



District of the Pacific Update

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Current News Items

10th May 2019

A Prayer for All Mother's Especially on Mother's Day

Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day, we thank You for our mothers through whom Your gift of life begins and through whom we are nurtured into great human beings.

We lift up all mothers to Your love and care. We pray for them, for their needs of strength and support to continue to nurture a family of love, in honour and love for You, our God.

Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Your blessed name to bless all mothers today and every day. Extend Your hands of grace over them. Amen

District Dates

Sunday 12th May - Mother's Day

Tuesday 14th May - Property Meeting at Onslow Avenue at 8.30am.

Tuesday 14th May - District Finance Meeting at Onslow Avenue at 11.00am.

Monday 20th May - Marcellin Champagnat was born at Le Rosey in 1789

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Brother Joseph McCarthy Reports from Ngaruawahia



Last week Bishop Stephen informed the parish council that our church, St Paul's, would be closed because of its inability to meet earthquake standards. The church is over 100 years old.

The last Mass in the present building was celebrated by Bishop Stephen today, attended by a large crowd and followed by a robust morning tea.

For the time being, Mass will be celebrated in the parish hall. The parish council will be consulting with all members of the parish as to what happens next.

Kind regards, Joe

Brother Anitelea Reports from the Philippines

Dear Brothers and lay Marists,



Mabuhay from the Philippines! Every Saturday morning we work with street children from Molave. Most of these children are not in school due to family issues. Our presence here brings a friendly atmosphere to the children. It is a rough neighbourhood but a place where Champagnat would want the brothers to go. Our classes are normally on learning the alphabet, numbers and learning

how to read. We find the apostolate difficult sometimes because of not knowing the Filipino language. But overall its wonderful working with them. We have a lay Champagnat member who helps us in our apostolic, Kuya Kerneil and Brothers Epalle from Solomon Island and Guangz from China. Fraternally Anitelea Fidow





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News of Fiji From our Rome Website

On Easter Sunday sixteen senior teachers from the Districts of the Pacific and Melanesia gathered at Lomeri, Fiji, for the Southern Stars Leadership Programme designed by the Education Commission of the Oceania Council. Countries represented were: Samoa, Fiji, Kiribati from the Pacific and the Solomon Islands and Bougainville from Melanesia. Seven teachers from Marist Fathers schools also participated.

The Southern Stars Leadership program was designed by the Education Commission of the Oceania Council.

Presentations during the course were made by David Hall (Dean of the La Salle Academy at the Australian Catholic University) and Frank Malloy (National Director of Marist Schools Australia).

This was Stage 1 of a three-stage programme; and the key topics were Christian Servant Leadership and creating Learning Communities. The other stages will be delivered over the next two years. The *Southern Stars* program is based on the African *New Horizons* programme.

Some of the curriculum subjects are:

- Leadership: Attentive to the Signs of the Times
- Leadership: Role Models and Witnesses
- Leadership: Social Justice and Solidarity
- Leadership: Creating a Different Future
- Leadership: Embracing a New Paradigm
- Leadership: Skills for Sustaining a More Entrepreneurial Mission.



News from Samoa from Brother Siasosi



Since the return of our two Brothers from New Zealand, we had two welcome home meals at Sinamoga. It was Tuesday and Friday last week. They were welcomed by the staff at Mulivai with a special morning tea. They are so excited to be back to join the staff.

A word of thanks to Collin who has organised with Bernard some reading books from St. Pauls College for Marist Mulivai that have arrived. At the same time, we would like to extend the same feelings to Brother Terence and the helpers who have organised the Science Equipment from Hato Petera College for St. Joseph's College and Marist Mulivai. These boxes have arrived safely. Their assistance and donations will enable the teachers to improve their performance and will be helpful for the students to learn well.

This weekend is a long weekend for Mother's Day. However, Brother Kevin Wanden and Mr. Citizen Tamatimu will arrive to focus on the Strategic Plan for Mission in Samoa for the next five years. They will meet with some of the Champagnat Marists from the Property and Finance Management Committee, Chairman of the Governance Education Board, Management from both schools, teachers who have attended the Leadership courses in Fiji and two representatives from Marist Old Pupils' Association. This meeting will take place on Saturday 11th May. Then the two visitors will meet the Brothers on Sunday 12th May before we have a special lunch to farewell them and celebrate Mother's Day. The visitors will leave Samoa on Sunday night.