

September 24, 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dear Brothers,

PROVINCE RECOLLECTION (SRI LANKA)

Please set aside 7th, 8th and 9th of October for the Province recollection which will be held at “Bethel” Halgashena in Hanwella. At a time we long for a newness of heart and consecration that will open us to a new identity as Brothers, it is essential that everyone accepts the invitation that the Lord has extended to us.

INVITATION: SCHOOL COMMUNITY AT ST. JOSEPH’S BOYS COLLEGE, NUGEGODA



It will be once again an act of solidarity and encouragement to our Brothers if we could participate in the celebration of Silver Jubilee of the Marist presence and blessing of the new primary building at St. Joseph’s Boys College Nugegoda.

Date; 29th September. Venue” St. Joseph’s College Nugegoda. Time 08.30 a.m.

MAPAC GRADUATION:

We congratulate the three young Brothers, Udara, Malangme and Anthonysamy who will be graduating from MAPAC on 7th October. Let us continue to pray for them to successfully complete their formation programme so that they will be men capable of vowing their entire life to God in an apostolic and Marist community.



MAPAC BOARD MEETING

After attending the Graduation ceremony I will participate in the MAPAC Board Meeting and the Asia Region Superiors Meeting which will be held in Manila from the 10th to the 12th of October.

ELECTRO INSTITUTE

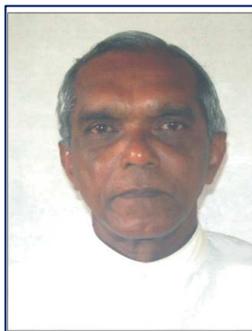
The Marist Brothers have been managing the Electro Technical Institute in Negombo on an invitation extended to them by the Archbishop of Colombo in April 1989. We have been quite happy with the mission entrusted to us because it is very much in keeping with the charism of our Founder.



However as a result of the evaluations of the Institute we have had during the past few months, the Provincial Council at its meeting held on 18th September, decided to hand over its administration back to the Archdiocese at the end of this year.

While thanking Brother Victor in particular and the Brothers and the Lay partners who served in the Institute we wish that it will continue to help especially the poor students in Negombo and its surroundings who abandon their formal school education due to financial and various other reasons.

THIRD AGE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL PROGRAMME. 15th Oct.-13th Dec. 2011



Brothers Ephrem Obris and Noel Fonseka will be heading for Manziana, Rome in the first week of October. We ask God's blessings on them so that they will have an enjoyable, relaxing and a fruitful experience. May they benefit from the Programme in order to respond to the ever-renewed calls of God to serve in His vineyard as Marist Brothers. [Manziana telephone: (39) 06 996 4502.]

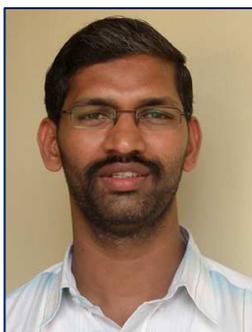


MERVYN

On the 28th of this month Mervyn will leave for India to visit the Brothers and attend to some urgent matters which need our immediate attention. We sincerely thank Mervyn for giving his time to the Province amidst so many hardships he has been undergoing during the past few weeks.



BROTHER RAJAKUMAR



It was a pleasure to have Brother Rajakumar with us at Marcellin Nivasa for almost two weeks. He came to Sri Lanka at the invitation of the Provincial Council to get familiar with the accounting package "Quick Books" which will enable him to have close contact with the provincial bursar in regard to financial matters.

▣ ROSHAN

Roshan will arrive in Sri Lanka on 8th October. He will stay with us for a month. During that period he will reside at the Nugegoda Community and attend to the formalities of getting himself registered as a teacher.



▣ THANK YOU AND REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

On behalf of Mervyn I thank the Brothers for attending the funeral services of late Mrs. Rita Agnes beloved mother of Brother Mervyn. Participation in occasions where we can show our fraternal love and build family spirit is the need of the hour. Let us keep on praying for the repose of her soul.

▣ A story for reflection

The Obstacles In Our Path

Author Unknown

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.



After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand - Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

Thank you and May God bless you.

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