

# Marist Mission Centre (MMC)

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## SUSTAINING HOPE - MMC Celebrates 70 Years

The motto of the Marist Mission Centre is **'Sustaining Hope'**. These two simple words when put together capture the vision of all our work at MMC. It is and has been the core mission of MMC over 70 years.

Hope opens our eyes to a future and allows people to dream of 'what can be'. Hope is a precious gift in the hearts of people. Hope is especially important for the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and 'the little ones'. The opposite to hope is despair and suffering.

**'Sustaining Hope'** means giving people a safe place to live, providing them with the education and skills to find work and take care of their families. It means giving people the opportunity to reach their full human potential and to give back to their community.

In 1949, Australian Marist, Fr. Lionel Marsden sm, set out for Japan as a missionary inspired from his time as a prison chaplain in the notorious Thai-Burma Railway prison camp. Inside this camp Fr Lionel was a source of immense hope to the prisoners in the midst of cruel suffering.

Now, in 2019, Marist Sister, Sr Lilibeth Cajés sm, as the Team Leader for the 'Girls at Risk' centre at Davao City, Philippines, is breaking the cycle of poverty and abuse. She is opening the door to a future with hope for these young girls.

Your generous support as MMC donors, friends and supporters has enabled MMC to be a practical source of hope over these 70 years. We will especially acknowledge your generosity at our MMC 70 year celebration in May this year. You are most welcome to attend, see the enclosed Invitation on page 3.

With my thanks and blessings.

Sr Lilibeth Cajés sm



ACFID  
MEMBER

Fr Paul Sullivan sm, Executive Officer

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## SUSTAINING HOPE OVER 70 YEARS

AMCOA Projects

### Philippines Balay Pasilungan 'Street Boys'

Fr. Lionel sm rides around the city of Davao on his motor bike and when he finds homeless or 'street boys' he invites to the come to the Marist Shelter for boys. These vulnerable boys now have a safe place to live, play and receive a good education.

Right: Safe and having fun



### Street boys supporting MMC 70 years

All the boys are joining in with our MMC 70 years celebration to thank our supporters. They are doing three activities – ride, run and swim for 7,000kms.

Left: These boys have just completed a 5 km run as part of their 7000 km commitment.

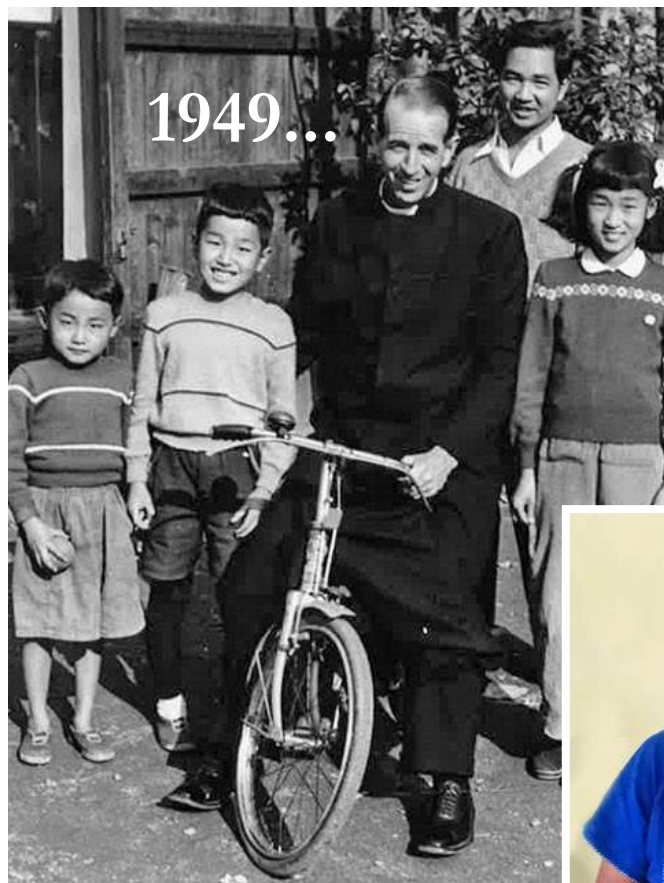
### Philippines Balay Banaag 'Girls at Risk'

The Marist Sisters conduct a safe house and educational centre for 'girls at risk'. These young girls are very vulnerable to being abused and exploited. The Sisters offer a safe place to live with education and health programs. The girls are taught about respect for human dignity, rights and practical living skills.

Left: Girls at play







*An Invitation...*



*Celebrating  
70 years of the  
Marist Mission Centre*



... to thank our generous supporters and to celebrate our story

Wednesday, 1 May, 2019, 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

**Morning Tea at Holy Name of Mary parish hall,  
3 Mary St, Hunters Hill, NSW 2110 Australia**

**RSVP:** Fri, 29 March, 2019

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# SUSTAINING HOPE OVER 70 YEARS

## Thailand: Marist Asia Foundation (MAF)

AMCOA Project

These young people are now accredited to teach and are a huge inspiration to other students. They commenced as young students themselves at MAF in a country where as refugees they are unwelcome and experience discrimination. The gift of education inspired them to hope for a future.



Above: Burmese Migrant Secondary Education Program

## Tonga: Apifo'ou College Graduation

MFIM Project



At the beginning to 2018, Marist College, Apifo'ou, in Tonga was hit by Cyclone Gita. Thanks to your generous support, MMC was able to assist with significant repairs to the College buildings and more importantly contribute to school morale. At the end of 2018, the senior students were able to celebrate their Graduation with pride and dignity.

Left and Right: Senior students graduate in style



On behalf of MMC I would like to apologise to those who received the Cycling for Children 2019 Flyer in February by mail. We have had problems with our printing firm and their mailing system and have since transferred to a new company. With thanks for your understanding. *Fr Paul Sullivan sm*



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## Fiji Nazareth Prayer Centre MFIM Project



### Prayer of Hope

God of all creation and goodness  
You are the source of our hope.  
Inspire us to see with your eyes  
and to love with your heart.

May we see your presence  
in our brothers and sisters  
especially the most vulnerable  
and those without hope.

Give us the courage  
to listen to your Spirit  
to act justly, to love tenderly  
and to create a new world  
where hope sets hearts free.

Amen

