



## **Commissioning of Champagnat Marist Proprietor Appointees**

### **Opening Prayer (together)**

Lord Jesus, you have drawn us to yourself  
and to the service of others,  
by the attraction that we find in Mary,  
your mother and in Marcellin Champagnat.

In this way, your Spirit has shaped in us  
a particular way of responding to you,  
and a distinct way of being and living.

Mary, this Marist spirituality is your gift to us,  
enabling us to share in your own way of living and loving.

Be with us as we gather to reflect on this gift. Amen.

**Gospel Luke 4:18-19** ↪ **The mission of Jesus**

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

**We respond**

May we feel the power of your loving presence.  
May we learn from our Founder  
to think as Mary thinks,  
to feel as she does,  
to love with her  
and to act as she would have us do,  
as we carry out the mission entrusted to us. Amen.

**Reading** ↪ ***In His Footsteps***

The core of Marcellin Champagnat’s vision of mission was “to make Jesus Christ known and loved”. He saw education as the way to lead young people to the experience of personal faith and of their vocation as “good Christians and virtuous citizens”.

As his followers, we assume this same mission, firstly, by helping young people, whatever their faith tradition and wherever they are in their spiritual search, to grow to become people of hope and personal integrity, with a deep sense of social responsibility to transform the world around them.

**We respond**

Continue to inspire us to be faithful to  
your evolving mystery within our lives,

your creative presence in our world,  
your promise of life and resurrection,  
so that what we do enhances the lives  
of the students in this school. Amen.

### **Reading ↪ *Handbook for Catholic Schools***

The Proprietor's Appointees are asked to:

- Ensure that the school remains a Catholic school and that it fulfils the primary objective for which it was founded.
- Act as a channel of communication between the school and the Proprietor.
- Ensure that the property of the school is kept in good order, repair and condition.
- Report to the Proprietor on the progress of the school, in writing, at least annually.

### **We respond**

Teach us to understand and appreciate  
the unique gift of presence in our role  
as we seek to serve our school community. Amen.

### **Commissioning**

As Proprietor Appointees you are being sent as representatives of the wider Catholic community to your school to make manifest the mission given by St Marcellin Champagnat to all Champagnat Marists to, "**Make Jesus known and loved**".

*Call each person forward individually.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ thank you for making yourself available to be of service to the students, parents and staff of this College/School.

As you take up this role may you have the grace  
to act kindly, the wisdom of deep listening,  
the healing of wholesome words,

the encouragement of the appreciative gaze,  
the decorum of held dignity  
and the springtime edge of the difficult question.  
May governance be for you a true adventure of growth.

*Gift of the taonga.*

### **Closing Prayer**

Jesus, draw us into the prayer of the Father.  
Draw us deeper into the fullness of life of the Trinity.

Teach us, like Mary and Marcellin  
to see life, events and people as You see them.  
Inspire and strengthen us to continue the work  
You give us as governors in this school.  
We make this prayer in your name. Amen.

Mary, our Good Mother and Ordinary Resource - Pray for us.

St Marcellin Champagnat - Pray for us.

