



## Marist Mission Centre Cycling For Seminarians 2010

### Australia Day, 2010

#### Trifectas - backing guaranteed winners!

Dear Friends,

Like to have a punt on a guaranteed winning trifecta? It doesn't happen often! You never see horses betting on humans and we are meant to be the rational animals!

**First, Prayer.** Last year, yours were answered. The six young men (above) recently made vows as Marists and another six (Chinese, German, Spanish, Kiwi, Filipino) will soon take their vows. Four other young Marists were ordained priests in December and in 2010 there are 69 + in training - *please pray daily they will be good Marists!*

Quality formation of Vocations is vitally important today. Mary's way of bringing Christ to our world (*quietly and without fuss*) calls Marists to recapture the faith and spirit of adventure that took them as young Religious to the cutting edge of mission in the Pacific some 170 years ago.

**Second, Vocations.** In 2010, **69+ young men** from Asia-Pacific are training to be Marists. Supporting them is a challenge. Your wonderful generosity last year (\$60,334), if repeated, goes 30-35% further this year. (thanks to an appreciating Aussie dollar).

The *Marist General Meeting* in Rome, saw the need for a greater presence in Asia where MMC is present among refugees and disabled. (Bangladesh, Thai-Burma, China). Action is urgently needed. Opportunities abound.

Those visiting or on the front lines of Marist Mission intuitively sense the urgency to move now. **Fr Harry Moore** points to **China** and a spiritual hunger for Christ among Chinese youth (see *MMC Christmas Newsletter*). **Fr John Larsen** in **Ranong, Thai-Burma**, notes a need for more Marists on the cutting edge of Mission among the huge numbers of disenfranchised poor. For that to happen, we need quality Vocations and quality training.

**Third, Br Charlie Randle**, turning 70 in late 2010, is generously riding again for Seminarians. He argues, **69+ is the new 49+!** (*The formula applies to dollars as well as our years so I suspect we need to raise a little more this year!*) Can we once again rely on your generous support?



*"69+ is the new 49+" ... into the saddle once more!*

The 2010 Bike-Ride focuses two vital needs: **Prayer and financial support for Vocations. It's a sure winner - please back Br Charlie.**

#### HOW ... ?

Donations for *Spiritual Formation* regrettably enjoy only a heavenly tax-exemption. Claim your deductions plus 100% interest when you arrive in Heaven. Make these non-tax exempt donations (cheque/credit care) out to **MFIM**. (*Marist Fathers International Mission*)

For those whose needs require some earthly return, make your cheque/credit card out to **AMCOA** (*Australian Marist Overseas Aid*). These are directed exclusively to those aspects of Marist training that qualify for tax-exempt status. (e.g., *Social development placements*).

If you wish to remember this vital need for ongoing support of Marists in training in your **ESTATE PLANNING** (eg. 5% etc) call MMC Office (**02-9844-8875**) for more information.

On behalf of all Marists, thanks again for your generous support. May the Lord reward you.

I pray 2010 is a year of grace and good health for you. Happy Australia Day!

*Every blessing,  
Fr Kevin Stewart SM*

