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Dear Marianists,

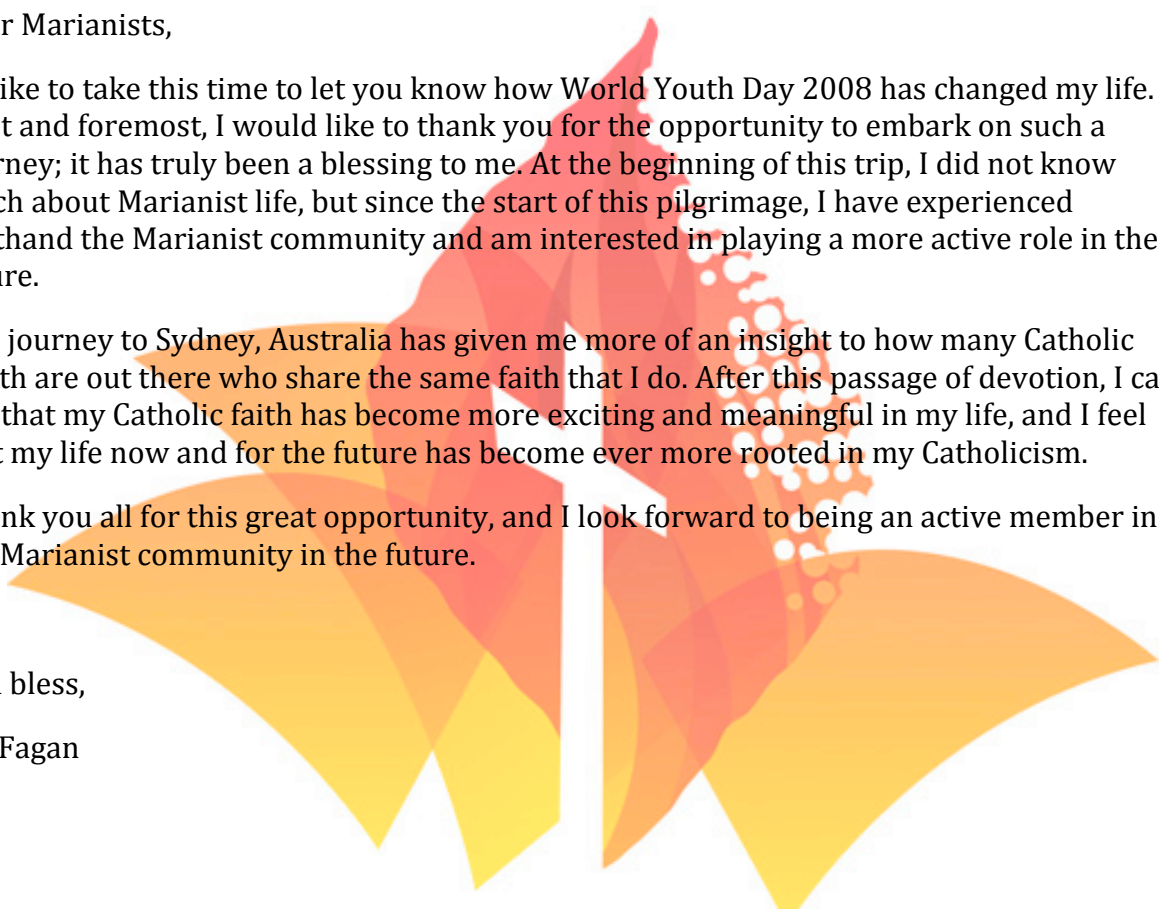
I'd like to take this time to let you know how World Youth Day 2008 has changed my life. First and foremost, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to embark on such a journey; it has truly been a blessing to me. At the beginning of this trip, I did not know much about Marianist life, but since the start of this pilgrimage, I have experienced firsthand the Marianist community and am interested in playing a more active role in the future.

The journey to Sydney, Australia has given me more of an insight to how many Catholic youth are out there who share the same faith that I do. After this passage of devotion, I can say that my Catholic faith has become more exciting and meaningful in my life, and I feel that my life now and for the future has become ever more rooted in my Catholicism.

Thank you all for this great opportunity, and I look forward to being an active member in the Marianist community in the future.

God bless,

Joe Fagan



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