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An open letter to the communities of

Iona College Queensland and Mazenod College, Victoria

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate have rejoiced at the news that Fr Mark Edwards OMI has been asked to serve the Church as the Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne (Eastern Region). We are very proud of Fr. Mark's great honour, and that an Australian Oblate has been chosen for this position in 120 years of our arrival to these shores.

This appointment while bringing great joy to Fr Mark and the Oblate Congregation has necessitated the need to make some new appointments for both the Iona College and Mazenod College communities. Our Education Ministry remains a priority for our Province and we aim to continue to make all our colleges the best Pastoral and Apostolic communities we can.

The loss of an active Rector from our schools has also meant that sacrifices will need to be made. I am grateful that the Oblates of our Province have shown themselves to be men of great generosity of spirit because in searching for a solution to our quandary several Oblates have stepped forward to make themselves available for the good of our ministry.

Therefore I have been able to make the following appointments.

Fr Michael Twigg OMI has been appointed as Rector of Iona College for three years, to take effect at the end of Term 1, 2015.

I have asked Ross King to assume the role of Acting Principal of Iona College for Term 1, 2015 while a period of transition occurs in Mazenod College Victoria.

Fr Christian Fini OMI has been appointed as Rector of Mazenod College Victoria for three years to take effect at the end of Term 1, 2015.

Fr John Sherman OMI has been appointed as Vice Rector (Mentoring role) of Mazenod College Victoria as well as Director of MAMI (Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate) for three years to take effect at the end of Term 1, 2015.

I would like to thank the chairmen of both School Boards; Mr Peter Le Grand of Mazenod Victoria, and Mr Chris Leadbetter (outgoing Chairman) and Dr Stephen Buckland (incoming chairman) for their support of these appointments at such short notice.

I also thank the Staff and each members of the schools' community for their continued collaboration in our Education Ministry.

Let us to pray for each other as we continue to educate and help our students to realize their full potential as Christian men and good citizens of our world.

Yours in Jesus and Mary



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