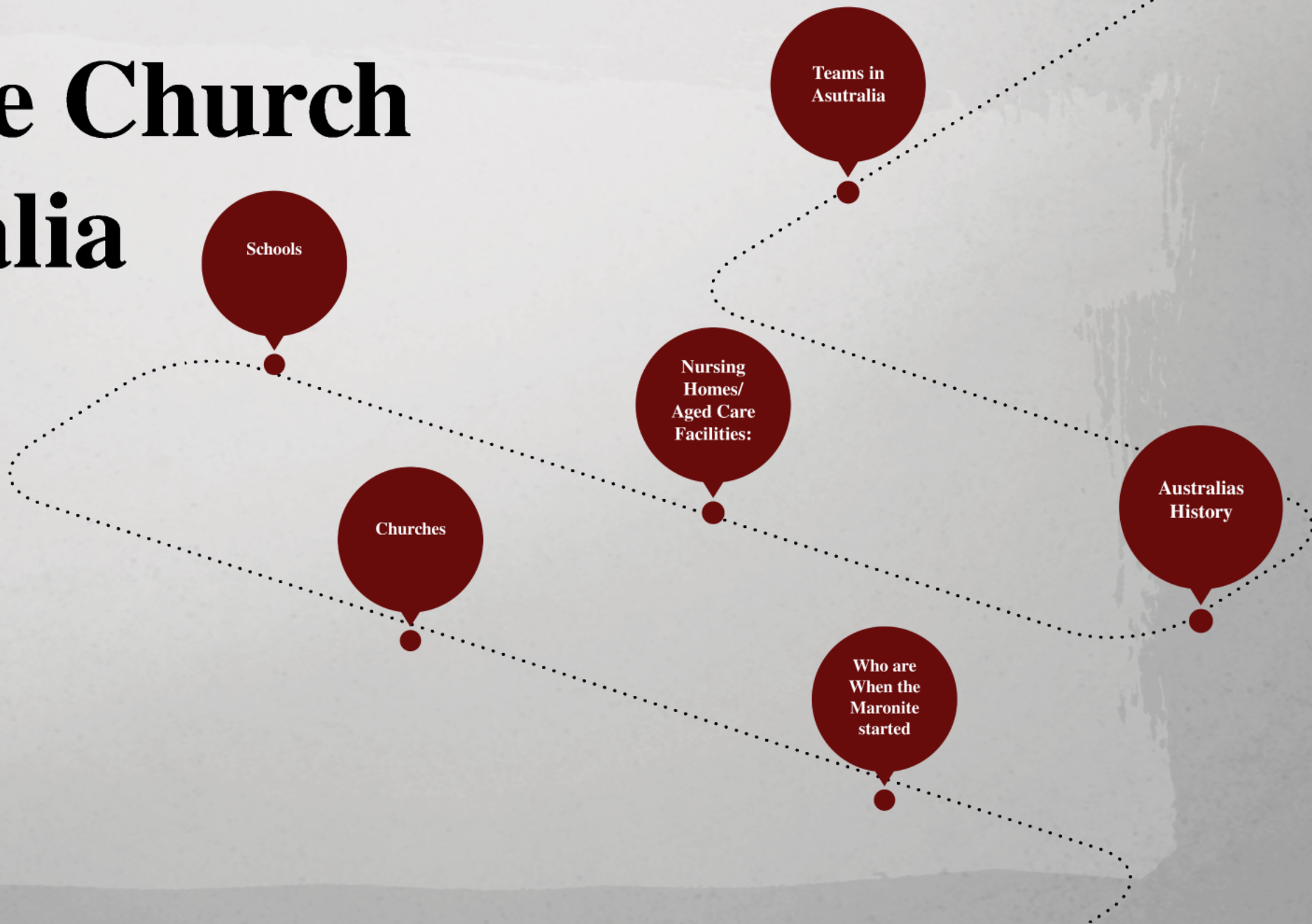
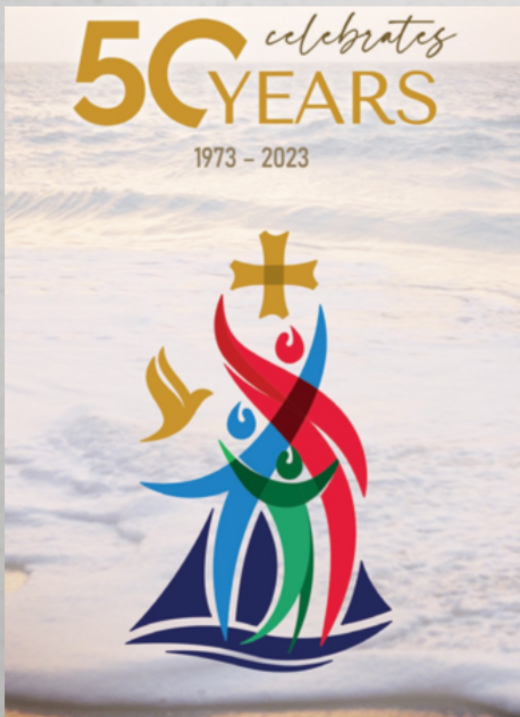


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Who are When the Maronite started

The Maronite Church traces its origins to Saint Maron, a 4th and 5th-century Christian hermit in Lebanon, who emphasized strong devotion to Christ through asceticism and monastic teachings.

Over the centuries following Saint Maron's death, the Maronite Church evolved into a distinct Eastern Christian tradition with roots in the Syriac liturgical tradition, named after Saint Maron.

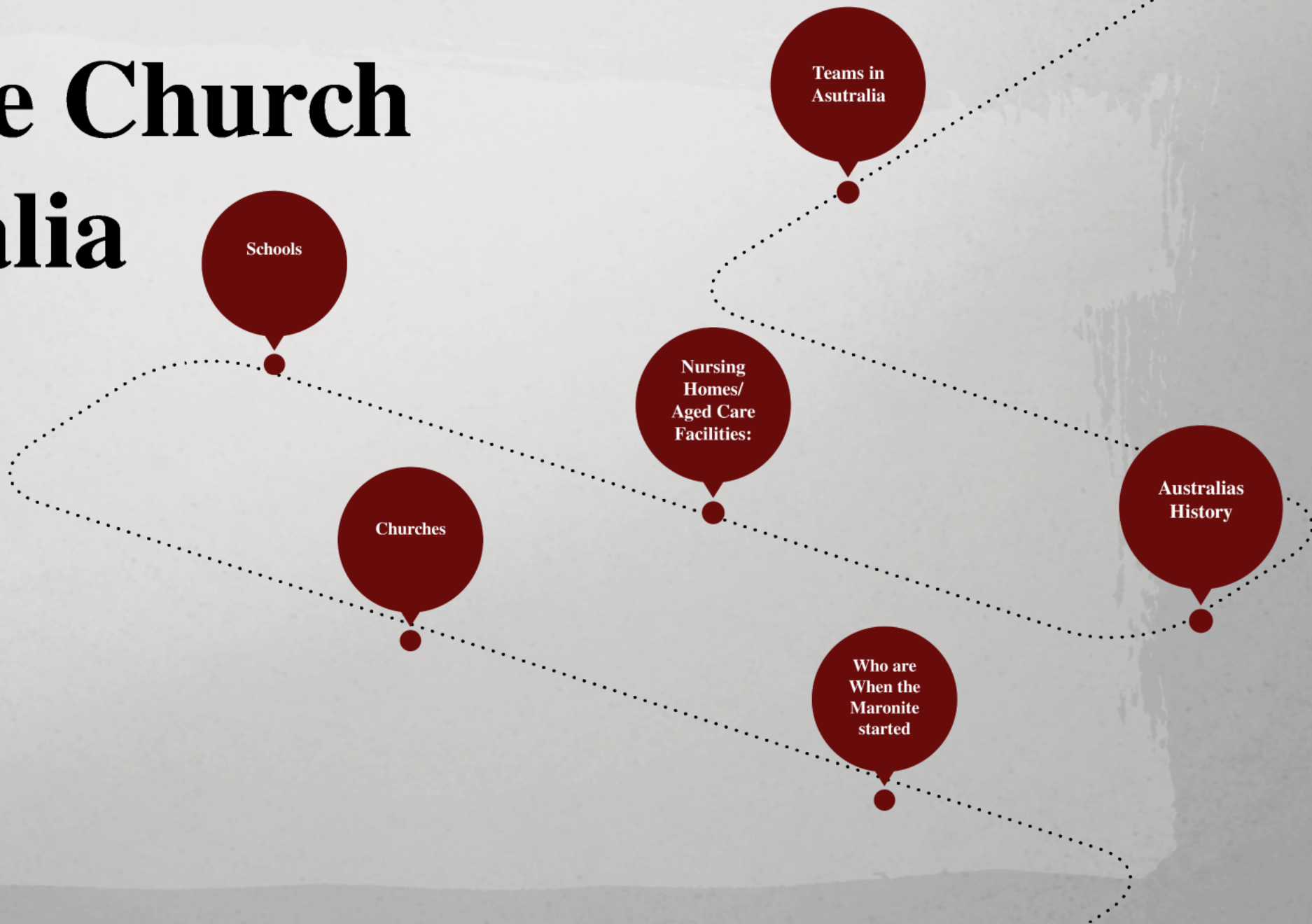
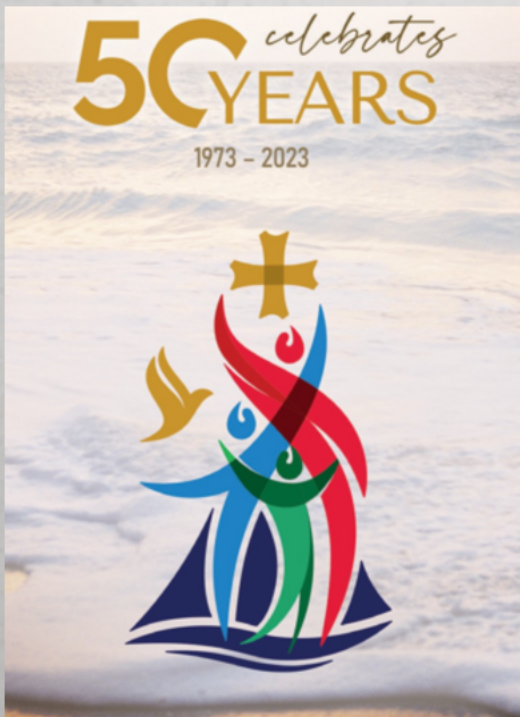
In 685, Saint John Maron was established as Patriarch of Antioch by Pope Honorius, signifying the start of the Maronite church. From a people who lived alongside the monks to a rite within the catholic church.

In 1182, the Maronite Church re-established communication with the Roman Catholic Church through the Maronite-Catholic Treaty, maintaining loyalty to the Pope while preserving its unique liturgical and spiritual traditions.



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Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Carlton, Victoria (1959).

St. Maroun's in Redfern, Sydney (established in 1897, expanded between 1963-1973).

St Charbel's Church in Punchbowl, NSW (construction started in 1972, consecrated in 1974).

Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Harris Park, NSW (foundation stone laid in 1970, consecrated in 1978).

St Maroun's Church in Adelaide, SA (purchased and consecrated in 1980).

St Maroun's Church in Brisbane, QLD (purchased and consecrated in 1989).

St George's Church in Thornleigh, NSW (consecrated and reopened in 2001).

St John the Beloved Church in Mt Druitt, NSW (consecrated and officially opened in 2004).

Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Lake Heights, NSW (purchased and consecrated in 2005).

Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Thornbury, VIC (consecrated and officially opened in 2008).

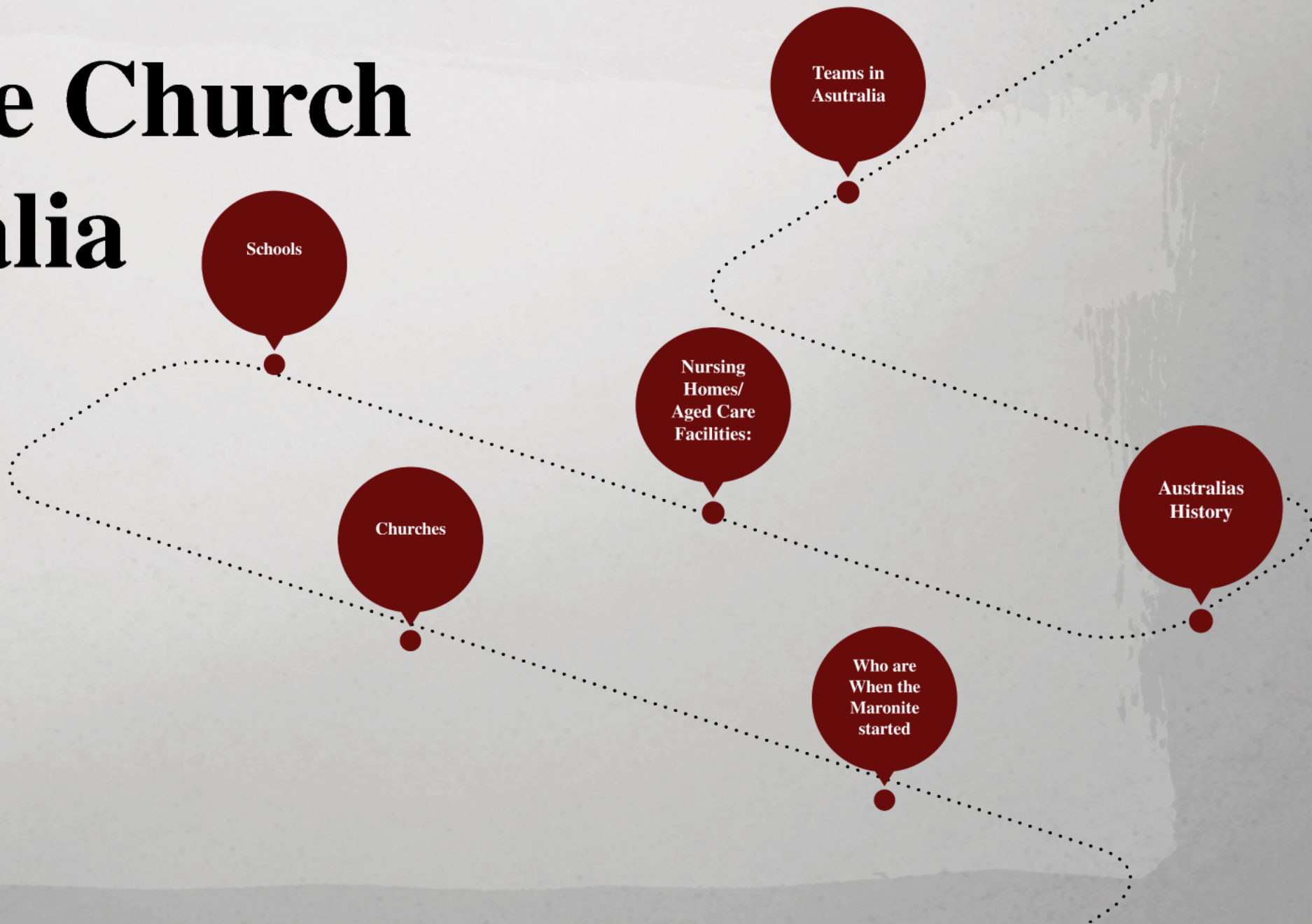
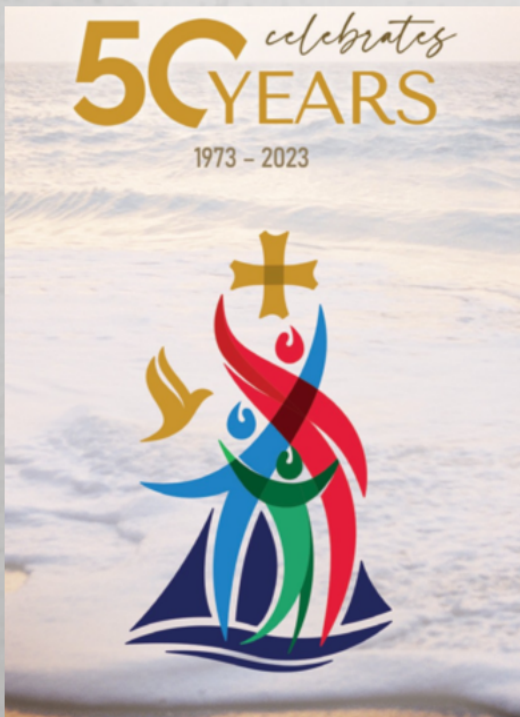
Co-Cathedral status for Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Harris Park, NSW (elevated in 2014).

St Maroun's Seminary in Redfern, NSW (blessed in 2018).



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Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family establish the first Maronite Primary school in Australia in 1968.

Our Lady of Lebanon Primary School in Harris Park, NSW (blessed and opened in 1982).

St Charbel's Primary School in Punchbowl, NSW (blessed and opened in 1984).

St Charbel's High School in Punchbowl, NSW (blessed and opened in 1992).

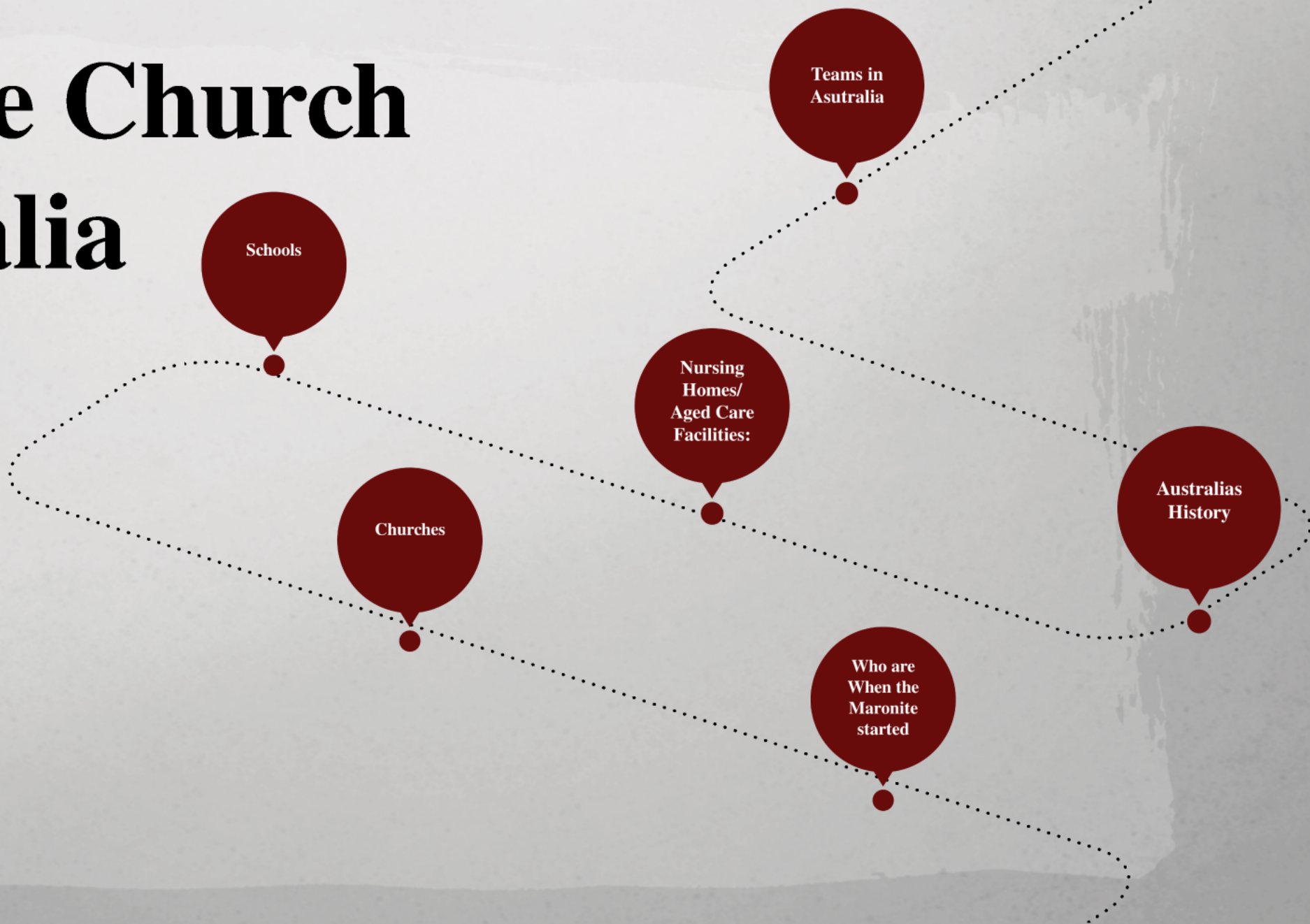
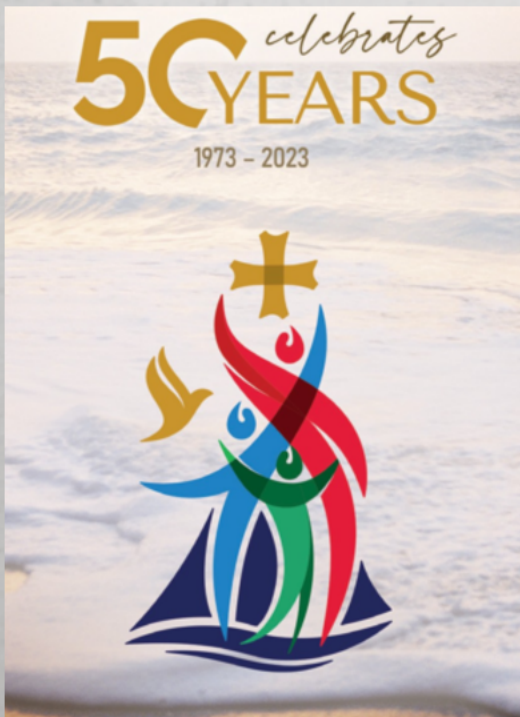
Antonine Sisters Primary School in Coburg, VIC (blessed and opened in 1998).

St Charbel's New High School building and the Multi-Purpose Hall in Punchbowl, NSW (blessed and opened in 2009).



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Maronite Sisters Aged Care Village I in Marrickville, NSW (blessed and opened in 1997).

Maronite Sisters Aged Care Village II in Dulwich Hill, NSW (blessed and opened in 2007).

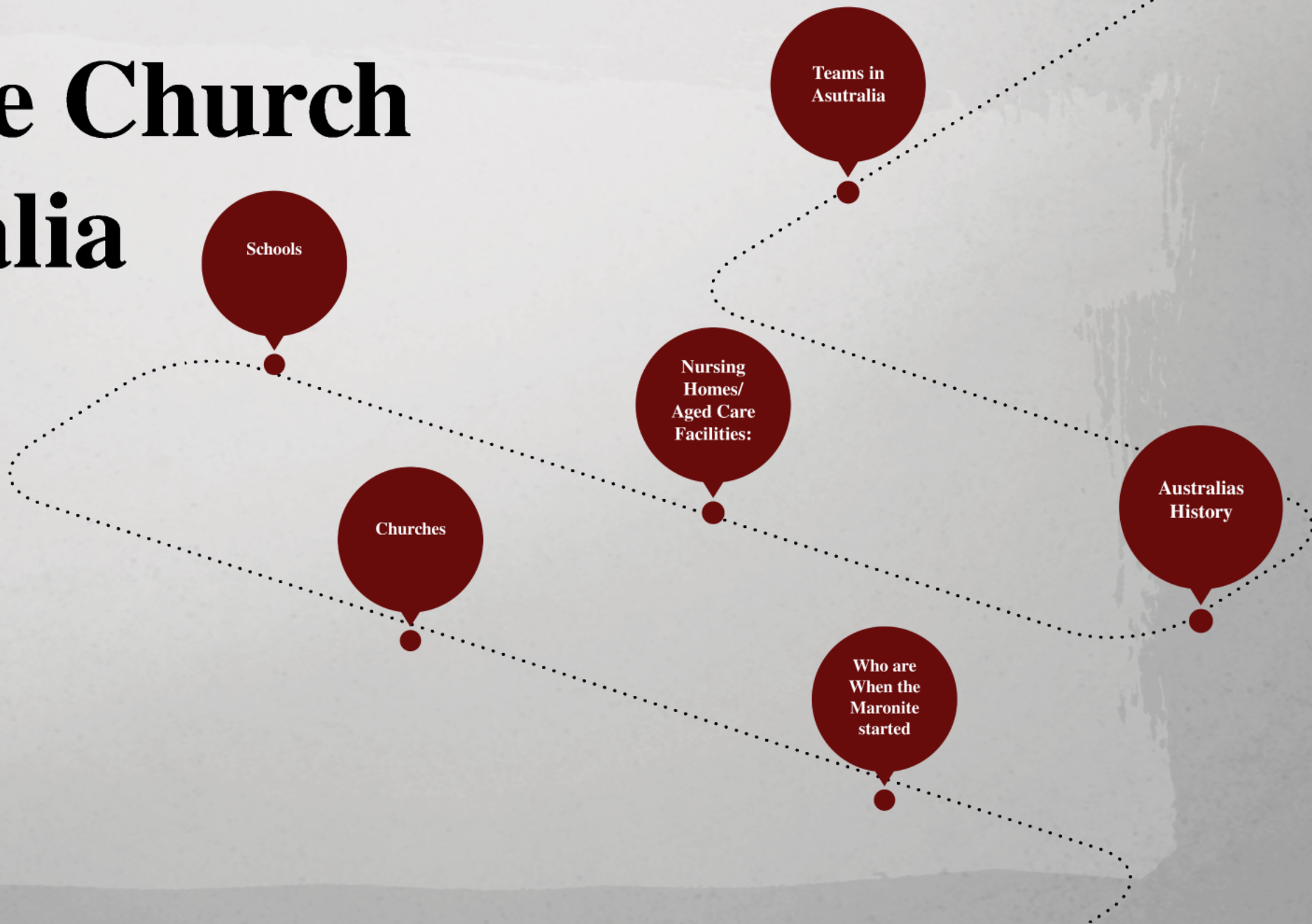
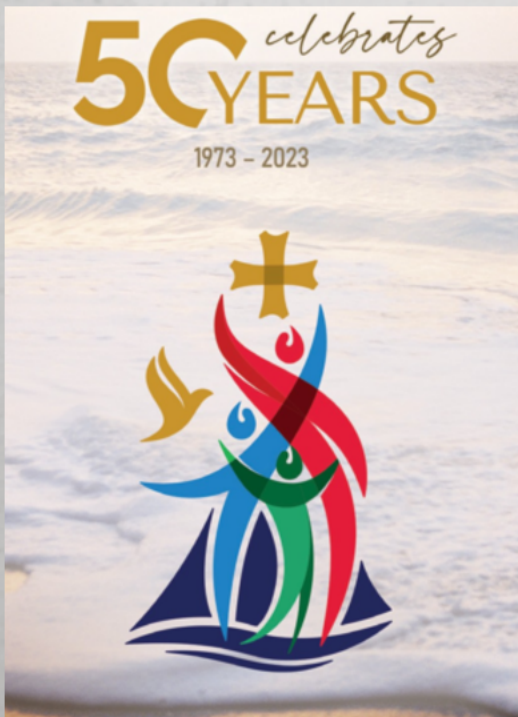
St Charbels Age care Centre Punchbowl. (blessed and opened in 2019)

Our Lady Mercy Place aged care center in Harris Park, NSW (blessed and opened in 2023)



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1850: First Lebanese Maronites arrive in Adelaide Australia and integrate into local Catholic communities.

1888: First permanent Maronite priest, Fr Kairouz, arrives in Adelaide.

1897: First Maronite Parish of St. Maroun's established in Sydney Redfern, NSW.

1901: White Australia policy restricts Middle Eastern immigration.

Mid-1900s: Emigration resumes, Maronite communities grow.

1955: Fr Paul El-Khoury arrives in Melbourne, Our Lady of Lebanon Church consecrated in 1959.

1963-1973: Expansion of St. Maroun's in Redfern, Sydney.

1968: Maronite Sisters establish first Maronite Primary school.

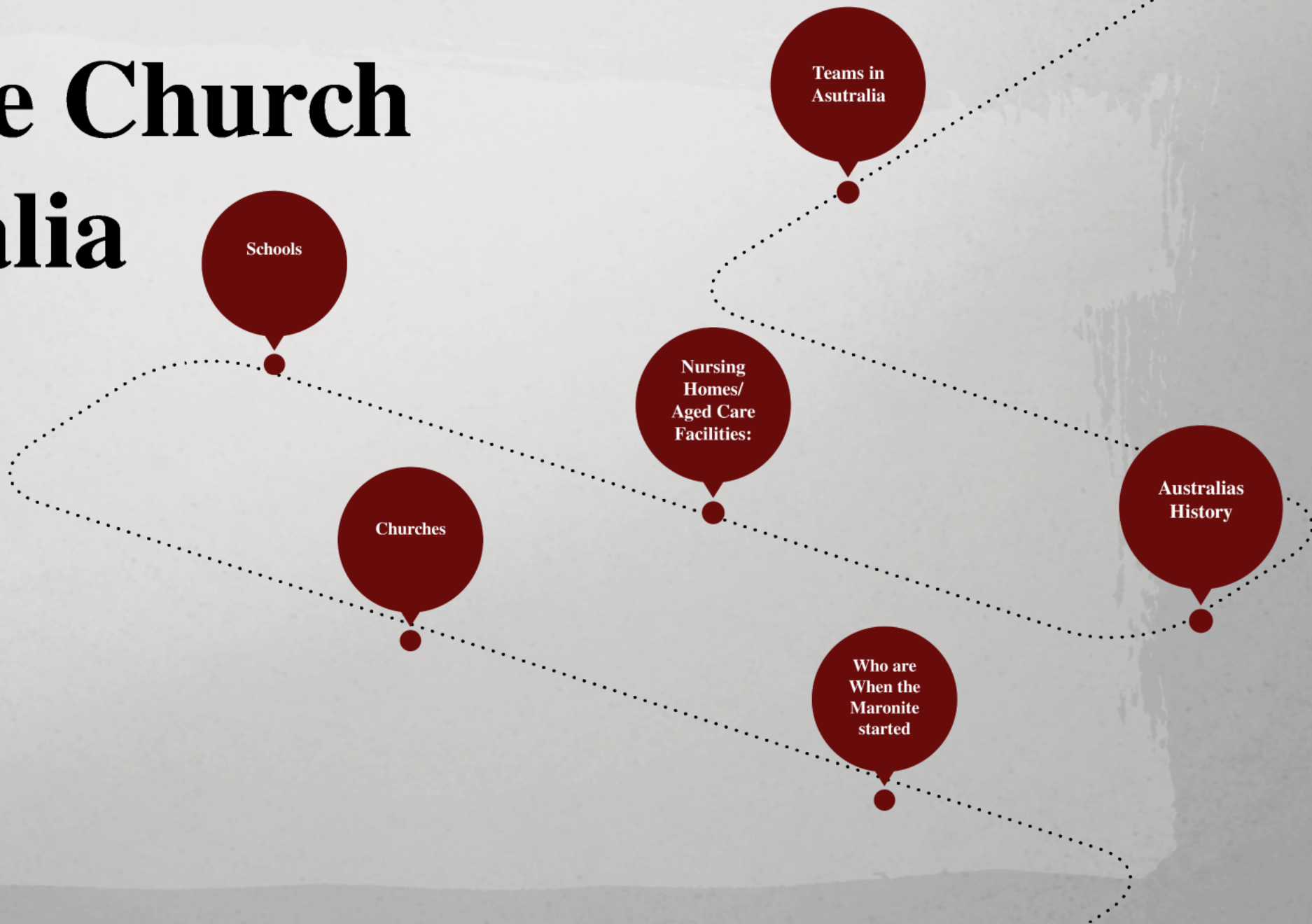
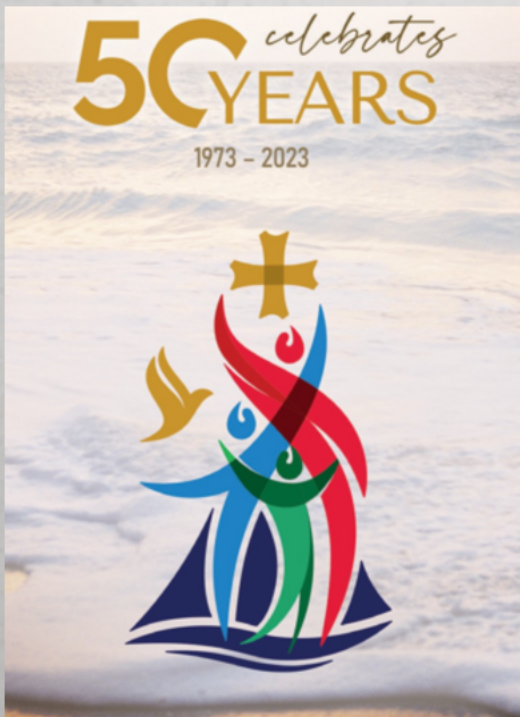
1970: Foundation stone laid for Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Harris Park, NSW.

1972: Our Lady of Lebanon school opened, St. Charbel Church construction begins.

1972-1973: Arrival of Maronite priests in Adelaide, establishment of the Maronite Eparchy of Australia.

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- Marie Khaicy, a university student, met someone from Lebanon at university events.
- They discussed the importance of "Teams of Our Lady."
- Marie got married and moved to Australia.
- She sent an email to France expressing her interest in forming "Teams of Our Lady" in Sydney.
- France contacted Maxim and Jocelyn, and together they initiated a team consisting of three couples.
- This collaboration lasted for one year, during which they bonded and worked closely.
- Maxim and Jocelyn maintained their connection for three more years.
- They received an invitation to start a marriage-focused movement for the church but decided to pursue the "Teams of Our Lady" initiative instead.
- Sister Rose Therese played a key role in fostering the growth of the teams, serving as a spiritual guide for a total of five teams.
- Her guidance and support were valuable references for these teams as they embarked on their journeys within the Maronite church.



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