Windows of the Future

Dear Colleagues at MSA schools,

This year our AMS team encourages you to put before the young people in our schools the call to "unlock solidarity". We urge you to be creative with this appeal to analyse why the global family at this time needs each of us to view the other as "neighbour". This is at the heart of the contemporary Christian virtue of solidarity. The unlocking imagery conjures up notions of being set free, releasing and working together to unlock oppression.

Recent church teachings have focused on the gospel call to walk with others which means in Marist terms to empower them through their communities. For two hundred years, Marists have believed that education is the lever to empower communities and alleviate poverty and ignorance. The Marist projects from around the world featured in this kit exemplify our core business and depend on your continued support.

Pope Francis reminds us that young people are "the windows through which the future enters the world". As educators, each of us has a chance to shape the future by putting before young people the call to be with our Asia-Pacific neighbours in 2018 through a solidarity pathway.

May this 2018 campaign unlock young hearts and minds as their own hopes merge with the youthful hopes of others whom they support but may never meeting.

Yours in solidarity,

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