



The Marist Brothers  
Champagnat Trust

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

# June 2016 Newsletter

## “Our aim is re-uniting friends and families of the Marist Brothers.”

You'll be aware that in the recent past a few former Marist students and friends of our Brothers came together to form a Trust. There are many reasons for this but the predominate one is to ensure that the spirit and work of our Brothers continues to develop a future into this century.

2017 will mark the **beginning of the 3rd century** of the Marist Brothers tradition. The photos included are of Brothers whom you may have known.

They are Brothers..... all who have reached the venerable age of ninety. Their long years of service have been given wholly to Catholic Education throughout New Zealand and the Pacific. If you talk to them about their school days you will learn how they were teachers of large classes, were Principals, janitors, choir masters, grounds men and sports coaches, all part of a normal day. Our proud Catholic Education system of today had its foundation in the heroic commitment of women and men such as these.



Brs Brian Wanden, Gabriel Power, Rupert Woods



Br Emilian O'Dowd

**What was their secret?** Our Brothers came from dedicated Catholic families. They had been taught by men who inspired them and courageously followed in their footsteps. Throughout their lives they have known the support of people like our parents who so generously shared and valued the ideals of a Marist upbringing for their children. An appreciation of these memories gives energy to our Trust.

Today this same spirit needs to be alive as it spreads beyond the classroom to the youth who struggle to cope with the pressures of life. Many people join the Brothers in this work and we would hope that you might not only be aware of their efforts but continue to make it possible.

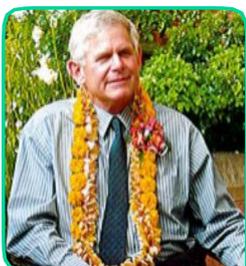
**Keeping in touch** is vital to our cause and we would ask you to help us widen our contacts.... former students, home and school members, sporting personnel. After over a hundred years there are countless people who are Marist at heart. Help us include them in our mailing list.

We are thankful for your email address but there must be many of your friends that you could help us contact who would quite readily join our Marist team to make a difference for the children of today.



Br Romuald Gibson

This can be done through: [www.maristbrothers.org.nz](http://www.maristbrothers.org.nz)



With Thanks,

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