



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

Kia Ora, Greetings, Ni sa bula vinaka, Kam na mauri, Talofa Lava



Current News Items

Prayer for Migrants

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself. Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters. Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds. Lord Jesus, help us by your grace, To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us; To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

District Dates

Sunday 23rd June - Migrant Sunday

LINK

Marcellin College also has a Facebook Page. It is:-

<https://www.facebook.com/Marcellin-College-1609551419266197/>

Please Note: MAPAC has a Facebook Page. It is called:

MAPAC - Marist Asia Pacific Center

21st June 2019



Superior General of the Marist Brothers

To The Brothers Of The District Of The Pacific

Dear Brothers,

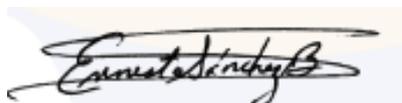
Greetings from Rome where the General Council is carrying out the plenary sessions. I hope you and your communities are doing well.

I am writing to communicate to you that after studying the results of the consultation carried out in the District, the General Council has appointed **Brother John Hazelman** as Superior of the District of the Pacific for a first three-year term. The results of the consultation clearly show that Br John has the vast support of the Brothers of the District. He will begin his new mandate on December 12, 2019 at the beginning of the District Chapter. Many thanks, John, for generously accepting to serve the Institute as District Leader. Your closeness to people, your personal spirituality, your recent experience as MAPAC Superior and your experience at the XXII General Chapter, will help you in your service to your Brothers and our lay brothers and sisters of the District.



I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate you, Brothers, for your active participation in the consultation. Before the District Chapter, I will send you "an echo" of the answers and comments given in the sondage. In closing, I want to thank you and our lay colleagues for your Marist life and for your devotedness to the Marist mission in the various countries that comprise the District. In my recent message to the Institute to celebrate Fr. Champagnat, I wrote that *"the great gift left to us by Marcellin is giving us the name of Mary, inviting us and engaging us to let her heart beat in us."* It is my desire that the life of your District continues expressing with passion the Marist charism inspired by our Founder and Mary, our Good Mother.

Fraternally,


Ernesto Sánchez
Superior General



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17th June, 2019

Brother David McDonald fms
District Leader of the Pacific
Auckland
Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Dear Brother David and Champagnat Marists (Brothers and Lay),
Mabuhay! Kia Ora! Ni Sa Bula, Kona Mauri, Malo Lelei, Talofa Lava!

Thank you very much to you David for your words of congratulations and welcome. I appreciate very much your warm invitation to return to the district. I have been overwhelmed with the expression of love, support, good wishes but especially good advice from many of you. Please be assured that your emails or messages are all very much appreciated. I will eventually reply to all your emails but for the time being I hope to thank you all in a general message. I am about to go with our 2nd Years students Brothers to the urban poor town of Navotas where they will be staying with families for a week. It is a wonderful opportunity for our Brothers.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the Brothers for your trust and confidence in me. I am continually growing in awareness of my strengths and limitations ... but your confidence and trust with faith has provided me with the confidence to accept this special invitation to be your leader. I will be needing your support and your advice. I will try my best to listen to you and to observe and hopefully to grow in faith and confidence so that I could be a better person, brother, and servant leader. There is so much goodness and positive energy within the district that has empowered me. I want to thank my Brothers living in the islands for your confidence and support but significantly, I want to say faafetai tele lava to our Brothers living in New Zealand for accepting a uso (brother) from the islands to be your leader. It is a privilege but also a great responsibility to lead.

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Your brother John
Marikina Heights Manila Philippines

Brother Michael Potter Reports from Viet Nam

Attached is a photo of our Champagnat Day gathering in Huong Khe, Viet Nam. It included a few of our local Brothers and a couple of our novices here on community experience, as well as the parents of those in formation and lay Marists.



The saint's name of the little boy in the photo with me is Marcellin