

Dear Friends,

Thanks to you our wonderful, dedicated volunteers and loyal listeners, we at RME have been broadcasting, growing, and developing since October 2019. I know that we are still on this incredible journey, but you have been, and are wonderful and we would not be here without you. We at RME are also part of the world-wide family of Radio Maria (WFRM) and we only exist because of the commitment and support of our brothers and sisters overseas. I am writing to thank you, not only for your contribution to RME but also to let you know about future developments.

In Acts 16 we read how Saint Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia who asked him to come and help them. You will know that I am an Australian and, although I have spent most of my life in England, I have been asked by WFRM to go to Melbourne, Australia to help them. This has not been an easy decision, because our lovely daughters and little grandchildren are here in England and this has been our home for nearly forty years. I have also enjoyed working with RME and our amazing staff and you our fantastic volunteers. However, the wind is blowing, and after much prayer Mirjam and I believe that the Lord is calling us, so we are hoisting our sails for another challenge. We became Catholic in 2016, and this will be our 7th move and our third country. If you want to have an adventure – become a Catholic and then join WFRM!

RM Oz have had some obstacles and challenges but with your prayers and encouragement I hope to help get things going there and RME is not being left without assistance. I am pleased to be able to tell you that Fr. Andreas Schätzle will be coming to serve you. Fr. Andreas has been the Priest Director of RM Austria for the past sixteen years, and he will bring considerable radio experience and enthusiasm to RME but do pray that his journey here will be smooth and trouble free.

It has been said many times that life is a journey and although we may not always be certain of the destination, we all have a map to guide us. Our Faith map is marked by grace and truth, but we also need hope, love, and companionship to sustain us on our journey. I am fortunate to have this and Mirjam and I set off with some regret but with the assurance that we are travelling on the path that has been shown.

Bless you and thank you for your support for me and your prayers for the future. I am confident that you will do all that you can to make Fr. Andreas welcome – he already knows how blessed he is to be coming here.

My best wishes to you and to all the RME family,

Fr. Sam