



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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Current News Items

15th November 2019

Prayer to Saint Albert the Great German Dominican 1206—1280 Feast Day 15th November

God, You made St. Albert great by enabling him to combine human wisdom and Divine Faith. Help us so to adhere to his teaching that we may progress in the sciences and at the same time come to a deeper understanding and love of you. Amen.



A Big Thank You from Brother Denis Gallavin

Brother Denis has asked that we send you his thanks and appreciation for your support, messages, cards and visits for his 70th Jubilee and for his recent birthday. He apologises for not being well enough to attend the Jubilees occasion at the Friary.



Denis earlier in his active vocational work in which he would call "The Good Old Days."

Brother John Hazelman adds more photos from His Last Week's article about Samoa



Tomb of Tusitala Novelist Robert Louis Stevenson on top of Mount Vaea



Champagnat Marists from Mulivai Primary School cleaning the Moamoa graves.

District Dates

Friday 15th November: Marist Leaders meet at Highbrook.

Saturday 16th November: 20 Years of Marist Alternative Education - High Tea at Glenfield at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 19th November: College Companies meet at Onslow at 4.00pm.

Extra - Attached Report:

The Champagnat Marist Centre (replacing Pacific Rise)

The address and phone number of our new offices at Penrose.

Our business offices are located at **Level 1, 12 Walls Road, Penrose 1061.**

The business postal address is **P.O. Box 24 400, Royal Oak, Auckland 1060**

The phone number is the same as was for Pacific Rise: **09 573 5233**





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Brother Douglas Reports on the Brothers in Lower Hutt moving to a new Home



Last Friday, November 8th, the Brothers' community in Lower Hutt, The Grove, shifted from Birch Street to a new home because the house was too big for the community to maintain. Des and Doug now know what down-sizing involves! Generously assisted by a group of friends and supporters they are now fully ensconced in their new home.

Brother Steve Vaea Reports from MAPAC

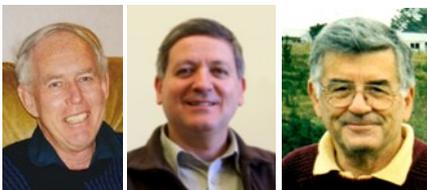


"I would like to tell you about a recent event in which I participated. Besides studying at MAPAC, I am also taking some subjects at the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies (IFRS). On 9th November 2019, IFRS held an Integration Day which enabled students from different countries, to show their cultures to others and to learn from one another.

We have a Pacific group at IFRS composed of students from five countries: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Fiji and Samoa. Wow! We felt the spirit of oneness and unity on that day. Our cultures, values, traditions, beliefs, dispositions and perspectives are still strong in our hearts wherever we go. We are proud to be Pacifican Religious!"



Brother Terence Costello Reports from their Third Age Course at Manziana



The participants in the Third Age Course at Manziana have just returned from a pilgrimage to the Hermitage to visit the sites of our Marist roots. Sites visited were Marlhes, Le Rosey, the remains of the Donet homestead, Le Puy, Fourviere and La Maisonette. For the final day we travelled to Taize where we joined the Sunday Mass and met one of the Brothers who spoke to us about the history and vision of Taize. With the colder weather now in the Northern Hemisphere not many young pilgrims visit at this time of the year but the Brother mentioned that at the summer peak time there can be up to 4000 young people visit in any one week.

At times during the daily Mass the first reading was taken from the newly published "Rule of Life." We all agree that this is a very meaningful document.

The Brothers now have a community at Marlhes and Le Rosey who hosted us to lunch with the food being brought to the houses from the Hermitage by Brother Maurice Berquet, the Director of the Hermitage community.

On the morning after the return from France Brother Ernesto, SG, joined us for Mass and met with us for an informal sharing on the Marist world. The following day a group travelled into Rome for a papal audience.

Cheers from Terry (photos: Terry, Brother Ernesto - Superior General - and Bryan Stanaway)