



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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Current News Items

Prayer By St Alphonsus Liguori

Most Holy Virgin Immaculate, my Mother Mary, to you who are the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the universe, the advocate, the hope, the refuge of sinners, I who am the most miserable of all sinners, have recourse this day. I venerate you, great Queen, and I thank you for the many graces you have bestowed upon me even unto this day; for having delivered me from the hell which I have so often deserved by my sins. I love you, most dear Lady; and for the love I bear you, I promise to serve you willingly for ever and to do what I can to make you loved by others also. I place in you all my hopes for salvation; accept me as your servant and shelter me under your mantle, you who are the Mother of mercy. And since you are so powerful with God, deliver me from all temptations, or at least obtain for me the strength to overcome them until death. From you I implore a true love for Jesus Christ. Through you I hope to die a holy death. My dear Mother, by the love you bear to Almighty God, I pray you assist me always, but most of all at the last moment of my life. Forsake me not then, until you see me safe in heaven, there to bless you and sing of your mercies through all eternity. Such is my hope. Amen.

District Dates

Friday 2nd August - Mr Dan Dungey at Marist Alternate Education Centre running a Charism workshop for staff.

Wednesday 7th August - Finance Advisory Committee meet at Onslow.

Friday 7th August - SHC Hostel Company meet at SHC.

LINKS

2nd August 2019

Mr Kieran Fouhy, Principal of St Paul's College, Speaks!



A Catholic secondary school headmaster has come out swinging against the cannabis (marijuana) referendum due to be held at the 2020 General Election. St Paul's College, Ponsonby, headmaster Kieran Fouhy said that legalising cannabis, when New Zealand already has an issue with alcohol, is just asking for trouble. In a school newsletter sent out in May, Mr Fouhy said that the drug "does not mix with learning" and the government should rethink its stance. "It will have a huge impact on young people, on schools' ability to ensure future learning occurs and on the future of peoples' lives," he said. "No amount of political persuasion will convince me that legalisation of marijuana is good for New Zealand. "The reality is that our young men are already exposed to many things that can destroy their community and sense of self . . . why introduce another drug into the mix?"

Mr Fouhy said that he intended to "become political" on the matter and he encouraged parents to do the same. He told NZ Catholic: "I would make sure that everyone knew my opinion, as an educator, that this is the wrong approach." "In my view, it's in no one's interests. I wouldn't go away and march in the street, but I would use my influence [to stop legalisation]." His main concern was that, despite the government's intention to restrict use of cannabis to those aged 20 and over, younger people would be able to access it from older family and friends. "When you legalise it, you normalise it. There's lack of clarity around it," he told NZ Catholic. "If you've got a family who are smoking for breakfast, that kid is growing up smoking it for breakfast." Mr Fouhy said that good law would stop people from using the drug, rather than legalisation. "I find it actually quite strange we're discouraging smoking, yet we're encouraging marijuana use," Mr Fouhy said.





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Mr Dan Dungey reports on his work at Chanel College, Masterton

OPPORTUNITIES	
LOCAL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pillars in Action: Staff-Students-Whanau 2. Champagnat Marist Project (Recipe) 3. St Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day: 6 June 4. Collaboration: St Peter's, Chanel & St Bernard's
NATIONAL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Leaders Forum (Yr 13) 2. Champagnat in the Pacific (Staff) 3. Professional Development i.e. visit or exchange 4. Pilgrimage to the Hokianga
INTERNATIONAL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marist-to-Marist Solidarity Project 2. Immersion Trip 3. Volunteer: Staff and Senior Leaders i.e. Gap Year 4. Pilgrimage to L'Hermitage



Chanel College, Masterton

A successful Staff Charism Development workshop took place in Masterton on Monday 22 July to begin Term 3. Following new Chanel College Principal, Whaea Debi-Marshall Lobb's attendance at Champagnat in the Pacific, Long Bay in 2018, an invitation was extended to Steve Filipo and myself to lead the staff and Year 13 students by sharing our distinctive Champagnat Marist story.

To be able to walk alongside Whaea Debi and her team at the beginning of the school year, as well as 'pulling the thread' on the first day of Terms 2 and 3, was a privilege and we both feel very humble in being welcomed and accepted into the Chanel College community with great love. New opportunities are on the horizon for Chanel College to explore as shared below.

Chanel College, Masterton is a Year 7-13 Catholic Co-educational school founded in 1978 following the amalgamation of St Bride's College for girls (founded by the Brigidine Sisters in 1898) and St Joseph's College for boys (founded by the Marist Brothers in 1945). The current role is approximately 244 students.

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