

A New Beginning of Possibilities Awaits



Every person dreams of a life filled with opportunities, hope and the possibility of a new beginning. The Easter season is the season for new beginnings, for a chance to reflect, start anew or make a commitment to a more meaningful way forward.

When a child is trapped by poverty, they are unable to find a path to a new beginning. Instead, they face uncertainty, fear and are bound to continue the cycle of poverty for the next generation.

Education provides a new beginning, transforming lives and realising possibilities.

Since 2002, the Carmelites, with the generous support of the Carmelite family, have helped transform more than 5,600 young lives through education. Together we have been able to give children and young adults the opportunity to learn to read, write and do arithmetic. Importantly, we've provided them with a life-changing pathway to a career or vocation.

When one person is educated, they go on to transform the lives of hundreds around them, creating new beginnings for families and communities. This year, more than 600 children and teenagers are attending our three schools in Zumalai. The number of young adults receiving a Community Scholarship has increased and young men are continuing on their journey to become a Carmelite through our La Bruna Scholarships.

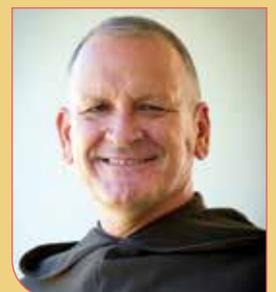
Our education program has expanded to providing the youngest children in Zumalai with the best start to their education, through two kindergartens.

Education is giving children and young adults a real possibility of a new beginning in life and breaking the generational cycle of poverty so many find themselves in.

You can read more about our schools and scholarships programs along with the life-changing transformation education is having on communities in Timor-Leste on page 4.

Introducing our new Prior Provincial

Last November, The Carmelites - Australia & Timor-Leste elected a new Prior Provincial to replace Fr Paul Cahill who was stepping down after completing six years in this position. Fr Bruce Clark has been elected Prior Provincial and has returned to Australia after spending 11 years living in Timor-Leste where he served as Novice Master, Prior, Director of Formation and the Provincial's representative in Timor-Leste. **We thank Fr Paul for his service and congratulate Fr Bruce.**



Message from Fr Bruce Clark O.Carm

We are with the people

It is most humbling to take on the role of Prior Provincial for the provinces of Australia and Timor-Leste. I am grateful for this and cherish the opportunity to continue the good work and faithful service of my predecessors including Fr Paul Cahill. I thank all my Brothers for their belief and faith in me and look forward to serving you, our Carmelite family, through the Holy Spirit.

Having lived in Timor-Leste for the last 11 years, I am reminded that the Carmelites are an integral part of all the communities we serve. Our role is to help communities by providing not only pastoral care and spiritual support, but to also help them heal from past hurts. **To achieve this we need to be with the people and to share our Carmelite values of community, compassion and service.**

In my time in Timor, I saw the impact poverty, malnutrition and other societal issues have had on individuals, families and communities. Yet I've also seen the impact the Carmelite family's generosity and love have made on numerous young lives. Your support is providing young people with the opportunity to transform their lives through

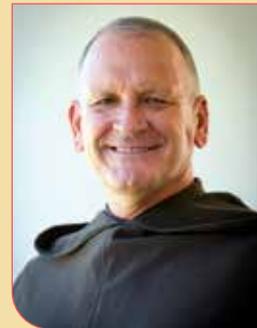
education and with that, to find their purpose through a career or vocation. I am so very grateful for the generosity and compassion of our Carmelite family, for we could not serve communities in need without you.

As Prior Provincial my vision is that the Carmelite Brothers will one day take on specific Ministries and tasks that benefit communities in Australia and Timor-Leste. To achieve this vision, I hope you will continue to support these young men through their education.

Lastly, always know you are not alone. We are here to support you in your time of need through spiritual companionship.



Fr Bruce Clark O.Carm
Prior Provincial



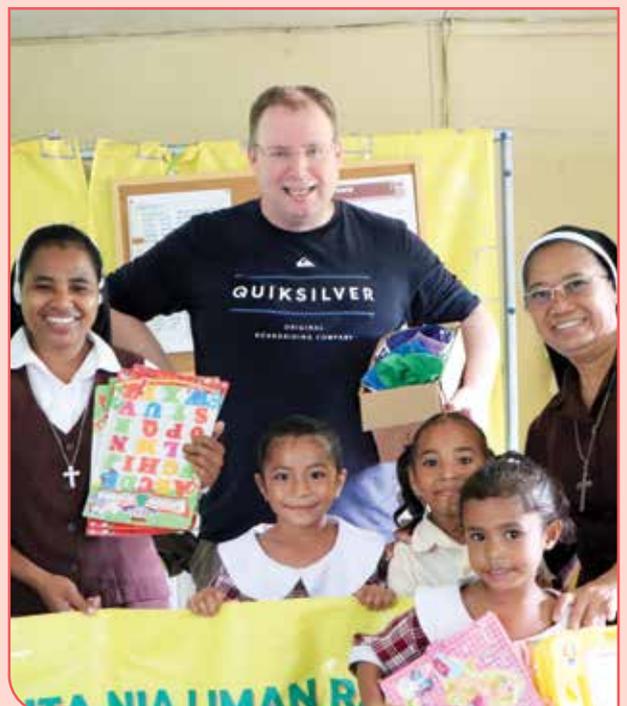
Introducing Joe Konynenburg, our new Business Manager

After 13 years, Damian Cairns has retired as Business Manager of The Carmelites – Australia & Timor-Leste. We thank Damian for his years of care and service, and welcome Joe Konynenburg as our new Business Manager.

Joe is a familiar face to the Carmelites. As an ex-Whitefriars student, who has worked in the Catholic Church for most of his professional career, Joe has the lived experience of the Carmelite tradition and values. **His goal is to help the Carmelites continue to develop and deliver their mission in Australia and Timor-Leste.**

Joe has recently returned from his first visit to Timor-Leste where he was impressed by the Carmelites' current projects supporting young people to obtain meaningful education opportunities.

We welcome Joe to our Carmelite family and look forward to his expertise and insight guiding the Carmelites forward.



A dedicated Training Centre for Timor-Leste

A global pandemic, natural disasters, or conflicts did not stop our Carmelite family from showing your generous support of young people and communities in Timor-Leste last year. You helped hundreds of young people transform their lives through education. You helped flood affected communities rebuild. And you helped young men continue their journey to become Carmelites.

We recognise education provides hope and opportunities especially for younger people.

The Carmelites are designing a state-of-the-art Retreat & Youth Training Centre focused on three training courses – English language, Aged Care, and Safeguarding Children – with a further option of expanding into Information Technology once these initial courses are established.

There is great scope in training young people to enter the field of Aged Care. With a severe worker shortage, once individuals have completed this course, they may be eligible to come to Australia as part of the Federal Government's Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme (PALMS).

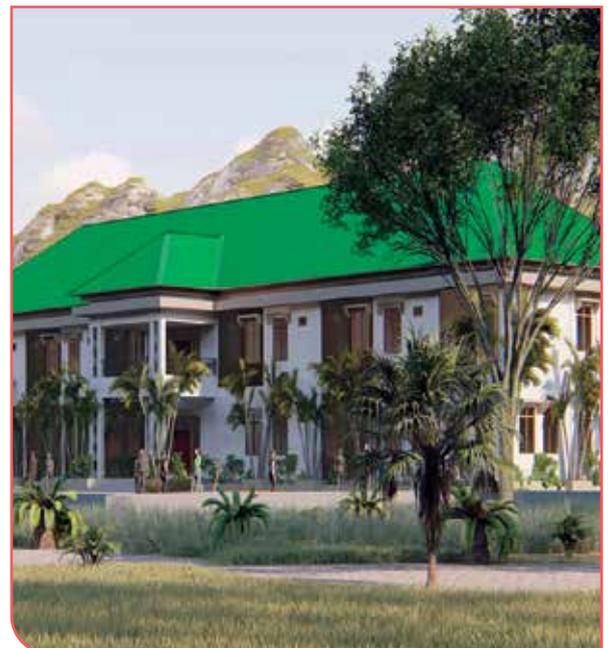
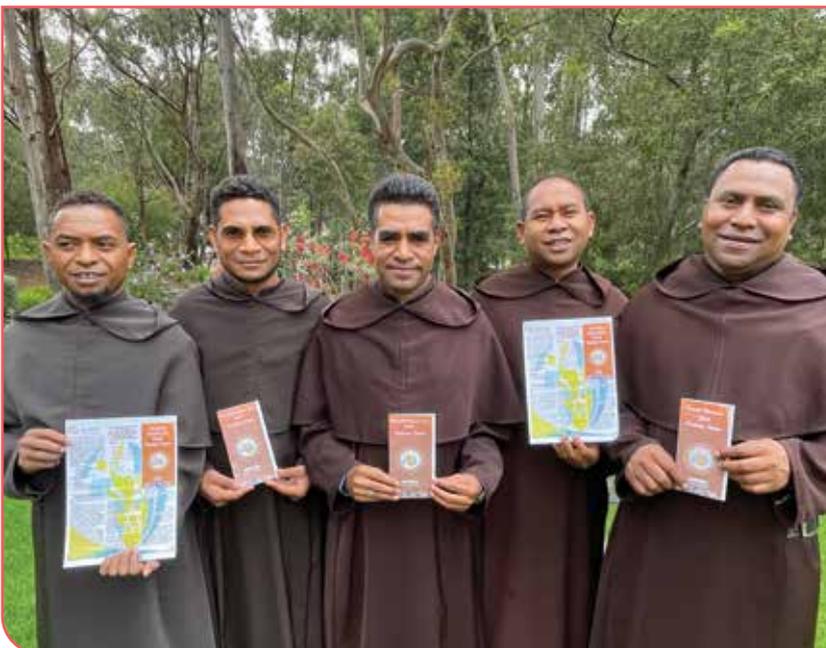
These courses are a pathway for young people to transform their lives, giving them real opportunities to support their dreams of a career or vocation.

Although the Centre has been an idea for some years, since mid-last year a core team of Carmelites, staff and community representatives has been exploring its viability along with the types of courses and how best to deliver them. They will also investigate how best to promote the Centre as the preferred choice for training and education.

Retreats and spiritual direction will be available in Tetum, English, Portuguese and Indonesian languages for individuals, groups and families.

Architectural and design plans for the Centre are well underway, including accommodation for 20 people, meeting rooms, classrooms and a chapel. It is hoped the Centre will open in 2024.

To achieve our vision requires great philanthropic support. If you would like to learn more or are interested in how you, your business, community group or connections can support the building of this Centre, please visit carmelimpact.org.au/trainingcentre or call 03 9690 8822.



A Precious Gift Transforming

Timor-Leste is one of the poorest countries in the world, with the average monthly income just \$115 USD (2023 – wageindicator.org). For families reliant on subsistence farming, they barely earn enough to put food on the table.

Education is just a mere dream and out of reach for their children, with families unable to afford sending their children to school. Yet education is the key to transforming young people's lives.

Our Carmelite family is amazing. Your compassion and generosity are enabling us to provide a most precious gift to children and young adults of Timor-Leste. The gift of education.

In 2022 you showed your support for the children and young adults of Timor-Leste. This included donating to our appeals, making monthly or regular gifts as Mission Partners, providing philanthropic gifts and leaving the ultimate gift – a Gift in your Will.

You also got involved with our very first community fundraiser – Host a Meal, Empower a Dream – with individuals, schools and groups hosting meals or local events while raising essential funds so more young Timorese could pursue an education.

Combined you helped raise more than \$855,000! Thank you.

The IMPACT of your support.

Last year you helped:



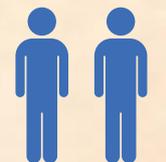
500 children

attend one of our three schools in Zumalai



25 young adults

receive or continue with a Community Scholarship



38 young men

continue on their journey to becoming a Carmelite



10 volunteer teachers

receive a financial subsidy to help make ends meet



Young Lives

This year your support will have even greater impact in transforming more young lives, with the addition of two kindergartens in Zumalai and the introduction of a school lunch program.



Carmel Impact's Community Development Coordinator, Mayra Walsh, sees first-hand the impact our Carmelite family is making to young lives.

"I went to Timor-Leste in March this year. As part of my trip, I visited our project managers and participants to see how everything is going. I am so happy to report that this year we have over 650 children in our schools and kindergartens.

Students at the Carmelite supported schools in Zumalai are achieving some of the best results in their district. With Carmel Impact's support, the teachers have the resources they need to run classes that are interesting and engaging for students.

Additionally, we're launching a school lunches program. Each student will receive lunch at school consisting of rice, locally grown vegetables and meat. Carmel Impact is providing funds for the purchase of fridges, plates and cutlery, cooking utensils and some small renovations so there is an undercover area for the children to eat when it is raining. I look forward to sharing updates on this important project with our Carmelite family in the months to come."

The impact of our Carmelite family's support extends to the Community Scholarship program which has 28 students – 20 women and 18 men.

"I spent a day with 18 of the scholarship recipients in Hera. It was wonderful spending time with these energetic and bright young people. We welcomed several new scholarship recipients who were joining the student group for the first time," says Mayra.

Thank you for transforming lives. We look forward to your continued support in 2023.



Our Order continues to grow to serve you

Last year saw a number of young men progress on their journey to become Carmelites.

In early December, 6 young Timorese Carmelites received the ministry of Lector, while 4 received the ministry of Acolyte. Lectors proclaim the Word of God in liturgical assemblies, instruct adults and children in the faith and prepare them to receive the sacraments. Acolytes assist the priest during the celebration of the Eucharist, holding the Missal, preparing the altar and the vessels and cleaning them after Communion.

This year has brought more wonderful news. On 14 June, Brothers Frangelino, Julião, David, Estevão and Francisco will make their profession of Solemn Vows (life-long commitment) in the Carmelites in Hera, while Br Anacleto will make his on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sunday 16 July.

Earlier this year, Br Anacleto graduated with a Bachelors degree in Theology and Fr Albino graduated with a Masters Degree in Theological Studies. And Anacleto with Br Jose successfully completed programs in Clinical Pastoral Education where they learnt to interact with patients and healthcare practitioners.

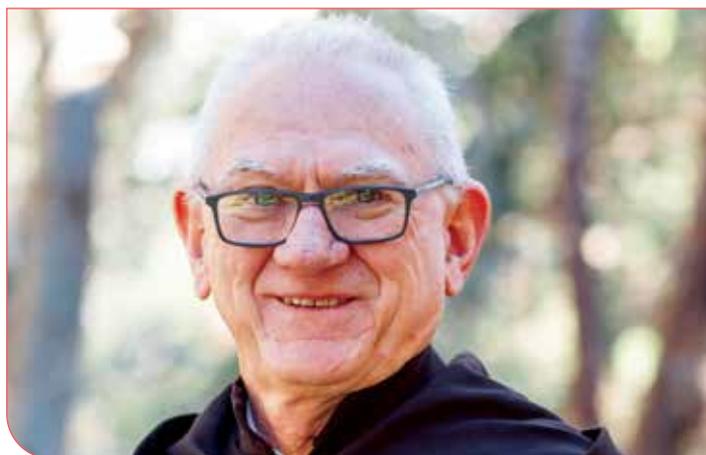
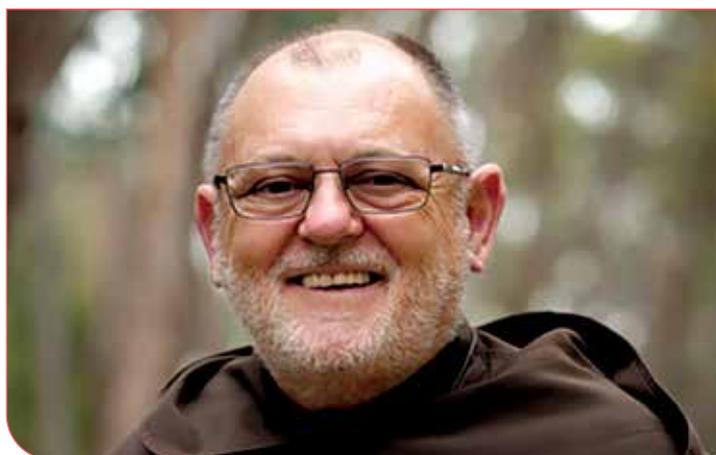


New Ministries & Carmelite Appointments

After 6 years as Provincial, Fr Paul Cahill has taken up his new appointment to Port Melbourne/Middle Park (VIC) Parish as Parish Priest, and Prior of the Port Melbourne Carmelite Community.

Fr Januario Pinto has been appointed Parish Priest of Wentworthville (NSW) Parish. While Fr Wayne Stanhope has taken up residence at the Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo (NSW) as a sacramental presence and has begun a new ministry in Pastoral Supervision in the Diocese of Wollongong and beyond. Pastoral Supervision is a service offered to those involved in ministry to reflect on their practice in order to gain a broader perspective and discover possibilities for personal and professional growth. Wayne graduated on 18th May with a Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Supervision from Australian Catholic University.

We also warmly welcome Fr Christian Marave O.Carm to our Province. Fr Christian is a member of the Philippines Province of Carmelites and will be with us for the next few years. He will be part of our community and parish at Wentworthville (NSW).



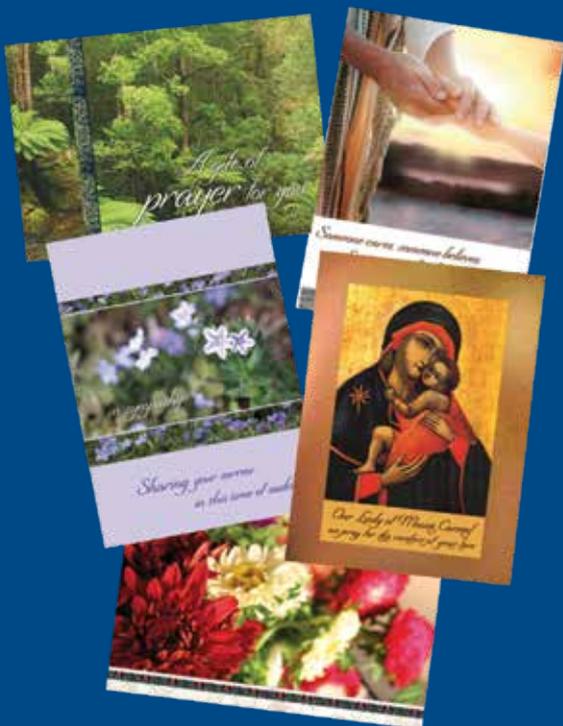
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A new look for The Carmelites

You may have noticed a new logo representing The Carmelites – Australia & Timor-Leste. After many years, it was time for a change, a time to introduce a colour scheme and look that closer aligned with our organisation and its work.

Spearheading this change was our Communications Director, Fr David who shared, “The image is an attempt to marry visually the Carmelites and Australia & Timor-Leste using the map and a modified version of the Carmelite crest.

The orange ‘flames’ and 2 of the stars being placed outside the confines of the crest represent the Carmelite life reaching out to others. The flame also represents the sword of Elijah, often part of the crest.

The concept is based on one developed for the international Carmelite website. The flame and one of the stars are deliberately placed near Timor-Leste to represent the close relationship between Australia and Timor-Leste.”

Along with the change of our logo, is a small but significant change to the tagline that reflects the religious and spiritual identity of the Carmelite Order – Community, Prayer, Service. We hope you like our new look.



Serving community with speed...

Travelling from one town to the next in many parts of Timor-Leste can be challenging. Mountainous terrain along with poorly built roads can take their toll on a four-wheel vehicle. We are very grateful to The Mission Office, Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in the United States, for their most generous grant that enabled the Carmelites in Zumalai to purchase a brand new motorcycle.

As Br Antonio said, *“Here in Zumalai we are so happy to be able to use this new motorbike. In the past we always faced challenges with transport because we didn’t have enough vehicles. But now with this motorbike we can get all our work done. As the School Principal, I use the motorbike to visit the other Catholic schools in Raimea and Beco, as well as the new kindergartens there. I also attend Department of Education meetings in Suai. The other Carmelite Brothers also use the motorbike. We are really grateful for the support we received to purchase this motorbike. It has really helped facilitate our work in this rural area, where some places are difficult to access.”*

Fr Fausto agrees, enjoying the opportunity to gear up and head off on the brand new motorbike to serve remote villages, as shown in the photos.

