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Introducing the
National Shrine of
Our Lady of the
Sacred Heart,
Randwick,
Sydney, Australia.

Our Mission:

To publicise the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart [OLSH] at Randwick.

To introduce the *Novena* to OLSH to others outside the Parish.

To heighten awareness of the Spirituality of the Heart, and the place of the devotion to Mary under the title of OLSH as a natural aspect of the Spirituality of the Heart.

To inform people about the Mission and Ministries of the MSC and OLSH and other Congregations.

This is our third *Newsletter* from the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at Randwick, for 2016.

Last *Newsletter* we looked in some detail at Fr Chevalier's spirituality in his early years, and which sustained him in the difficult work of establishing his Society of Missionaries, and also the choice of a name for them.

Now we turn, via Fr Cuskelly, a former (Australian) Superior General of the MSC, to an analysis of the foundations of the Spirituality of the MSC Society as it developed under Fr Chevalier's founding spirit.

We conclude with some information about an MSC who was very important in the formation of the Australian Province: **Fr Peter Marie Tréand.**



The Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
Randwick NSW, Australia,
blessed and opened in
1937.

Calendar for MAY: 1865 May 31 OLSH Feast publicly celebrated for first time in Issoudun. 1886 First MSC House in Belgium. 1886 First Australian postulant for OLSH. 1887 First MSC leave France for Ecuador. 1888 First MSC arrive in Kiribati. May 6 1888 OLSH Randwick dedicated by Cardinal Moran. 1911 First MSC to Brazil. 1919 First 6 Postulants of Handmaids of the Lord begin in PNG. 1920 First 6 OLSH Sisters from Holland to Kai Islands. 1920 First MSC from Italy to Celebes. 1927 First MSC Sisters from Germany arrive in Namibia. 1928 5 MSC Sisters from Germany arrive in Melbourne. 1950 Fr Harry Reid MSC from Australia arrives in Japan to set up a mission in conjunction with Fr A Bryson MSC Army Chaplain. 1965 First MSC House in Dominican Republic. 1977 OLSH Associates begin in Australia. 1983 Three MSC Houses erected in Peru.

The following are identified as the characteristic notes of the MSC Society from Fr Chevalier's writings: **"A true and sincere ever burning love of the Word Incarnate**, which while it will be the seal of their sanctity for the individual members, will lead them to **put on the mind and virtues of this divine Heart**, and will communicate to them **the operative charity of Christ for people and specially that immense mercy towards the lost sheep.**" (Cuskelly p,127)

These "two views of an MSC spirituality" are ultimately really one: love of Christ inevitably leads one to concern for people; and concern for people will bring us closer to Christ.

Fr Cuskelly did great work on our charism. He considers the following as a foundational text for MSC spirituality:

1 Jn 4:16: **"We have learned to recognize the love of God in our regard and have made it our belief."**

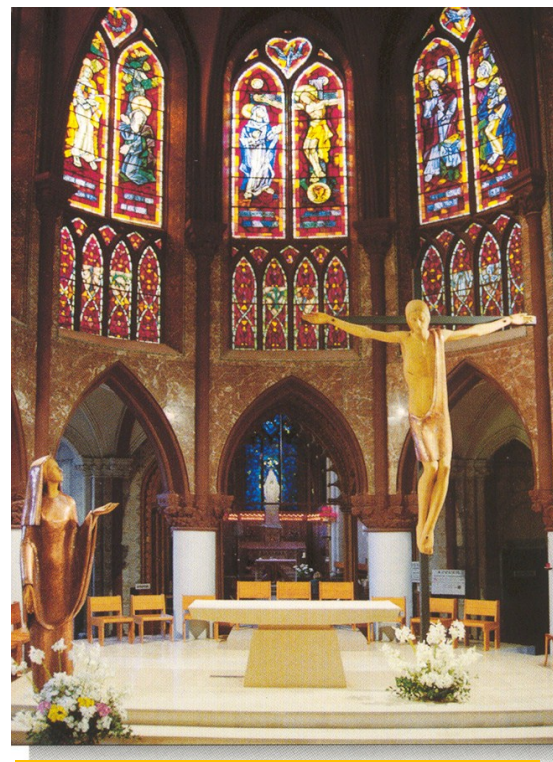
And, in response to St Augustine's exhortation in his *Confession*: **"Return to your own heart and find Him"**, he proposes the following **four, inspiring and attractive, aspects of belief in God's love for MSC spirituality:**

"1. We have believed in the love of God for us personally. This is a living faith-experience which has provoked the gift of our hearts to Christ. From this flows a life of personal dedication to Christ and his Kingdom.

2. We have believed in the love of God for all people—a love which would give their lives meaning and purpose, if they would accept it. And here is the source of all missionary and apostolic effort.



Fr Jules Chevalier



Sacred Heart, Issoudun, France



Junior Seminary, St Gauthier, France

3. Because we believe in this love of God for all people whom he wills to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; because **we believe that this love will work through those who consecrate their lives to him, we are confident that, if we work with courage and perseverance, God will give the increase.**

4. And if we are a group that has come together because all its members “have believed in his love”, **a real fraternal charity will reign among us.”** (Cuskelly p. 128f)

Like Mary, we can only make these truths something that shapes our lives if we have taken the trouble to “ponder them in our hearts”. “With St Augustine we must have returned to our own heart to find God; and we must have listened to the cries of every human heart, to the deep human needs of people: the questioning, the anxiety, the desperate need for meaning, for a love that is real, ennobling and uplifting. We need to have understood how doubt and darkness can often lie heavy on the human spirit.” (Cuskelly p.128)



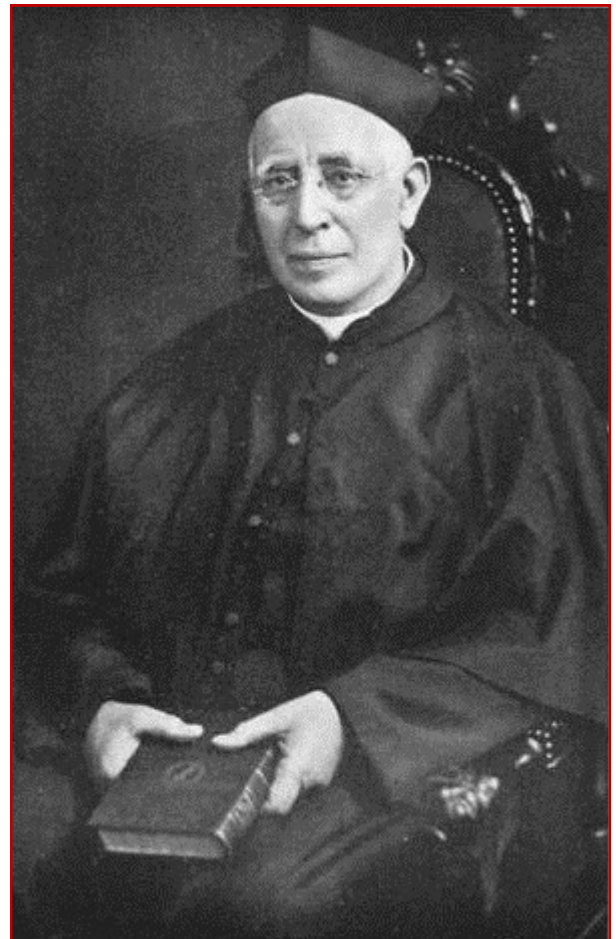
We turn now to some notes on the life of **Fr Peter Marie Tréand, parish priest of Randwick (1891-1926), and first Provincial Superior of the Australian MSC Province.**

Peter Marie Tréand was born in Hermance, Switzerland, on November 25, 1856. He entered the MSC novitiate at the age of 20. Prior to that he spent one year in an MSC school at **St Gauthier** for those intending to become priests. He made his first profession of vows on September 8, 1877.

During his seminary days in Issoudun he also taught in the Junior Seminary and worked in the *Annals* Office:



The shoe-maker's shop, Richelieu, in which Jules Chevalier first found work before entering the minor seminary.



Fr Peter Marie Tréand MSC, Parish priest of Randwick for 35 years and (the first) Provincial of the newly erected MSC Province of Australia for 8 years.

It goes without saying that this was a considerable work load—something he became used to for the whole of his MSC life, it seems. **He was ordained on March 4, 1882** and made Director of the Junior Seminary while living in the same house as Fr Chevalier in Issoudun. **The bond between these two men was very close.**

Prior to his coming to Sydney as Fr Chevalier's delegate to give a report on the Australian MSC work, he was sent to **Glastonbury, England** to a junior seminary for English and Irish candidates.

He arrived in Sydney, December 7, 1891, and immediately expressed his happiness at being in Sydney, delighting, especially in the parishioners of Randwick and the climate. Of the OLSH Church he wrote to Fr Chevalier, **"We have a magnificent Church, one of the finest in Sydney."** Later, he wrote **"I like Sydney more and more and I do not want my Superiors to recall me to France."**

(Jan 18, 1892). He was truly amazed at the piety and lack of affectation among the Australians, the men, especially; "We are hard put to cope with the confessions—Saturday evening from 4 pm till 10.30 pm." To his sister he wrote: **"You see what fine people these Australians are and it is not hard to love them."**

It was Fr Tréand who developed primary and secondary education in the Parish—

The new format of the Novena, can be found on the web:
www.sacredheart.org.au **You can post petitions to Novena, PO Box 309, Randwick, NSW 2031, Or emailed to: prayersplease@olshaustralia.org.au**
The Novena is held each Thursday 11.30-midday in the Shrine.

the usual "means" being inviting religious Sisters and Brothers to staff schools.

The MSC in Australia were expanding, and in turn Fr Tréand **founded the Monastery at Kensington, and in 1905 St Mary's Towers at Douglas Park for the Novitiate and Junior High School.** He was in demand as a preacher, retreat giver and spiritual director.

In 1905 he became the first Provincial Superior of Australia until 1913, all the while remaining a much loved Parish Priest of Randwick. By the time of his death, 14 May 1926, the Australian MSC were on mission in Tasmania, Northern Territory and New Guinea with large numbers in formation. A number of MSC were chaplains in the First World War, two earning decorations for bravery and service.

Fr Tréand's grave is in the MSC cemetery at Douglas Park.

The Novena Prayer

Remember, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the great things the Lord has done for you. He chose you for his mother; He wanted you close to his cross. He gives you a share in his glory. He listens to your prayer. Offer him our prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Present our petitions to Him. (Recall your petitions...)

Let us live like you in the love of your Son so that his Kingdom may come. Lead all people to the source of living water that flows from his heart, spreading over the world hope and salvation, justice and peace. See our trust in you; answer our prayer. Show yourself always our Mother. Amen.