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Br Darren Burge Appointed Provincial of the Marist Brothers' Star of the Sea Province

The Marist Brothers' Star of the Sea Province is pleased to announce the appointment of Br Darren Burge as its new Provincial, following the election of Br Peter Carroll as Superior General of the Marist Brothers at the 23rd General Chapter held in Tagaytay, Philippines.

The Star of the Sea Province, the largest in the Marist world, spans 11 countries across the Pacific and Asia. Br Darren's appointment marks a significant moment of continuity and renewal for the Province as it continues its mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved in the way of Mary.

Br Darren has demonstrated strong and compassionate leadership throughout his many years of service to the Marist Brothers. Prior to this appointment, he served as Vice Provincial, contributing actively to initiatives in education, faith formation, and spirituality. A long-serving member of the Provincial Council, he has worked closely across diverse cultural and educational contexts throughout the Province.

Born and raised in North Sydney, Br Darren was educated at Marist Brothers Mosman and Marist Brothers North Sydney. After completing teacher training, he entered the novitiate in 1987, beginning a lifelong vocation in Marist education and formation. Over the years, he has served in a variety of school and leadership roles across Australia - including in Gladstone, Canberra, Campbelltown, Hamilton, Lewisham, and Cairns.

Between 2004 and 2006, Br Darren was the Province Vocations Co-ordinator, engaging deeply with Marist youth ministry and young adults - an area that continues to inspire his work. Following a sabbatical in 2007, he was appointed Principal of The John Berne School in Lewisham, where he worked with young people unable to thrive in mainstream education.

Br Darren later served as Principal of St Augustine's College in Cairns (2013 - 2018), where he led with dedication and vision, continuing the Marist tradition of holistic education. Alongside his educational leadership, he completed a Master of Arts (Theology) and formal training in spiritual accompaniment, deepening his commitment to formation and retreat ministry.

In 2025, Br Darren was appointed Leader of the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat in Australia, where he has championed the shared mission of Brothers and lay Marists, promoting co-responsibility and vibrant community life.

As Provincial, Br Darren brings a clear and heartfelt vision for the future - one grounded in faith, presence, and service. He is deeply committed to walking with young people, especially those on the margins and strengthening community engagement across the Province's vast and diverse landscape.

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