John Hannan sm in his Superior General’s Report to the General Chapter of the Society of Mary, Rome, 2017 describes Pope Francis’ leadership as “an irrepressible beacon of hope, a guiding light enabling us to face up to increasing challenges”.

Authentic leadership is a central issue for our world, our government, our Church and in our local communities. Leadership is based on the willingness, courage and integrity of leaders to keep the organisation focussed on its main purpose and mission.

When leaders avoid or fail to take up their role, the organisation is derailed and the community, families and individuals, especially the most vulnerable, suffer. This is only too obvious in our present time. Pope Francis’ leadership is truly a guiding light.

The Marist Mission Centre is committed to exercising leadership and governance in accordance with Gospel and Marist values. We also comply with government guidelines as set out by the Australian Charities & Not-for profit Commission (ACNC) and the Australia Council for International Development (ACFID).

As we approach the month of November for the remembrance of the Holy Souls you are welcome to have a Mass offered by a Marist Missionary for your departed loved family member or special friend.

With our thanks for your generous support.



A plate full of happiness, Indigenous girl, Davao, Philippines



Fr Paul Sullivan sm, Executive Officer  
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# Cycling for Children – Kanosia PNG

AMCOA project

## Work in Progress

### St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

Thanks to the generosity and support of donors, work is well underway with the upgrading of the school buildings and water supply. Local community members are actively involved in the project.



Repairing classrooms



A new water tank

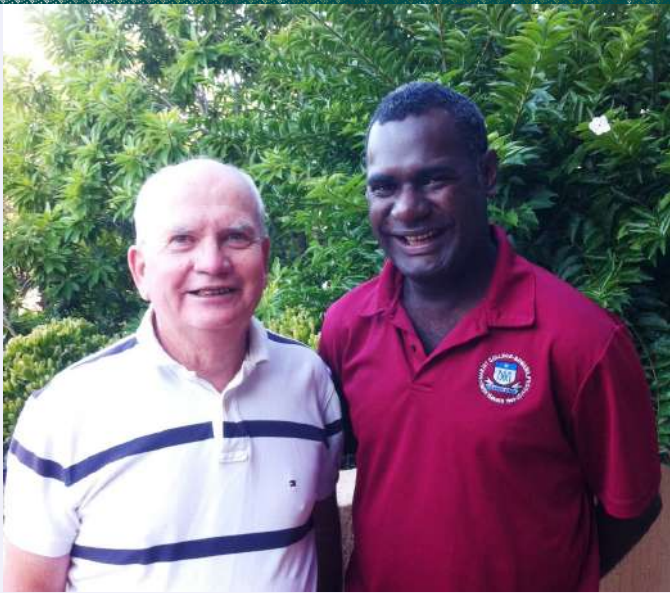
Connecting water supply to the local source



A special thanks to Br Charlie Ranlde sm & Fr Chris Ketsore sm for riding their bikes to sponsor these works at Kanosia



Frs Xavier & Vaioleti sm are most grateful for making a huge difference to their school community



# Marist Solidarity Cambodia

AMCOA project

## La Valla

La Valla seeks to empower young Cambodians with disabilities through education and training leading to employment and self-sufficiency.



These students will transition into the La Valla village once their training is completed.



After graduating, these students will be offered a placement at La Valla so they can continue their education.

# Sarnelli Orphanage Thailand

AMCOA project

Sarnelli is an orphanage for abandoned children and children affected with HIV/AIDS. In this “House of Hope” their lives are being transformed by education, support and compassion.



Ms Gung is a real leader in the work of Sarnelli House. Abandoned by her father, she grew up in poverty. She now trains staff and older children and is a voice for the ‘voiceless’ in the community.

# Myanmar - Formation of Community Leaders

MFIM project

## St. Luke's Socio-Pastoral Formation Centre

St Luke's Centre Myitkyina, gathers community leaders from various parts of Myanmar especially from within the Kachin community. Leadership is vital for communities that struggle for survival in a country devastated by long-term political and religious division and conflict. MMC helps this centre with books and library support services.



Above: Graduates in traditional regional dress.  
Left: Sr Josephine and Librarian Thomas

## Badjao – Indigenous people – Davao Philippines

AMCOA project

The Badjao people experience discrimination and live in poverty on the edge of the community where children beg for a living. The Marist Sisters offer these under-privileged children aged 4-8 years a basic education in language, reading and maths to prepare them for entry into elementary school – as well as a meal after class.



**Gifts in Your Will**  
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(donations are tax-deductible)

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Sr Sonia smsm, Solomon Islands supporting  
students with hearing and speech disabilities

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)



MFIM project

Fr Lutoviko 'Olei sm ordained by Cardinal  
Mafi in Tonga on 29 June 2017