

The St David's Marist Foundation

Jubilee Campaign

(1941- 2016)

Celebrating 75 years in service to God and our Community

BACKGROUND AND PROGRESS

The St David's Marist Foundation was established in 2006, guided by the vision and values of St Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Order in the 18th Century. St Marcellin lived through the turmoil of the French Revolution and grew to become a great educator and a humble leader, founding the Congregation of the Little Brothers of Mary, the origin of the Marist education system. He had a special place in his heart for the poor and the disadvantaged. St Marcellin's vision was brought to South Africa by 5 Marist Brothers in 1867, with two schools being established in the Cape. Over the next century and as the needs of the country grew, schools were established in a number of towns and cities (Cape Town, Durban, Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth, Pietermaritzburg and Johannesburg). Although some of the schools have closed over time, we are proud to belong to a family of five South African Marist Schools and one of hundreds of Marist schools, youth institutions and universities around the world.

The Marist Brothers continued to run the school until the early 1980's, when a decision was made to hand over the everyday running of the Marist schools to professional lay people so that the Brothers could concentrate their efforts in areas of greater need. This transition brought with it some challenges. These challenges included ensuring that the schools retained their Marist ethos and values (including being accessible to disadvantaged learners), the financial implications of employing professional teachers and being accessible, and ensuring a sustainable future.

In order to assist the St David's in meeting some of these challenges on a long term basis, the Board (in consultation with the Brothers), established the St David's Marist Foundation in 2006. The Foundation was to be a formalised extension of the work started by St Marcellin, carried forward by the Brothers and then lay professionals and aims to ensure that this work carries on in perpetuity. It allows for the whole Marist community, and those who believe in our goals, to play a role in ensuring that generations to come have the benefit, and indeed privilege, of a Marist education.

The Foundation's first objective is to establish an Endowment Fund, which will provide financial resources to the School in perpetuity. The Endowment capital has and will continue to be invested to achieve long term capital growth and provide funding for various priorities identified by the School Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees.

The Foundation can receive both restricted and unrestricted donations. Unrestricted donations are spent at the discretion of the trustees for the purposes that conform to the mission of the School; this provides important flexibility to the trustees and the School Executive. Restricted donations meet the specific aims of donors who may wish to direct their giving at other projects or objectives. One of the major challenges facing the school is that of meaningful transformation. Foremost amongst the Foundation's priorities is therefore to provide bursaries and scholarships to deserving boys from disadvantaged backgrounds. Once selected, these boys are provided with on-going support in order to ensure that they stand every chance of achieving success within the school and beyond. To this end, each year the Foundation awards 4-6% of its opening capital to qualifying programmes.

The St David's Marist Foundation UK Charity is an extension of our Foundation and is registered as an official charity with the UK Charity Commission. The SDMF UK Charity is able to accept and channel donations from UK based donors to the benefit of St David's Marist Inanda.

We are proud of the success that the Foundation has achieved since its inception, receiving just over R15 million in donations over this period. Including the allocations made for 2012, just over R3 million has been allocated to bursaries and scholarships (from the Endowment Fund and the various restricted funds), and this currently supports 15 boys through Prep, High and Tertiary. It is a rare privilege to follow the progress of these youngsters as they are given the opportunity to spread their wings and express their talents within the safe and nurturing St David's environment. Without exception, these boys are giving back to our school far more than what we have given them and we feel blessed to have them as members of the St David's community.

Our 75th Anniversary in 2016 is an opportunity to acknowledge our many blessings, celebrate our successes and look towards the future of St David's. In celebration of our 75th Anniversary, we are launching the Jubilee Campaign which we invite you to be a part of by:

- Committing to a sustained giving programme by donating a fixed amount of money on a monthly/ annual basis towards one of our funds/ programmes (please see outline overleaf). The amount can be increased by a fixed percentage on an annual basis. This will allow us to commit to awarding bursaries and scholarships on an annual basis to boys from disadvantaged backgrounds as well as to increasing our pool of learnerships for teachers.
- Contributing to the Endowment Fund which will assist us in establishing a 'war chest' for times of need and in establishing long-term sustainability.
- Supporting one of the Capital Development projects identified by the school as needing support, namely the Old Boys' Home - Hi-performance Sports Centre and the extension to the Music Block.

We invite you to be a part of our Vision

BURSARY FUNDS

Father Bernard Brewer S. J Bursary

The Father Bernard Brewer S. J Bursary enables St David's to support deserving boys with academic potential from a previously disadvantaged background.

Paul Edey Educators Bursary

The Paul Edey Educators Bursary enables St David's to make its contribution to teacher development in South Africa by supporting candidates through the school's Teacher Learnership Programme.

Willy Castle Sports Bursary

The Willy Castle Sports Bursary is awarded to boys who show sporting promise whilst being able to maintain the required academic standard.

Tertiary Education Bursary

The Tertiary Education Bursary is a grant that is awarded to matric candidates with potential, to further their studies at a tertiary institution of their choice in South Africa.

Old Boys' Bursary Fund

The St David's Marist Old Boys' Bursary is a grant that is awarded to candidates who are sons of Old Boys.

Staff Bursary Fund

The Staff Bursary Fund currently assists numerous learners with support for uniforms, books, the payment of school tours, and much more.

UK Old Boys' Fund

The UK Old Boys' Fund supports the endeavours of the Foundation by funding bursaries, scholarships and projects as identified by the St David's Marist Foundation UK Charity Trustees.

PROJECTS & FACILITIES

The Foundation seeks to provide St David's with funding support for development of the School campus facilities to enhance and support curriculum activities and enable students to experience an education at the highest level.

THE MARIST LEGACY

This Fund allows donors to plan their giving to the Foundation through their wills. The impact of a bequest reaches far into the future and beyond a lifetime.

BUSINESS IN EDUCATION FUND

The Business in Education Fund was created to enable enterprises to partner with the Foundation in realising measurable and quality education intervention programmes. The Foundation has both the structure and the strategic approach through which to successfully engage enterprise in this arena and was specifically designed to allow for the separate accounting and reporting process required by the B-BBEE Code.

