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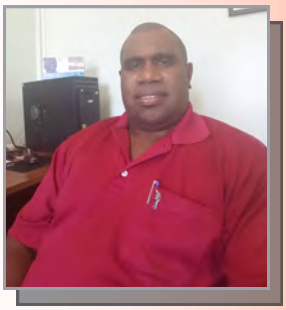


Dear Fellows Marists and Friends,

From October 3 to 28 in Rome, the synod of bishops is held on the theme "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment". A large number of people are invited to attend this Synod and including young people. Brother Ernesto Sanchez, our Superior General is also present. I invite you to pray for Pope Francis, the bishops and all the participants of this Synod especially for these young people who represent all the other young people in five continents.

Pope Francis invited us to put aside time and reflect about how we look after our young people in this changing world. Wherever we are , we all know about the impact that the modernisation has on the life of young people. The behaviours and attitudes of youth today has changed tremendously at all level of their well being.

Those of us who are teaching in schools and colleges are exposed to everyday behaviours and attitudes of young people. Many good works have been done to care for the young people in our care so far. But many times and even very often, we are faced with disciplines problem with students. In some of our schools or colleges, discipline problem is an ongoing issues. Therefore it is our duty to every time look at how we care and accompany our young people. Our duties towards our students as teachers and educators, doesn't stop only in classroom. It is beyond the classroom; outside in the playground, in the garden, in the dormitory, in the chapel, and at home.

Many times we hear the saying; 'the young people are the future of our country'. The concept is very true but to make it become real and prosper is something else. I believe we need to ask more questions when we talk about young people. These are some of the questions that I would like to put to all of us Marists today in the District, Brothers and Lay are: Are we really caring for the young people and children in our care? Are we really committing ourselves to make Jesus Christ known and loved to our student? Are we making enough effort to live Marcellin's charism and spirit in our day to day lives? Are we really honest in our way of doing Marist mission and promote Marist life in the District? Do we do extra work more than what we have been asked to do or responsible for?

I feel it is time for us to put aside time and question our commitment in caring for our students and children. And the important thing is to look at our relationship with students and young people. How is the way we relate to young people affect their lives or their whole being.

I believe Marcellin Champagnat did not founded the Institute of the Little Brothers of Mary just because of the ignorance of God in the lives of young people and children during his time. But I believe he knew that this ignorance of God in young people's life in society will be an ongoing issue that will affect all generations to come. And that's pushed him to start the congregation and form communities of men that could dedicate their lives in caring for the youth through education. Marcellin was a man of deep spirituality and was very open to God's spirit in his life. He listened attentively to the Sprit in order to discover what God was asking of him.

At the General Chapter last year, two driving questions were asked through out the process of the chapter: " Who is God asking us to be in this emerging world? " and " What is God asking us to do in this emerging world?" Marcellin responded to those two questions during his time. I believe it was the work of the Spirit that the XXII General Chapter reminded us about our mission as Marist of Champagnat through one of its calls or directions. And let me quote from Message of the 22nd General Chapter number 4.

"TO JOURNEY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS OF LIFE".

We search for you Jesus, like Mary, in the caravans of life, in the tumults of our cities (Lk 2, 41—49), and in the masses of displaced people who are seeking a better future for their children.

This is a call that urges us to:

- Open the eyes of our heart and hear the cries of children and young people, especially the voiceless and homeless.
- Be creative in giving resolute responses to their needs.
- Empower those who have no voice, avoiding any paternalism.
- Be present in more significant ways among the children and young people on the margins of the world.

This call to journey with children and young people on the margins of life is a call from our beloved founder St Marcellin Champagnat. I believe Marcellin is reminding us of our mission with young people in this turbulent world. He carried out that mission in a very turbulent world as well during his time in life. How are we carrying out that same mission in my present moment of life.

We aware that in social media today, young people and children are strongly talked about and addressed at all level, in the Church or in civil society. This means that it is a very big concern in the society that needs to be addressed.

As Marist, what is our role and answers to today's situations that are affecting the youth in our society? How do we respond to problems that many of our youth are involved in?

With these two questions I would like to share with you the two first subtopics in the introduction of the document on the Bishops' Synod on "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment" from Instrumentum Laboris.

And I quote:

The objectives of the Synod

1. "Caring" for young people is not an optional task for the Church, it is a part of its vocation and mission in history. That's what's at the root of the issue of the next Synod: as the Lord walked with the disciples of Emmaus (cf.24: 13-35), the Church is invited to accompany all young people, without exception, to the joy of love.

Young people can, by their presence and their word, help the Church to rejuvenate her face. A wire red links the Message to the young people of the Second Vatican Council (December 8, 1965) and the Synod of Youth (October 3-28, 2018), as the Holy Father explained in his introduction to the Presynodal Meeting: "The splendid message to young people of Vatican Council II comes to my mind. [...] It's a invitation to seek new paths and to navigate them with audacity and confidence, keeping looking at Jesus and opening to the Holy Spirit to rejuvenate the very face of the Church ", by accompanying young people in their path of vocational discernment in this "change vintage ".

The method of discernment

2. We recognize in discernment a way of being in the world, a lifestyle, a fundamental attitude, and at the same time a working method, a path to accomplish together, which is to look at the social and cultural dynamics in which we are immersed in the eyes of the disciple. Discernment leads to recognition of action of the Spirit and to settle on it, in true spiritual obedience. By this way, he becomes open to novelty, courage to go out, resistance to the temptation to reduce what is new to what is already known. Discernment is an authentically spiritual attitude.

As an obedience to the Spirit, discernment is above all a listening, which can become a thrust of our action, capacity for creative fidelity for the only mission entrusted since always to the Church. Discernment thus becomes a pastoral instrument, able to find life paths to offer to young people today, and offer guidance and suggestions for the mission which are not prefabricated but which are the result of a course allowing to let oneself be led by the Spirit. A way thus structured invites to open and not to close, to ask questions and raise questions without suggesting any answers in advance do, look for alternatives and explore opportunities. In this perspective, it is clear that the synodal assembly next October must be addressed in accordance with the provisions of a process of discernment.

Chers maristes et amis,

Du 3 au 28 octobre à Rome se tenait le synode des évêques sur le thème «Les Jeunes, la Foi et le Discernement Vocationnel». Un grand nombre de personnes sont invitées à assister au ce Synode, y compris des jeunes. Frère Ernesto Sanchez, notre Supérieur Général est également présent. Je vous invite à prier pour le Pape Francois, les Eveques et tous les particpants de ce Synode en particulier pour ces jeunes qui represent tous les autres jeunes des cinq continents.

Le Pape François nous a invité a prendre du temps de réfléchir à la manière dont nous nous occupons de nos jeunes dans ce monde en mutation. Où que nous soyons, nous connaissons tous l'impact de la modernisation sur la vie des jeunes. Les comportements et les attitudes des jeunes d'aujourd'hui ont énormément changé à tous les niveaux de leur bien-être.

Ceux d'entre nous qui enseignons dans les écoles et les collèges sont exposés aux comportements et aux attitudes des jeunes tous les jours . Beaucoup de bons travaux ont déjà été faits pour prendre soin des jeunes dont nous avons la charge. Mais souvent, et même très souvent, nous sommes confrontés à des problème de disciplines avec les étudiants. Dans certaines de nos écoles ou collèges, le problème de la discipline est un problème récurrent. Par conséquent, il est de notre devoir de toujours regarder comment nous prenons soin de nos jeunes et les accompagnons. Nos devoirs envers nos élèves en tant qu'enseignants et éducateurs ne s'arrêtent pas qu'en classe. C'est au-delà de la salle de classe; dehors dans la cour de récréation, dans le jardin, dans le dortoir, dans la chapelle et à la maison.

Nous entendons souvent le dicton; «Les jeunes sont l'avenir de notre pays». Le concept est très vrai, mais le rendre réel et prospère, c'est autre chose. Je crois que nous devons poser plus de questions lorsque nous parlons des jeunes. Telles sont quelques-unes des questions que je voudrais poser à tous les maristes d'aujourd'hui dans le District, frères et laïcs: sommes-nous vraiment attentifs aux jeunes et aux enfants dont nous avons la charge? Sommes-nous vraiment engagés à faire connaître et aimer Jésus-Christ à nos élèves? Faisons-nous assez d'efforts pour vivre le charisme et l'esprit de Marcellin dans notre vie quotidienne? Sommes-nous vraiment honnêtes dans notre façon de faire la mission mariste et de promouvoir la vie mariste dans le district? Faisons-nous plus de travail que ce qu'on nous a demandé de faire ou d'etre responsable?

Je pense qu'il est temps que nous consacrions des moments et remettions en cause notre engagement à prendre soin de nos élèves et de nos enfants. Et l'important est de regarder notre relation avec les étudiants et les jeunes. Comment nos relations avec les jeunes affectent-elles leur vie ou tout leur bien être?

Je crois que Marcellin Champagnat n'a pas fondé l'Institut des Petits Frères de Marie uniquement à cause de l'ignorance de Dieu dans la vie des jeunes et des enfants de son temps. Mais je crois qu'il savait que cette ignorance de Dieu dans la vie des jeunes en société sera un problème récurrent qui affectera toutes les générations à venir. C'est ce qui l'a poussé à fonder la congrégation et à former des communautés d'hommes capables de consacrer leur vie à la prise en charge des jeunes par l'éducation. Marcellin était un homme d'une profonde spiritualité et était très ouvert à l'esprit de Dieu dans sa vie. Il a écouté attentivement l'esprit afin de découvrir ce que Dieu lui demandait.

Lors du Chapitre Général de l'année dernière, deux questions essentielles ont été posées tout au long du processus du chapitre: «Qui est-ce que Dieu nous demande d'être dans ce monde émergent? "Et" Qu'est-ce que Dieu nous demande de faire dans ce monde émergent? "Marcellin a répondu à ces deux questions durant sa vie. Je crois que c'est l'œuvre de l'Esprit que le XXIIe Chapitre général nous a rappelé à propos de notre mission comme mariste de Champagnat par l'un de ses appels ou directions. Permettez-moi donc de citer le message du 22ème Chapitre général numéro 4.

« Pour cheminer avec les enfants et les jeunes marginalisés de la vie »

Nous te cherchons, Jésus, comme Marie, dans les caravanes de la vie et dans le tumulte de nos villes (Lc 2, 41-49), dans la multitude des déplacés qui cherchent un avenir meilleur pour leurs enfants.

C'est un appel par lequel tu nous presses à :

- Ouvrir les yeux de notre cœur et à écouter les pleurs des enfants et des jeunes, spécialement de ceux qui sont sans voix et sans foyer.
- Être créatifs dans une réponse décidée à leurs besoins.
- Fuir les approches paternalistes et rendre autonomes ceux qui n'ont pas de voix.
- Accroître une présence significative parmi les enfants et les jeunes marginalisés en ce monde.

Cet appel à cheminer avec les enfants et les jeunes marginalises de la vie, est un appel de notre fondateur bien-aimé, St Marcellin Champagnat. Je pense que Marcellin nous rappelle notre mission auprès des jeunes dans ce monde agité. Il a également effectué cette mission dans un monde très turbulent au cours de sa vie. Comment accomplissons-nous cette même mission dans nos moments de vie actuel?

Nous sommes conscients qu'aujourd'hui, dans les médias sociaux, les jeunes et les enfants font l'objet de vives discussions et qu'ils sont abordés à tous les niveaux, dans l'Église ou dans la société civile. Cela signifie que c'est une très grande préoccupation dans la société à laquelle il faut s'attaquer.

En tant que maristes, quels sont notre rôle et nos réponses aux situations d'aujourd'hui qui affectent les jeunes de notre société? Comment répondons-nous aux problèmes dans lesquels beaucoup de nos jeunes sont impliqués?

Avec ces deux questions, je voudrais partager avec vous les deux premiers sous-thèmes de l'introduction du document sur le synode des évêques sur «Les jeunes, la foi et le discernement vocationnel» du Instrumentum Laboris.

Et je cite:

Les objectifs du Synode

1. « Prendre soin » des jeunes n'est pas une tâche facultative pour l'Église, c'est une part substantielle de sa vocation et de sa mission dans l'histoire. C'est cela qui est à la racine de l'enjeu

spécifique du prochain Synode : comme le Seigneur a marché avec les disciples d'Emmaüs (cf. Lc 24, 13-35), l'Église est invitée à accompagner tous les jeunes, sans exception, vers la joie de l'amour.

- 9-Les jeunes peuvent, par leur présence et leur parole, aider l'Église à rajeunir son visage. Un fil

rouge relie le Message aux jeunes du Concile Vatican II (8 décembre 1965) et le Synode des jeunes (3-28 octobre 2018), comme le Saint-Père l'a explicité dans son introduction de la Réunion Présynodale : « Il me vient à l'esprit le splendide Message aux jeunesdu Concile Vatican II. […] C'est une invitation à chercher de nouveaux chemins et à les parcourir avec audace et confiance, en gardant le regard fixé sur Jésus et en s'ouvrant à l'Esprit Saint pour rajeunir le visage même de l'Église », en accompagnant les jeunes dans leur parcours de discernement vocationnel en ce « changement d'époque ».

La méthode du discernement

2. Nous reconnaissons dans le discernement une manière d'être au monde, un

style de vie, une attitude fondamentale, et en même temps une méthode de travail, un parcours à

accomplir ensemble, qui consiste à regarder les dynamiques sociales et culturelles dans lesquelles nous sommes plongés avec le regard du disciple. Le discernement conduit à reconnaître l'action de l'Esprit et à se régler sur elle, dans une authentique obéissance spirituelle. Par cette voie, il devient ouverture à la nouveauté, courage de sortir, résistance à la tentation de réduire ce qui est nouveau à ce qui est déjà connu. Le discernement est une attitude authentiquement spirituelle.

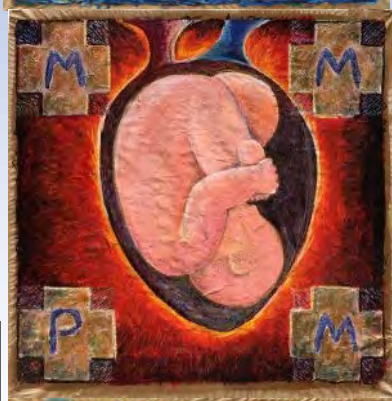
En tant qu'obéissance à l'Esprit, le discernement est avant tout une écoute, qui peut devenir un

élan propulseur de notre action, capacité de fidélité créative pour l'unique mission confiée depuis

toujours à l'Église. Le discernement devient ainsi un instrument pastoral, en mesure de trouver des chemins de vie à proposer aux jeunes d'aujourd'hui, et d'offrir des orientations et suggestions pour la mission qui ne soient pas préfabriquées mais qui soient le fruit d'un parcours permettant de se laisser conduire par l'Esprit. Un chem in ainsi structuré invite à ouvrir et non pas à fermer, à poser des questions et susciter des interrogations sans suggérer d'avance des réponses toutes faites, à rechercher des alternatives et explorer des opportunités. Dans cette perspective, il est clair que l'Assemblée synodale d'octobre prochain doit être abordée selon les dispositions propres à un processus de discernement.

Port Moresby Community Happenings

By Brs Doug Dawick & Jean Marie



As usual, September was a month of comings and goings here in Port Moresby. On the 1st, Brendan and Francis arrived back from a finance meeting in Sydney and then a few days later Jean Marie and Doug departed for Mabiri for just under a week.

It was Doug's first visit to Bougainville and he reckons it lived up to all that he had heard about it. Friendly people, very hot, plenty of cheaper-than-Moresby food along the road and of course the condition of the road between Kokopau and Mabiri. Luckily, he was in the cab with Benedict the driver while all the others, and there were always "others", on the back.

Doug first touch down on Bougainville soil, Buka airport.

Crossing of the Buka passage to Kokopau on banana boat

The Brothers at Mabiri were their customary hospitable selves and, again, it took Doug a while to get used to the generator going off at 9.00pm or was that PNG or Bougainville time? He was advised to keep his watch on PNG time and make the necessary adjustments whenever someone said, "Oh, that's 11.00am Bougainville time." Very confusing to the uninitiated – and even as Jean Marie admitted, also to the initiated.

A short call in at the SMSM Sisters Community in Arawa. Br Doug, Srs Tupou & Alokoka and the Diocese handyman Mr Sepi.

While there, the opportunity was offered to take a trip to Arawa, to see the effects of the Crisis on what was formerly the jewel in the crown of Bougainville.
Now, sad evidence of the havoc and destruction wrought during the Crisis. Lunch was taken at Kieta, and the site of Rigu was noted, in all its desolation.

Kieta visit...a worthwhile stop over at the old St Joseph College Rigu. A very significant area for us Marists.

Then back to Panguna, where quite a long time was spent looking at the now-abandoned copper and gold mine and the former processing plant from which the processed copper was piped to Arawa for export. A drive down about halfway into the pit gave the opportunity to see a family prospecting for gold, successfully, too, as we saw.

Site of Panguna Mine

The trip back to Buka, to get the plane back to Moresby, gave the opportunity to have a quick visit to Asitavi and Tarlena, both schools with very strong Marist connections.

A short call in at Bishop Wade Secondary School Tarlena

Short stops along the way back to Kokopau.. Moses Garets and Benedict

Crossing back the passage to Buka on banana boat.

The famous Buka market...busy as always with its varieties of local foods from the garden and sea.

The day after the return of the two travellers there was a District Council meeting, which saw Henry, Finan and Sixtus come and join us. And then, merely a day later, Jean Marie left for the Provincial Chapter in Australia. Yes, indeed, a month of comings and goings. But what is new for this community?

Some other community happenings in POM.

The community welcomed and accommodate Father Adrian (in black) on his way to Alotau. With them, Br Henry and Douglas, Br Henry's nephew and a visitor in the community.

Papua New Guinea 43 year Independence Anniversary Celebration. This year the celebration was very colourful.

The District Council and the Community went for a dinner out at Vision City to thank and acknowledge Doug for his contributions and supports during the council meeting this year. With Doug are Br Dominic and Bomes (postulant) and Brendan & Finan at the back.

Communaute de Port Moresby

Comme d'habitude, le mois de septembre a été un mois de va-et-vient ici à Port Moresby. Le 1er, Brendan et Francis sont revenus d'une réunion à Sydney et quelques jours plus tard, Jean Marie et Doug sont partis pour Mabiri pour un peu moins d'une semaine.

C'était la première visite de Doug à Bougainville et il estimait que c'était à la hauteur de toutes ses connaissances. Des gens sympathiques, très chaleureux, beaucoup de nourriture moins chère que Moresby le long de la route et bien sûr de l'état de la route entre Kokopau et Mabiri. Heureusement, il était dans la voiture avec le chauffeur Benedict tandis que tous les autres et il y avait toujours des «autres» à l'arrière.

Les Frères de Mabiri étaient leur propre hospitalité habituelle et, encore une fois, il a fallu un moment à Doug pour s'habituer au générateur à 21h00 ou était-ce l'heure de PNG ou de Bougainville? On lui a conseillé de surveiller l'heure de PNG et de faire les ajustements nécessaires chaque fois que quelqu'un disait: "Oh, il est 11 heures du matin à Bougainville." Très déroutant pour les non-initiés - et même comme Jean Marie l'a admis.

Alors que là-bas, l'occasion était offerte de faire un voyage à Arawa, pour voir les effets de la crise sur ce qui était autrefois le joyau de la couronne de Bougainville. Maintenant, triste témoignage des ravages et des destructions causés pendant la crise. Le déjeuner a été pris à Kieta et le site de Rigu a été noté dans toute sa désolation. Ensuite, nous sommes retournés à Panguna, où nous avons passé pas mal de temps à examiner la mine de cuivre et d'or maintenant abandonnée et l'ancienne usine de traitement à partir de laquelle le cuivre traité était acheminé vers Arawa pour l'exportation. Une descente à peu près à mi-chemin dans la fosse a permis à une famille de chercher de l'or avec succès, comme nous l'avons déjà vu.

Le retour à Buka, pour prendre l'avion pour Moresby, a permis de visiter rapidement Asitavi et Tarlena, deux écoles ayant de très fortes relations maristes.

Le lendemain du retour des deux voyageurs, il y eut une réunion du conseil de district au cours de laquelle Henry, Finan et Sixtus vinrent nous rejoindre. Et puis, un jour plus tard, Jean Marie est parti pour le Chapitre provincial en Australie. Oui, en effet, un mois de va et vient. Mais quoi de neuf pour cette communauté?

From Santo Community, Vanuatu

By Fereol Melteror

On Saturday 15 September, the Marist Family Communities (Fathers, Brothers & Sisters) in Santo together with the Local Sisters Congregation, Petite Fille de Marie, and other families and friends commemorated the Feast of the **"Holy Name of Mary"** at Port Olry.

The day began with a simple and meaningful Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr Morlini SM and followed by a scrumptious lunch that was prepared by the Sisters and other chefs.

We all really enjoyed the foods and the ambiance of the celebration.

At the same time it was a privilege to spend one day together as religious.

Meeting of SANMA VICARIATE

This include the three main Parishes of Santo - (Saint Michel, Sainte Therese, Sainte Anne) and their Sub-Parishes.

On 21st September 2018, the Vicariate of Sanma has come up with its office bearers to take care of its affaires. The office bearers are from our three parishes of Sanma region. Since this is the first time after the Diocesan Synod that was held in Port Vila in August this year, the finance is one of the main issues that has being discussed.

Further the group has a very great concern for the relocation of the students from Ambae who had been evacuated due to the volcano eruption.

Communaute de Santo, Vanuatu

By Fereol Melteror

Le samedi 15 septembre, les communautés maristes (pères, frères et sœurs) de Santo, ainsi que la congrégation de sœurs locales, Petite Fille de Marie, et d'autres familles et amis ont commémoré la fête du «Saint Nom de Marie» à Port Olry. .

La journée a débuté par une célébration eucharistique simple et significative présidée par le père Morlini SM, suivie d'un déjeuner succulent préparé par les sœurs et d'autres chefs.

Nous avons tous vraiment apprécié les plats et l'ambiance de la fête.

En même temps, ce fut un privilège de passer une journée ensemble comme religieux.

Réunion du VICARIAT de SANMA

Il s'agit des trois principales paroisses de Santo - (Saint Michel, Sainte Thérèse, Sainte Anne) et de leurs Annex.

Le 21 septembre 2018, le Vicariat de Sanma est venu avec ses responsables pour s'occuper de ses affaires. Les membres du bureau proviennent de nos trois paroisses de la région de Sanma. Comme il s'agit de la première fois après le synode diocésain qui s'est tenu à Port Vila en août dernier, le financement est l'une des principales questions qui a ete discuste.

En outre, le groupe est très préoccupé par la réinstallation des étudiants d'Ambae qui avaient été évacués en raison de l'éruption du volcan.

From Cotabato city , Philippines

By Raphael Fakaia

MARIST BROTHERS NDC SCHOOL INTRAMURAL SPORTS WEEK, 2018

Hey! What an exciting week! Intermural was back in action once again this year at the Marist Brothers Notre Dame of Cotabato city High School, Philippines. This is indeed a most- waited and participatory event that lures everyone's interests, not just for merely watching the different activities, but rather for becoming fully involved in them. This event also drew the interests of many parents, guardians, benefactors and people in the city; they come, watched and enjoyed the long week of sports action.

TEAMS ASSEMBLED BEFORE THE PARADE

Intramural sports mean an integral program that provides competitive and recreational sport leagues, tournaments and special events for all students, regardless of their skill level. These activities foster leadership, education and sportsmanship.

Marist Brothers of Notre Dame of Cotabato city High School is privileged to hold this annual spectacle. So this year's intramurals were staged in the week of 10 – 17 September, 2018. You might wonder why it took an entire week for such activities. Read on to find out.

It all began in the early hours of Monday, 10 September. The students flooded the school premises with their different team colours: Red Stallions, Green Dragons, Blue Eagles, Orange Lions and Yellow Tigers. The excitement and high spirited atmosphere was clearly seen on the students' faces. They were obviously very ambitious to give of their best in this year's Championship. Everyone was ready to compete for one thing only, to score more points in order to get to the top of the table. Each team's optimism was so high, and it was this spirit what drove their passion for the entire week of intense activities.

Some of us had never seen something like this before. However, I presume that it was all so spectacular because of the students' pride to succeed. On the other hand, the School saw great potential in the whole idea of educating young people holistically to recognise their own full potentials.

As early as 7 a.m. the sun was showing its brilliant rays, and students were queuing up in their respect teams. The school oval was crowded with students and teachers, in a colourful and anticipatory scenario. Sports-crazy students started shouting and screaming for their respective teams. It seemed as the battle of words for the championship had begun. Nevertheless, after a couple of minutes, the introductory procedure was inducted. All were asked to raise, salute and honour the country as we sang the Philippines National Anthem; this was led by the School Band. Then, five students, each representing the different team colours, led off with torches held aloft, and then the Parade commenced heartily and elatedly from the playing Ground to the Gymnasium. The Yellow team, as the underdog for the intramural, led the way, followed by the rest of the teams. It was an exciting parade, with lots of exhibition on show, such as uniforms, team banners and so forth. It was regarded as one of the best parades ever in the school compound.

Upon arrival at the Gym, each team was seated according to its designated area to allow space and ease. Then, a few speeches were made in encouraging and motivating students to do their best for their respective teams, thus creating a free, peaceful and sportsmanlike atmosphere, for all to enjoy the long week of activities. Later, the M.C. called on the School Director, Br. Dominador.A. Santiago, FMS, and Agnes Guldfo, principal, to the stage to declare open officially the commencement of the intramurals. Ribbons were cut, while big, warm applause and strident noises could be heard in every corner of the Gymnasium. Then an intermission number was presented by some of the students; that performance continued to build up the right atmosphere for the week of action.

The intramural started with a surprise for some of us. It started with a Live Band Performance from each team and a Pageant Show. Students playing instruments live was an eye-opening experience, with some doing mesmerizing performances put the audience into a frenzy with their extravagant skills and angelic voices. It proved beyond all doubt that Filipino Kids have real talent, and are prepared to show it. It was in keeping with their upbringing with Karaoke (music) culture so to speak.

TEAMS PARADE TO THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Whilst performances were proceeding live on stage, other team members showed so much moral support. The atmosphere was electric. No one wants to keep down, because it seems that the more you support your team, you are likely to score more points and get the approval of the judges. It was indeed yet another display of the natural and hidden talents of the students.

However, though there was a persistence of excitement, we have to call off the show in order for the students to have their lunch, and then to continue with the Pageant Show in the afternoon. It seems that we have to leave the best part for the afternoon. This is an interesting part because parents and many people from the city now filled up the Gymnasium. And The Philippines, of course, is the country of beauty. Or, in other words, a country of Pageant Shows that normally lure a huge audience. Each team has its own King and Queen. I must said that this was the most- watched show during the entire week of action. Videos and pictures of the Pageant Show flooded FB page accounts with favourable comments and congratulatory notes. What an awesome and exciting show it was! The Kings and Queens are the most beautiful girls and handsome boys in the School.

The following days were all full of intense action in various games, namely, soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, field events, and so forth. Students gave of their best and put enormous effort to gain points for their various teams in the different games. However, moderators have to monitor the movement and ensure safety and smooth transition of the entire programme.

On Thursday, 13 September, the sky was covered with black clouds early in the morning. We heard that super Typhoon was fast approaching the Philippines. It seemed as though the excitement of the different games would be disrupted, even stopping the entire sport activities. An abrupt action was needed. Therefore, students were advised to stay home and take precautions. Hopes faded, somewhat killing the mood of enjoyment that prevailed up to that time.

INTERMURAL CHAMPIONS: BLUE EAGLES

DIE HARD SUPPORTERS OF YELLOW TIGERS

However, the following day, there was nothing that could stop students continually entering the school sites. The intermural really drove them into loving the whole situation; and having fun was all that mattered now. Though it was hard to continue with the games due to the super Typhoon, the sport co-ordinator couldn't stop the students in their passion and optimism from playing and enjoying the games. Therefore, despite the heavily pouring rain, students ran on to the field and played the games they loved. The joys and laughter on their faces said so much for their enthusiasm. However, some of the games have to be postponed to a week later, due to the unfavourable weather that badly affected some parts of the Philippines.

On Monday, a week later, 17th September, it was the last day of the intermural. The last games were played, and another much-awaited part that everyone was looking forward to would soon begin: the Teams Sport Dance and the announcement of the Championship winners for this year. Most people in this country love singing and dancing. Hence, the Sport Dance was another activity that attracted an enormous audience. Parents and guardians packed the school Gym once again, and it was another much-watched activity. The attendance of the parents said so much about how they have supported their children's education. It was very impressive to see such mutual support and emotions expressed among parents and students.

Finally, at 4pm in the afternoon, after all the games were completed, parents, teachers and students filled the Gym again to capacity. All were waiting for the announcement of the intermural results. Students continued singing and shouting for a whole hour while waiting. Flags of the teams were raised in front of the stage in waiting for the arrival of the School Director. The noise was so horrendous that it required some patience and acceptance.

After being eagerly awaited, here comes the school director. Br. Dominador.A. Santiago, FMS entered the gym, and all the students were screaming and shouting at the top of their voices. The moment they have been waiting for was about to be proclaimed. The arrival of Br. Dominador .A.Santiago, FMS into the Gym triggered more excitement, with the noise went extreme with restlessness as everyone awaited to know the results of the Championship. Then he started as usual with his loud voice, putting the noise on hold by announcing the Champion of the 2018 intermural. This is what he announced:

"The NDC 2018 Intramural results are as follows:

4th Runner up: Red Stallion

2nd Runner up: Yellow Tigers and Green Dragons

1st Runner up: Orange Lions

Champions: Blue Eagles"

ORANGE LIONS QUEEN AND KING PERFORMED A DANCE

These announcements sparked more shouting, whistling and screaming of joy and excitement for some minutes. It was a moment of celebration. Parents and guardians were there to celebrate, sharing the joy, the happiness and the achievements of their children as well. Some teachers jumped for joy as they joined in the celebration, still smiling despite the fact that their team did not quite make it to the top of the table. It seems that everyone was celebrating and sharing this jubilant atmosphere. Then, after the joyous celebration was descending, the principal delivered her closing remarks, giving a few reminders to the students and parents. And as usual at a Marist School, we all sang a Hymn to our Good Mother Mary to close what was a long week of intense action, but of a peaceful and memorable time.

It was a hard and tiring week of action, but it paid off well at the end. All enjoyed the week of games, culture and social activities. It was once again another successful and enjoyable intermural for this year. All went home exhausted, but satisfied as memories would linger on for ever. We certainly look forward for another exciting intermural next year 2019.

RED STALLIONS DANCERS

VERSITY BASKETBALL

FUSTAL JUNIOR GIRLS IN ACTION

BASEBALL

FOOTBALL IN ACTION DESPITE THE SUPPER TYPHOON

DANCE SPORTS

Les 50 Ans d'Anniversaire du Lycée Professionel Saint Marcellin Champagnat (LPMC)

Par Fr Bonaventure Tolack

Cette année, nous avons célébré 50 ans d'anniversaire du LPMC. C'est une Lycée qui a été fondé par les Frères Maristes dans des années 1968 - 2018. Le Lycée accueille chaque année des centaines d'élèves de différents ethniques venu des différents parties de la Calédonie et même des pays voisins comme le Wallis et Futuna, Tahiti et Vanuatu. Il y avait une messe qui a été célébré le 6 Juin fête de St Marcellin Champagnat et pour marquer aussi les 50 ans d'anniversaire du Lycée.

Une journée récréative dédiée pour les 50 ans a été célébré seulement le Vendredi 21 Septembre. La journée a été bien organisée avec des différentes activités. Dans la matinée, Il y eu des compétitions des jeux entre des différents classes comme tira à la corde, tire à l'arc, gouté les aliments, poussé la brouette et d'autre encore. Et dans l'après-midi, il y avait des prestations de différents groupes de musiques par les groupes des jeunes du Lycée. Ce qui était intéressant et bien, c'est que la présence de tous nos professeurs de l'établissement était la même dans la participation des activités.

Some activities at the celebration of the 50 years.

50 Years Anniversary of Lycee Professionnelle Saint Marcellin Champagnat Professional (LPMC)

By Br Bonaventure Tolack

This year we celebrated 50 years of LPMC anniversary. It is a high school that was founded by the Marist Brothers in the years 1968 - 2018. The Lycée welcomes every year hundreds of students of different ethnicities come from different parts of Caledonia and even from neighboring countries like Wallis and Futuna , Tahiti and Vanuatu. There was a mass that was celebrated on June 6th, the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat and also to mark the 50th anniversary of the Lycée.

A dedicated recreation day for 50 years was celebrated only on Friday 21st September. The day was well organized with different activities. In the morning, there were competitions games between different classes like tug of war, archery, tasted food, pushed the wheelbarrow and more. And in the afternoon, there were performances of different music groups by the youth groups of the High School. What was interesting and good was that the presence of all our teachers in the school was the same in the participation of the activities.

A plaque commemorating all the Marist Brothers who had served as Principal and taught in the school.

Some more photos of the 50 years celebration activities of Lycee St Marcellin Champagnat

Mon dernier Stage Practique de trois semaines
Fr Bonaventure Tolack

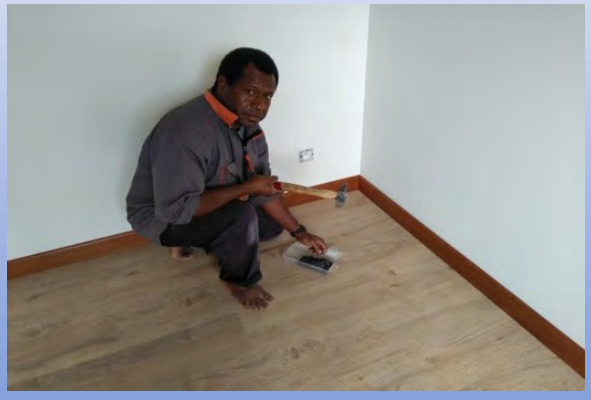
Le Lundi 27 aout jusqu'au Vendredi 14 Septembre, j'ai fait mon stage l'entreprise « MENUISERIE VERLAGUET' » . Cette entreprise fait toute sorte des activités y compris des fabrications, des poses et aussi faire des livraisons. Pendant ces trois semaines, j'ai appris beaucoup de choses dans cette entreprise comme raboter les bois, les dégauchir, faire l'assemblage (perçage et vissage) des bâtis et même des portes en bois massive et enfin faire des ponçages. Chaque fois, je suis parti sur des chantiers pour poser des plinthes et des portes avec des ouvriers.

Une des choses important pour moi était de connaitre les moyens d'utiliser toutes sortes machines qui possède des moyens de sécurité. Donc après ce stage, j'ai accumule beaucoup de confiance et courage pour travailler avec ce métier, qui est la Menuiserie.

My last practical training of three weeks

On Monday 27 August until Friday 14 September, I did my practical with the company "MENUISERIE VERLAGUET '". This company makes all kinds of activities including fabrications, poses and also make deliveries. During these three weeks, I learned many things in this company like planing the woods, aligning them, making the assembly (drilling and screwing) of the frames and even massive wooden doors and finally sanding. Each time, I went on building sites to lay skirting boards and doors with workers.

One of the important things for me was to know the ways to use all kinds of machines that has security means. So after this practial, I have gained a lot of confidence and courage to work with this profession, which is Carpentry.



Some happenings from the community

Meal time in the community is always a very important moment where fraternal sharing happen among Brothers.

Here are Brothers Jean Paul, Jean Marie and Georges.

Br Bonaventure is moving the machine out of the garage to cut the lawn.

As this is part of Saturday community activities. Brothers Bonaventure and Jean Marie taking turn to cut the lawn.

Le 15 aout 2018, Frere Jean Paul DELESALLE a fete ces50 ans de vie religious comme Frère Mariste . Ci dessous les quelques dates de son cheminement mariste.

Br Jean Paul (blue) with his two members of his community at Paita, NC.

1959 . Recrutement, lors du passage du frère Jean Harlé dans la classe de 5ème à l'école sainte Marie à Beaucamps.

1960-1962 Petit juvénat à Cassel

1963- 1966 grand juvénat à Beucamps

1967-1968 Postulat et noviciat à ND de La Cabane en Corrèze. Frère Jean Thouilleux était sous-maître des novices.

15 août 1968 . 1ère profession religieuse

1969 . Scolasticat à Saint Genis Laval, cours au lycée saint Thomas d'Aquin à Oullins.

1970 . Educateur à Beaucamps

24 août 1970 . Arrivée en NC pour le temps de service militaire en tant que V.A.T Service à l'Aide Technique., à l'école du Sacré-Cœur à Nouméa

Février 1972 . à Païta responsable éducateur pour remplacer le frère Félix Etchemaïté, décédé dans un accident de voiture au col de Katiramona.

1972-1992 . Longue période à Païta comme éducateur à Sainte Marie

Coupé en 1984 par un temps de second noviciat à Rome.

1993 . en formation accompagnement à sainte Foy

1993-1996 . Maître des postulants

1996-1998 . à Valpré, formation de deux années pour la formation des novices avec en autres frère Dennis Cooper et frère Ernesto Sanchez….

1999-2000 . Accompagnement aspirant et post novice au Rosey Païta

2001-2003 . Educateur et catéchèse à Santo saint Michel

2004-2011 . Fin de carrière au foyer saint Léon comme éducateur

2012 – 2018 …. Temps de retraite week-end pastorale des vocations, aide à la paroisse (service de communion aux malades, funérailles, association des étudiants…).

15 août 2018 . Témoignage de ma vocation au cours du pèlerinage diocésain à la paroisse de La Conception. .

On August 15, 2018, Brother Jean Paul DELESALLE celebrated his 50 years of religious life as a Marist Brother. Below are some dates of his Marist journey.

1959. Recruitment, during the passage of Brother Jean Harlé in class 5 at Sainte Marie school in Beaucamps.

1960-1962 Small youth in Kassel

1963- 1966 grand juvenate at Beucamps

1967-1968 Postulancy and novitiate at ND de La Cabane in Corrèze. Brother Jean Thouilleux was sub-master of the novices.

August 15, 1968. 1st religious profession

1969. Scholasticate at Saint Genis Laval, courses at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in Oullins.

1970 Educator at Beaucamps

August 24, 1970. Arrival in NC for the time of military service as V.A.T Service to the Technical Aid., To the school of the Sacred Heart in Nouméa

February 1972. in Païta responsible educator to replace brother Félix Etchemaïté, died in a car accident at the pass of Katiramona.

1972-1992. Long time in Païta as an educator in Sainte Marie

Cut in 1984 by a time of second novitiate in Rome.

1993 in training accompaniment in Sainte Foy

1993-1996. Master of postulants

1996-1998. in Valpré, formation of two years for the formation of the novices with in others brother Dennis Cooper and brother Ernesto Sanchez ....

1999-2000. Vacancy and post-novice accompaniment at Rosey Païta

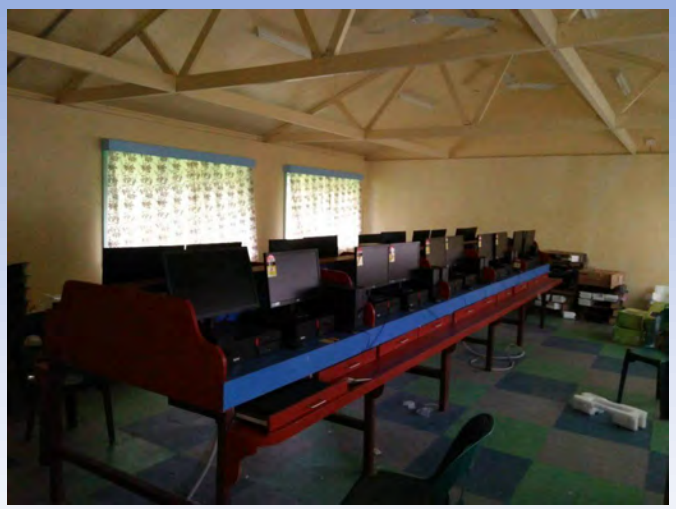
2001-2003. Educator and catechesis at Santo St Michel

2004-2011. End of career at St. Leon's home as educator

2012 - 2018 .... Retreat time pastoral weekend vocations, parish support (service of communion to the sick, funeral, student association ...).

August 15, 2018. Testimony of my vocation during the diocesan pilgrimage to the parish of La Conception. .

Some Mabiri Happennings—September



The newly 20 computers were recently installed at the students' new computer lab in Mabiri.

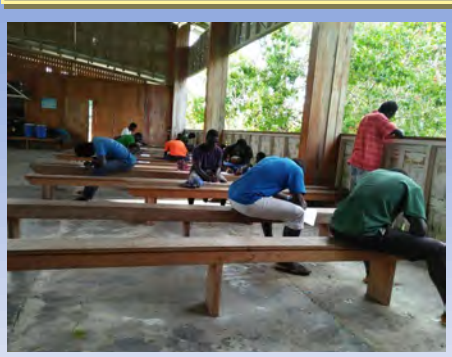
Below the St Joseph's College Mabiri, year 10 students having their first classes in the new computer laboratory.

A very big thank you to Australia Marist Solidarity (AMS) for making this possible for our young men.

Another 20 computers are still to come.

Below the Mabiri Grade 10 students getting ready for their recollection today as part of their preparations for exams. Thanks to Br Mark for facilitating the recollection.

September St Joseph's College Mabiri Happennings continue …



Didn't realise how serious these students were today as they entered into their retreat.

Small ritual after the recollection days .

Technical students erecting the graduation stage.. It is planned that this will be permanent graduation stage for the years to come.

Third Chapter of the Province of Australia

From Br Peter Carroll , Provincial - Extract from the Brothers Daily News

Dear Brothers

Most delegates gathered at Mittagong on Saturday night. The remainder arrived in time for the 9am start on Sunday. In all there are 29 at Mittagong for the duration of the Third Chapter: 24 delegates (including Brothers Jean Marie Batick and Kevin Wanden), Vicar General Luis-Carlos Guitterez, Councillor General Ben Consigli, our Chaplain Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp and our Secretariat of Matt Clarke and Greg McCrystal.

Day 1

The Chapter formally commenced on Sunday. There were the normal formalities of accepting and agenda and approving the processes. I gave a presentation providing a context for our days together and then tabled my Report on the past three years. The delegates had the opportunity to discuss its content and raise questions of clarification. After lunch, Br Luis-Carlos delivered a message from Br Ernesto and encouraged us in our deliberations and Ben Consigli offered some reflection on our consecrated life as Brothers. We concluded the work of the day with an exercise designed to assist us discern and synthesise.

After Eucharist we gathered for dinner and during this Bill Selden moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Council.

Brothers Luis Carlos (Vicar General) and Ben Consigli (General Councillor) addressing the chapter.

Day 2

The first session was devoted to the theme of our global Marist reality. Tony Leon gave a captivating presentation on his experiences of our international Marist network. Paul Kane then interviewed Jean Marie and Kevin, asking them about the reality and hopes of their Districts. We next explored the issue of the Marist Association with an emphasis on the Brothers engagement with the Association, its members and local groups. Bernard Kenna joined us, and after lunch he and Anthony Robinson provided a most helpful report on the Province's finances. At the start of the final session we reviewed the responses

Communities provided to the discussion they were requested to have about brotherhood. This helped frame our discussions about this all important aspect of our life: our fraternal relationships with each other

and the broader community. To round off our day's reflections, Fr Eamonn celebrated Mass before dinner.

Day 3

This morning's session focussed us on three specific issues: the 2020 Plenary and what we Marists would want to say to the Church at this time; the issue of future developments in Oceania, and finally, other emerging issues. After morning tea, we moved to

synthesise our discussions and deliberations into a series of Affirmations and Commitments, which will form the basis of our Chapter Statement. After lunch we considered and passed the Province Norms and Rules of Procedure for the 4th Provincial Chapter and prepared to elect the new Provincial Council.

Following a break and period of reflection the Chapter elected the new Council to serve until 2021:

Jeff Barrington
Darren Burge
Dennis Cooper
Greg McDonald
Graham Neist
Peter Rodney.

Thank you to each of these Brother for generously agreeing to serve the Province for the next three years.

Our afternoon Mass was an occasion to commission the Council and this was followed by a celebratory dinner.

Tomorrow, we will conclude the Third Provincial Chapter by finalising our Statement and celebrating our final Eucharist, at which James Hodge will renew his vows.

Above is a picture taken with the two Brothers from the General Administration Br Luis Carlos (Vicar General) in the middle and Br Ben Consigli (General Councillor) first from left. With them are Br Peter Carroll (Provincial of Australia) second from right, Br Kevin Wanden (Deputy District Leader of the District of Pacific) first from right and Br Jean Marie Batick (District Leader of Melanesia) second from left. The picture was taken during the Provincial Chapter at Mittagong.

It was good to catch up with these two Brothers at North Sydney Community. Br Rodney Pauru and Br Frank Hough. We were once in the same community in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

DISTRICT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

District Dates and meetings

- Novitaite Council meeting— October 22—23 in Tudela Sri Lanka
- Jean Marie to Tudela Novitiate Sri Lanka—20—25 October
- District Council meeting—November 15—16 in Port Moresby

Prayers & Thoughts

- Br John Paul Mauro—his health
- Our young men in Formation
- Brothers discerning their vocation as Brothers and going through difficult moment in their religious life
- Our Lay Marists in the District
- Sick members of Brothers' families and friends
- Our Institute
- Synod of Bishops in Rome on "Youth, Faith and Discernment Vocational"
- Young people and children at our care, schools
- Preparation towards our December retreat

Vision

Yumi wakabaut wantaim olsem wanpela family igo long niupela time.

Mission

Long dispela niupela taim, wok blong yumi emi blong mekim ol yanpela i save long Jesus na laikim em.