

Marist Houses

In 2012 we introduced the Marist Houses and chose the following House Patrons:

Jeanne Marie Chavoin

The foundress of the Marist Sisters- Jeanne Marie Chavoin, was an ordinary woman, who responded in an extraordinary way to the grace of God in her life.

Bishop Pompallier

Jean- Baptiste Francois Pompallier was the first Roman Catholic Bishop in New Zealand and, with priests and brothers of the Marist order, he organised the Roman Catholic Church throughout the country. He was born in Lyon, France.

Mother Bernard

Mary Gorman (later Mother Bernard) was born in Ireland. In 1927 she opened the school here in Auckland with Sister Austin.

Sister Austin

She was born in Australia and joined the Marist Sisters because of her deep love of Mary. She came to New Zealand with Mother Bernard to help start our school and spent 25 years teaching in New Zealand.

Jeanne Marie Chavoin

Jeanne Marie Chavoin was the foundress of the Marist Sisters order. She was born in Coutouvre in north west Lyon France.



Bishop Pompallier

Jean Baptiste Pompallier was born in Lyon France in 1801.

He was the first Catholic Bishop of New Zealand arriving in 1838.

By the mid 1840's he had established a number of Catholic missions throughout the country.

Bishop Pompallier had an understanding of the

Maori culture. His presence at Waitangi when the Treaty was signed on the 6th February 1840 ensured the inclusion of Article 4 (recognition of Maori religious rights and beliefs).



Mother Bernard

Mary Gorman (Mother Bernard) was born in County Sligo, Ireland.

She came to New Zealand in 1925 when Marist Sisters were asked to come and start up a foundation school. Below Mother Bernard in 1927 with the founding pupils on the back steps of the hall Alberton Ave entrance.



Sister Austin



Sister Muriel Austin,
Goulburn Australia,

Frances Muriel Austin (Sister Austin) was born in Goulburn Australia.

At a very young age her mother died, after this she went to live with her grandmother. It was through her, that Sr Austin developed a deep faith and devotion towards Mary.

She was a determined woman who knew her own mind and followed tenaciously the path she thought was right.

A Marist religious life was surely what she considered was the path for her.

Houses at Marist School

On enrolment, pupils are placed in one of the four houses - **Austin**, **Bernard**, **Chavoïn** and **Pompallier**.

The house system encourages interaction between the senior and junior pupils and provides a platform for leadership skills to develop in our senior pupils as they take up the “house captain” roles. Families are grouped in the same houses.

The house system helps to foster a sense of community as it enables pupils to work together and make friends at all year levels.

A feature of the house system is the competition between houses, the traditional school sports days is usually a part of the inter-house competition.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Marist House Captains

- To help supervise activities that include Inter house competitions / challenges
- To collate house points each week and record totals
- To receive the winning house cup presented at fortnightly Celebration Assemblies
- Promote enthusiasm and good sportsmanship
- Ensure relay teams are organised for Athletics Day

Kaitiaki-Guardians of the Environment

At Marist our Year 5 children have the responsibility of the Kaitiaki which means they are acting as Guardians of our school environment.

Each fortnight at our Celebration Assembly a wooden Koru is presented to the Hub/ Group /Individual that has fulfilled the role of Kaitiaki.

A certificate will also be presented for display in the Hub.

This incentive will encourage **our** children to make a difference in **our** place and foster a sense of caring for **our** environment.

