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## The Cause / Seeking Graces / Hannah Bennett

Latest update...

### **Message from Hannah, Feb 2025:**

Just wanted to reach out with some very exciting news! Saw my neurologist last week and he told me my health is wonderful at the moment and I no longer need monthly medication OR 6 monthly MRIs. They will be able to monitor my disease with quarterly blood tests. So exciting!

All the best,  
Hannah

### **Meeting with Hannah, Sep 2024:**

*[An update from Fr Ron Nissen SM]*

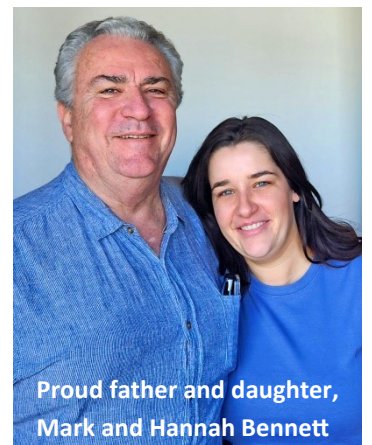
Recently I was able to catch up over a coffee with Hannah and her father, Mark. Hannah looks the picture of health and is about to leave next month for six weeks' volunteer work in speech therapy at the Sarnelli Mission in northern Thailand where her specialised skills will be hugely welcomed.

As her neurologist has recently confirmed, there is no evidence of her ever having been afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis.

Hannah and her family are long friends of the Marists and regulars at our city church of St Patrick's, Sydney, and gratefully aware of the prayers of Marists throughout the world seeking healing for Hannah through the intercession of Jean-Claude Colin.



... catch up over a coffee



Proud father and daughter,  
Mark and Hannah Bennett

### **Message from Hannah, Mar 2024:**

... I just wanted to update you on my MS (or lack of!). I saw my neurologist this morning who let me know that there are zero signs of disease activity (my spine looks like a typical healthy 27 year olds spine!) and am in complete remission in my brain.

It's so wonderfully exciting.

Pending my MRIs in August my neurologist thinks I may no longer need any more medications!

I just wanted to pass on my thanks for all your prayers and support. Please, please pass on my thanks to the Marist fathers / brothers across the globe who have been praying for me. I'm forever grateful.

Warm regards, Hannah

***Previously, Feb 2023***

I wanted to let you know, I spoke to my neurologist earlier this week (about my recent MRI scans completed last Friday) and he said, and I quote, "If someone were to look at the images of your spine not knowing your medical history they would have no idea you have MS"!!! So wonderfully exciting!!

All the best, Hannah

***Previously, Dec 2022***

You've sent this email at a wonderful time, as I've recently had news that I am officially in REMISSION! All lesions on my spine have healed and are no longer visible via MRI scans. The lesions on my brain are visible but no longer 'active' meaning they cause me very few problems at the moment. I am very intermittently suffering pain via the nerve in my face (trigeminal neuralgia), but outside of that, I am feeling very healthy, mobile and active.

Sending lots of love and prayers to the Marist family.

Warm regards, Hannah

***Previously, May 2022:***

I had it on my list to email an update....

I've been doing really well the last 6 months. I've had very minimal nerve pain, and even been able to stop some of my pain medications which is huge! I very much appreciate all the prayers, please know I pray for them also. I have my MRI scan on 24th May so will give more of an update with that report.

All the best, Hannah

***Previously, Feb 2021:***

That's so kind of the Marists to think of me during this time, the world I'm doing quite well at the moment. I've had a recent flare up of nerve pain in my arms and hands which has prevented me from driving. But I'm working three days a week at a Speech Pathology practice and absolutely loving it. I work with such a great team which is great too.

I'm so grateful for all your prayers and support. Please pass on all my thanks. I know Fr. Colin is listening. I have been able to walk/run on a treadmill for up to 20 minutes!

I was not able to do this since my diagnosis, so it has been a wonderful achievement. I'm working with some great physiotherapists and OTs, and really believe your prayers are guiding my therapists to help me in the best way possible.

Best wishes, Hannah