



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



Current News Items

4th October 2019

Feast of the Guardian Angels 2nd October

Angel of God
My guardian dear
To Whom His love
Commits me here
Ever this day
Be at my side
To light and guard
To rule and guide. Amen

All you angels and archangels,
thrones and dominations,
principalities and powers,
the virtues of Heaven,
cherubim and seraphim,
praise the Lord forever.



District Dates

Sunday 29th September: Daylight Saving begins: clocks go forward one hour.

Friday 4th October: Last day working at Pacific Rise.

Monday 7th October: First Day of working at Walls Road in Penrose.

Monday 7th October: Brothers' Jubilees celebrated at the Friary.

Monday 14th October: New Zealand Schools begin their 4th Term.

Extra Reports:

FAREWELL MAPAC ... FAREWELL from Brother John Hazelman



It is early in the morning here in South Auckland, New Zealand. The wind is blowing vigorously outside. It is a reminder to me of life with its twists and turns. On the other hand, it is a reminder of the Spirit of God that flows through life and in the evolving continuous work of creation.

My two and a half years as the Director of MAPAC came and gone rather quickly. MAPAC was in a period of transition when I arrived in March 2017. The previous formation programme of two and a half years for student Brothers have just been changed into the present two years. There was a huge turn around in numbers ... from a community of around 16 Brothers living in 3 Fraternities to a tiny community of 5 Brothers living in 1 fraternity during the summer of 2017. Therefore, it is with great joy to now witness 34 Brothers and Postulants living at MAPAC during this present time.

It has been a blessing seeing Simon being installed as the next Director. He has been in MAPAC for some time now and he has been part of the transition that has taken place. It is important to see former graduates of MAPAC taken over the reins. We have received so much from our experiences of being part of MAPAC that it is only natural to give back as much.

I have been blessed with the experiences of working together with great Brothers who were and are continuing to be part of the MAPAC Formation team. The student Brothers of Asia and the Pacific are so fortunate to experience the profound and committed life of the Brothers on the Formation team. It is my hope that more graduates of MAPAC will join this team in the future.

I have been blessed with the experiences of living and sharing with the student Brothers through my years of being a formator at MAPAC. It is an experience of grace seeing young men growing through their experiences of struggle and joy, disappointments and achievements. I have come to learn more about myself in this relationship of brotherhood. **(Continued next page)**



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(From page One) The farewell and birthday celebration that I received was a real blessing. The sense of brotherhood and companionship was noticeable during the prayer service as well as through the words of gratitude, items presented and the dialogue with Brothers and friends. I feel grateful to God, to Simon and the MAPAC community for organizing my birthday and farewell; to our District Leader David McDonald and the 4 student Brothers of my district (Ani, Tabunga, Petero and Steve) for the moving and meaningful ritual of gift giving and receiving it back; for the different items presented that evening, for the presence of friends and Marist colleagues as well as our dear MAPAC lay workers. I am touched by your love and support. Such experiences of care and love are the gifts that I now bring with me back to my district and which are part of the blessings that I take with me as I prepare to enter my new role as the District Leader of my Brothers and Lay Marists.

Faafetai tele atu lava ... thank you very much. **John**

Photos from John's Farewell



Pacifican Brothers ritual of gift giving and receiving it back to Brother John



Br Bill presented a gift to Br John



Br John enjoying his cake



Br Simon is giving his thanks to Br John



MAPAC friends



MAPAC Co-workers

Installation of Brother Simon Serero as the New Director of MAPAC



"I thought the installation was *exceptional*. Credit must be given to the Brothers and the committees who put massive effort into the event. I was very grateful, appreciative, and felt supported by the kind gesture of the Brothers. That reminds me of our topic during our Orientation, **"as Brothers we journey together"**. Thank you too, to John for his guidance, and support, and his expertise in organizing such gathering like this and many. Furthermore, our Pacifican ritual of welcoming me was touching and at the same encourages me to move on. It was an event that I felt the overwhelming support from my Brothers here at MAPAC. And I am looking forward to work and journey with all in the footsteps of our Founder, Fr. Champagnat, with the guidance of Mary, proclaiming the good news our Good Lord."