



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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Saint Cecilia - Martyr

O glorious Saint, who chose to die instead of denying your King. We pray you please to help us as His fair praise we sing! We lift our hearts in joyous song to honour Him this way. And while we sing, remembering to sing is to doubly pray. At once in our hearts and our tongues we offer double prayer Sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there. While with our hearts and tongues we try with song to praise God twice. We ask dear Saint to help us be united close with Christ!



District Dates

Saturday 23rd November: Asia/ Oceania Community Leaders Programme - Philippines (Dan Dungey and Brother Sefo)

New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board meet at Onslow Avenue at 9.00am.

30th November: MAPAC Executive Meeting.

Extra - Attached Report:

22nd November 2019

Brother Colin Reports on the Alternative Education Centre High Tea Function at Glenfield



1. Tauke, Centre Leader, welcomes all. 2. Jamie and Mum thanking Marist Centre 3. Brother Colin saying grace. Catherine, behind, is Chair Person

After twenty years of welcoming marginalised youth at our Marist Centre our Board Chairperson, Catherine McClintock, was determined to celebrate this achievement and to thank all who have made it possible.

On Saturday November 26th, the Centre was colourfully transformed by the attractive newly laid floor tiles, chairs and tables for a hundred guests, tiered cake stands, bone china tea sets and flower settings on each of the crisp white table cloths. High tea is not just tea and a biscuit.

Because the existence of our Centre has been reliant on the generosity of many loyal supporters, all those who have contributed in some way needed to be acknowledged. The names of Centre Leaders of the past came to mind, like Shane Coleman, Kim, Brother Henry and Martin, who spoke to our gathering of his memories of the early days at Hato Petera and our coming to Al-ice Rd.

This gathering for High Tea was all about commitment to the ideals of Champagnat and how could we go past the lengthy years of service of Jacqui Marshall and Brother Kevin O'Malley. It was so rewarding to welcome our first guests as they arrived all four of our Brothers fresh from their ventures overseas, Brothers John Hazelman, Chris, Tim and Sefo Une walked in and soon after, Brother William, along with his office staff of Walls Road, Mrs Chin Ma and Mrs Kate Gakhovich. In all eleven Brothers sat to take tea.

The five members of the present staff at Marist would have been delighted with the presentation of Jamie, one of their pupils, who along with his mother, described how the Centre had helped them find a new lease of life when their future was so dismal. They spoke for the hundreds over the years who have been assisted in finding their way out of despair.

Brothers, maintaining our Alternative Centre is not an easy exercise. We have many dedicated people and Brothers to thank for their interest and energy that has supported these twenty years of Marist presence among troubled youth.



4. Brother Martin speaking of early days.



5. Table being set up for High Tea.



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Last District Council meeting and photos of the Samoa Marist Old Boys Function in Auckland Brother John Hazelman reports on events in Auckland



Photo 1: Brother Chris Maney was joining in via Skype from Samoa. Members of the District Council taking time to express their gratitude to Brother David as well as sharing reflections on what this group has achieved and done for us all. A job well done.



Photo 2: Ten Champagnat Marists represented the Marist Brothers during a Corporate Dinner Fundraising Drive by the Marist Brothers Old Pupils Association (MBOPA) Samoa at the Auckland Sky City Convention Centre. The fundraising was a great success. (The funds raised will go to assist our struggling schools in Samoa) Photo 3: The remaining three Brothers of Table 44 who stayed on until the end. The two younger ones had to attend to the eldest one!! Photo 4: The Mayor of Auckland City (Phil Goff) is being escorted off the stage after delivering his Welcome to all visitors and guests of the MBOPA function. Photo 5: The Keynote address was given by St Joseph's, Samoa, and St Paul's College Old Boy and Prime Minister of Samoa, Tuilaepa Sailele.



John receiving a Cup on behalf of the Marist Brothers NZ during a Welcoming Kava Ceremony. Aumua Ming Leung Wai is seated on his right while Father Mikaele Tuimavave SM Old Boy, MBOPA Spiritual Leader and Director of Catholic Education in Samoa sitting on the left.



Brother Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General, Visiting New Zealand

In December we will be privileged to have Brother Ernesto visiting in Auckland on his way to Fiji to participate in the District of the Pacific Chapter that begins on the 16th of December.