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Dear Old Collegian,

I write to invite you to consider an exciting opportunity. For the third year, Marcellin College is proud to offer the St. Marcellin Champagnat Award to three Old Collegians aged between 18 – 25 years old. This award provides an opportunity for three Old Boys to take part in a Marist solidarity project in Johannesburg, South Africa; living and working with some of the most marginalized children in that country. Both last year and in the Award's inaugural year, participants have found this experience of putting faith into action to be profoundly moving.

Recipients of this award will travel to Johannesburg and spend two weeks volunteering with the Three2Six project in their annual holiday program. This year's holiday program takes place between 4-15 December. The three successful recipients of this award will be required to arrive in South Africa prior to the commencement date to participate in training sessions and familiarise themselves with their shared accommodation and location. Volunteers are required for the holiday program to help run games, sports, science, arts and craft, computer sessions and to help with reading practice and literacy and numeracy revision.

Further information regarding the program and submission of your application is included in the enclosed document; it outlines general expectations, a basic itinerary, and gives advice regarding costs covered by Marcellin College and those costs that participants are responsible for. I encourage you to also visit the St. Marcellin Champagnat Award Facebook page and view an interview with the recipients of the inaugural award at <https://tinyurl.com/lej6he4>. An extended interview with one of those recipients, Ben Bugeja, who then chose to return to Johannesburg and volunteer for a year, can also be listened to at <https://tinyurl.com/mjy9k8g>. Details of when interviews with last year's Award recipients will be available for your review will be added to the Facebook page in mid-May.

Should you like to discuss your application prior to submission, you are welcome to contact me at the College. All applications must address the selection criteria and be submitted by the Feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat, June 6, 2017. Applicants will be interviewed by a panel and the successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

The Three2Six project is an initiative of a Marist school, Sacred Heart College, in Observatory, Johannesburg. It aims to offer a place of hope for refugee children. As a Catholic school and as part of the mission of the Marist Institute, it is appropriate that Marcellin College engages in social action opportunities which are both educative and practical in outcomes. We are delighted to offer this opportunity to our Old Collegians and encourage you to consider applying for the St Marcellin Champagnat Award.

Yours sincerely,



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