



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

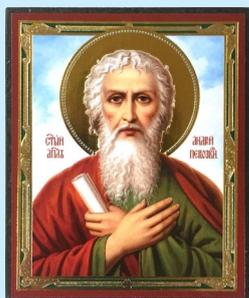
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Current News Items

St. Andrew, also called Saint Andrew the Apostle, (died 60/70 CE, Patras, Achaia [Greece] (feast day - November 30th), one of the [Twelve Apostles](#) of Jesus and the brother of [St. Peter](#). He is the [patron Saint](#) of [Scotland](#) and of [Russia](#).

“O good Cross, made beautiful by the body of the Lord: long have I desired you, ardently have I loved you, unceasingly have I sought you out and now you are ready for my eager soul. Receive me from among men and restore me to my Master, so that he who, by means of You, in dying redeemed me, may now receive me. Amen.”



District Dates

Saturday 23rd November until 2nd of December: Asia/ Oceania Community Leaders Programme - Philippines (Dan Dungey and Brother Sefo)

Saturday 30th November: MAPAC Executive Meeting.

Wednesday 4th December: Wellness gathering for Brothers at Onslow Avenue from 10.30am onwards.

Extra - Attached Report:

29th November 2019

Brother Terence Reports on Their Manziana Experience



Frank Mackintosh (Australia), Tom Chin (Singapore), myself and Fred Siberels (Marianist)



Chatting with Pope Francis

We have passed the half-way mark on our time at Manziana. I write on a miserable wet afternoon. The Nigerian priest who lives with the community here stated at lunch that this has been the wettest period in the four years that he has been studying in Rome. We are currently receiving input from Brother Brendan Geary (the former Provincial of the West Central Europe Province) on Sexuality and Affectivity which has been most challenging. Brendan's soft Scottish brogue is a delight to hear. In a side reference Brendan painted a very positive picture of Lay Marist Life in Ireland despite the collapse of the "Catholic brand" in that country. Coming on top of Brother Ernesto's positivity about Lay Marists this is very heartening and affirms the need of the excellent work by the late Alan Parker and Dan Dungey in our District.

Prior to this we received input from Brother Don Bisson FMS (an American Brother) on Human Development and Spirituality. Don's presentations were a great mix of material from his studies and wide experience in leadership and formation.

In between times everyone took the opportunity to partake in a weekly public audience with Pope Francis. Four of us, Frank Mackintosh (Australia), Tom Chin (Singapore) and Fred Siberels (Marianist) and I had a stroke of luck in that when we were leaving the square Frank spotted the Popemobile parked by the final barrier and suggested that we wait and see what the Pope did. As luck would have it Pope Francis walked along the barrier greeting people including the four of us before getting into the popemobile. We all have a photo to prove it. Brother Terence Costello

Formation at Lomeri in Fiji



The Province of East Asia have sent their novice to Fiji for his novitiate. He is Nowelle Solinap from the Philippines and will join Korolo, Ienraku and Jeremia at Lomeri.



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News from Sacred Heart College From Brother Richard Dunleavy



During the winter months this year, as in former years as well, there has been an RCIA course conducted in the Brothers' house at No 48 for any staff or parents interested in learning more about the faith, and possibly wanting to become Catholics.

This year we had a lively class of nine people, some already Catholic, and the discussions were led by Father Stephen Berecz, Mrs Margaret Graham and Brother Richard.

Last weekend at the Christ the King Mass four of that RCIA class were baptised, confirmed and then received their first Eucharist.

During Lent earlier this year we also ran a series of discussions open to anyone and had another very interesting small group of parents and friends wanting to understand their sons' religious education questions more deeply. A most enjoyable experience for us all.

Also recently one of the Deputy Head Prefects was baptised before his supportive Year 13 and 1st XV mates during the Thursday school Mass.

Chapter Delegates

Brother Richard has sadly withdrawn as a delegate to the Chapter because of health. It was a decision he took reluctantly but it was a wise and correct decision to make.

His decision means that Brother Fergus Garrett is now a delegate to the Chapter 2019. Brother Fergus has been involved in the preparations for the Chapter and was to be the Chapter Secretary so adjusting to the new role should not take him long.

Brother Kees sends news from Fiji

Brother Fergus's Certificate of Appreciation was received today for "Letter of the Week" from the Fiji Sun Newspaper. His prize was an electric sandwich maker. That is the second time he has won such a prize for one of his letters.

