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THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - NEW CREATION

In this season of Pentecost we are reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the world. The Holy Spirit works to create a "new world" in and through people. The Spirit fosters reconciliation, unity and peace between people and nations. As Pope Leo said recently when visiting Algeria 'where there is love and service, God is there'.

In the Solomon Islands, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate Sisters (DMI) celebrated the opening and blessing of their new Women's Hostel in the city of Honiara on the Feast of the Annunciation. Archbishop Chris Cardone, OP, Archbishop of Honiara, conducted the ceremony and Mother Goretti DMI, Congregational leader thanked our MMC supporters for their generosity.

The ceremony was well supported by various church, religious and community leaders.
The Marist Mission Centre was represented by Br. John Votaia sm, Marist District Leader in the Solomon Islands.

In the Philippines, the Marist Sisters conduct a Centre for young girls who are at risk due to poverty or complex family issues. The Centre offers a safe place for the girls to live and learn, and is breaking the cycle of poverty.

MMC is including in this newsletter an overview of the programs funded by our generous supporters during the last financial year. Thanks to your kindness these programs are breathing new life and hope into the lives of young people in Oceania and parts of Asia.

MMC is most grateful for your kind-hearted and generous support in these challenging times.
With our blessings and prayers.

Fr Paul Sullivan sm — MMC Executive Officer

PHILIPPINES: 'FROM POVERTY TO UNIVERSITY'

Sr Lilibeth sm writes from the Philippines: 'In these trying times, we are always grateful for all your support and generosity. The girls are growing and we are very happy to share their current achievements since we started collaborating. We have 4 scholars graduated in Grade 6, 1 graduated in Grade 10 and 1 graduated in Grade 12 now moving into university'.

Education is a pathway to new opportunities, as well as building up their local communities.

AMCOA PROJECT

Education is a passport to life

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SOLOMON ISLANDS :

'DMI — ELLEN HEFFERNAN HOSTEL'

The Solomon Islands has a high percentage of young people in their overall population.

The Hostel is a safe place for young women from remote villages and disadvantaged families to live while they engage in skills training and education programs. This is breaking the cycle of exclusion and poverty and opening up a pathway to life with hope.

This is a significant ministry for the church in the Solomon islands.

Right : Celebrating new life

MMC - Marist International Mission Projects 2025		
Bangladesh	$35,150	Anondo Neer - Education and Health
Bougainville	$47,943	Church and School Construction
Cambodia	$60,000	Marist Solidarity - Education and Health
FIJI	$227,014	Marist Programs
Myanmar	$58,510	Refugee Support
Oceania and Rome	$499,988	Seminary Support and Marist Missions
Philippines	$134,878	Balay Pasilungan, Balay Banaag and Outreach Programs
Papua New Guinea	$53,000	Parish Hall
Samoa	$36,000	Parish Youth Programs
Solomon Islands	$338,782	Community Education, Hostel construction and support
South America	$87,500	Training and community programs
Thailand	$102,500	Marist Asia Foundation - Health and Education
Vanuatu	$75,485	Chapel and school renovations
Total Project Funding	$1,756,750	
Funding by:		
Australian Marist Centre for Overseas Aid (AMCOA)	$ 653,727	Community Development Programs
Marist Fathers International Mission (MFIM)	$1,103,023	Advancing Religion Programs

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