



# District of the Pacific Update

## Champagnat Marist

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### Current News Items

16th August 2019

#### Saint Maximilian Kolbe Another Martyr of Auschwitz Died 11th August 1941

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the addicted, I come before you and am seeking your assistance and prayers for all those suffering with addictions. Help them to seek help to overcome their addiction. Pray the Lord will lead them to the best help available.



#### Lomeri Novitiate Fiji - news from Brother Jone



On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of August the community here at Lomeri welcomed our young men to the community. Karolo returning from the Formation House Laumanasa, Solomon Islands where he has been for the past three months. Ieremia and Ienraku had spent two weeks doing their community and village experience. All these experiences have a significant purpose to strengthen and enlighten their journey in responding faithfully to God's calling on them.

It is a moment for our community to thank Brother Luke for his contribution, support and guidance to the formation of our young men in different stages of Formation. Brother Luke left the community yesterday for the Lavalla 200 program. We wish him the blessings and prayers on his journey to this Lavalla 200 community experience.

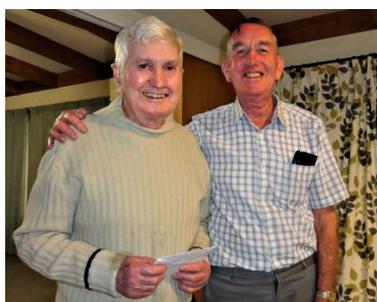
### District Dates

Friday 16th August - Two General Administration Brothers arrive - Brothers Libardo Garzon and Carlos Alberto Rojas Carvajal.



#### Brother Kees reports from Fiji Brother Fergus Celebrates

Brothers, Champagnat Lay Marists, Marist Old Boys, neighbours and friends gathered at Marcellin Centre in Vatuwaqa on Sunday 11th August to celebrate Brother Fergus' 85th birthday.



#### Brother Joseph McDermott Celebrates his 85th Birthday

Brother Graeme helps Brother Joe to celebrate his eighty-fifth birthday at the Marcellin community recently.



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#### Brother Sefo sends us photos of some of the developments at St Louis High School in Kiribati



#### Update from Kiribati from Brother Barry

#### The two SMSM Sisters

Our La Valla Living Home has been hosting a variety of guests and different events in recent times. While the SMSM Sisters are no longer present here, their extended lay family is still very active. Sisters Janice Ruff and Jennifer Laku SMSM stayed with us for a week interviewing their prospective candidates. It was an opportune time for some combined lively SMSM-FMS gatherings. Then we welcomed a Journalist from Melbourne, Francesca Rizzoli, staying with us for a week. She was working on behalf of Australia Marist Solidarity producing promotional videos to present the realities of Kiribati to different international funding agencies. Sefo, as Commissioner of St Louis, in liaison with Australia Marist Solidarity, has a number of significant new buildings and renovation projects underway or being promoted on behalf of St Louis High School. Through his vision and drive much long overdue maintenance and development is happening there. Funding for this is crucial. Damien and Amberoti continue their involvement at St Louis through their respective teaching roles there. Next week we look forward to welcoming Brother Peter Horide, coming for Child Protection workshops. One of these will be for teachers from St Louis and several other Catholic Secondary Schools as well as our three Champagnat Marist Pre-schools. Meanwhile our Champagnat Marist groups, under the guidance of our Mission Stewardship Team, continue meeting and supporting our different mission outreaches.

#### **"GATHERED AROUND THE SAME LOUNGE" From Brother Douglas in Lower Hutt**

The Champagnat Marist Group here in the Hutt meets monthly at The Grove, second Tuesday, 7.00 - 9.00pm. There are 9 in the group - Esther, Christina, Roberta, Richard and Lola, Ane, Carl (who trains down from Masterton for it), Marie and Doug. Someone takes responsibility for leading the sharing - a mixture of prayer and discussion, often on topics from "Gathered Around the Same Table" or "Being a Lay Marist".

Christina led last night's one, on Family Spirit, and a very lively and positive discussion followed. Two of the three discussion questions were: (1) The element of community forms part of the Lay Marist vocation. How do you live this aspect? What would you like to see in this area? and (2) How and where do you live the encounter between Brothers and Lay? How can we make progress in this field, as individuals, as a District, as an Institute?

The latter question raised the question of what sort of place do Lay Marists have in our District? Maybe this is something that needs to be given serious attention.



#### **A message from the Chairperson of the Marcellin College Board of Trustees**

Tēnā koutou, Malo e tau lava, Magandang araw, Lagi e māmā and greetings in our school's beautiful languages. Our Principal Jan Waelen has served and dedicated herself to Marcellin these last five years. However, her journey leading our school finishes at the end of this term. I want to congratulate Jan on her successful appointment as Principal of McAuley High School. She will start there in term 4. This is a homecoming for Jan as this is where her education journey started. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the next chapter in her education ministry and to thank her for the tremendous service that she has given us these last five years. This is a time of celebration for her tireless efforts and the personal sacrifices that she has given to our school and our community.