



## **Br Peter Carroll Elected Superior General of the Marist Brothers**

Dear Marist Association Member

With great delight, we announce that **Br Peter Carroll**, Provincial of Star of the Sea Province, has been elected Superior General of the Institute of the Marist Brothers. This historic decision was made yesterday, 30 September 2025, during the 23rd General Chapter, held in Tagaytay, Philippines.

Br Peter becomes the 15th Superior General of the Institute and only the second Brother from Oceania to serve in this role, following the late Br Charles Howard who was Superior General from 1985 to 1993. Br Peter will guide the Marist Institute for the next eight years, leading a global mission to continue the charism of St Marcellin Champagnat: to make Jesus Christ known and loved, especially among children and young people.

The 23rd General Chapter, which commenced on 8 September, is the Institute's highest decision-making assembly. Delegates from across the world gather every eight years to discern priorities, elect leadership, and shape the direction of the Marist mission for the future.

The election process unfolded over several days of prayer and discernment. On Monday, capitulants submitted names of Brothers they believed capable of leading the Institute. This consultation produced a shortlist of candidates, which guided further reflection. On Tuesday, 30 September, Br Peter Carroll was formally elected Superior General.

### **Biography of Br Peter Carroll**

Br Peter Carroll was born on 2 August 1958 in Bundaberg, Queensland, and grew up in Brisbane as the middle of three children. Educated at Marist College Ashgrove, he completed his schooling in 1976. Answering the call of the Marist vocation, he

commenced Postulancy in 1977, entered the Novitiate in 1978, professed his first vows on 1 January 1980, and made his final vows on 20 June 1986.

Br Peter dedicated much of his early ministry to Marist education, serving consecutively as a teacher and school leader from 1984 to 2012. His leadership included significant terms as Principal at St Peter Claver College, Riverview, Queensland (1997 - 2000), Marist College North Shore, Sydney (2001 - 2007), and Trinity College, Lismore (2008 - 2012). He specialised in Religious Education and pursued studies at Macquarie University and Australian Catholic University.

In 2003, Br Peter was elected to the Provincial Council of the former Sydney Province. He continued serving on the Provincial Council when the provinces were unified in 2012 to form the Australian Province, including a term as Deputy Provincial. In January 2015, he was appointed Provincial of Australia.

In December 2022, Br Peter became the inaugural Provincial of the newly established Star of the Sea Province, which encompasses eleven countries in the Pacific-Asia region: Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia, Cambodia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu.

From 2019 to 2022, Br Peter also served as President of Catholic Religious Australia, the national body representing 150 religious institutes across the continent. Additionally, from 2015 to 2025, he was the Leader of the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat, nurturing lay participation in the Marist mission.

Br Peter's leadership is characterised by a deep spiritual commitment to the Marist charism, pastoral care, and a collaborative vision that embraces both Brothers and lay Marists.

Br Darren Burge, Leader of the Marist Association and current Vice-Provincial, now assumes the role of Acting Provincial until the appointment of the next Provincial is announced in the coming months.

On behalf of all Marist Association members, we extend our sincere congratulations to Br Peter and wish him every blessing in this most important role as successor of our founder, St Marcellin Champagnat.



**Richard Quinn**  
Executive Director

