



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

Kia Ora, Greetings, Ni sa bula vinaka, Kam na mauri, Talofa Lava



Current News Items

Feast day of St Pope John XXIII

11th October 2019

O Mary, your name has been on my lips and in my heart from my early infancy. When I was a child I learned to love you as a Mother, turn to you in danger, and trust your intercession. You see in my heart the desire to know the truth, to practice virtue, to be prudent and just, strong and patient, a brother to all.

Holy Immaculate Mary, help all who are in trouble. Give courage to the faint-hearted, console the sad, heal the infirm, pray for the people, intercede for the clergy, have a special care for nuns; may all feel, all enjoy your kind and powerful assistance, all who now and always render and will render, you honour, and will offer you their petitions. Hear all our prayers, O Mother, and grant them all. We are all your children: Grant the prayers of your children. Amen forever.



District Dates

Monday 7th October: First Day of working at Walls Road in Penrose.

Monday 7th October: Brothers' Jubilees celebrated at the Friary.

Monday 14th October: New Zealand Schools begin their 4th Term.

Extra Reports:

Brother Afaese 2nd Report on his "Tutti Fratelli" Course

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Mr Citizen Tamatimu – Some Announcements New Staff

Greetings Colleagues,



We continue to consolidate our Business services team and are excited to welcome James Marsh, our Management Accountant who will be joining us on a fulltime, fixed-term basis starting Tuesday 8th October.

Originally from the UK, James spent the last 5 years working in various finance roles throughout the UK and in New Zealand. James is currently working towards his Management Accountancy qualification (CIMA) and is a keen athlete – his latest win was Devonport 10k Marathon, which he was awarded the Bronze medal.

New Office – Champagnat Marist Centre



I am also delighted to announce that as of Friday 4th October 2019, we will be based in our new office, The Champagnat Marist Centre located at Level 1, 12 Walls Road, Penrose.

The new office offers more space and better meets the needs of our team, brothers and stakeholders. With recent changes in staffing, processes and our approach to ensuring effective services, the Champagnat Marist Centre also symbolises a fresh start for the NZ Marist Brothers' Trust Board. We look forward to welcoming you all in due course and details of the official opening will be out soon.

Yours sincerely, Citizen Tamatimu, Director of Business Services

NZ Marist Brothers' Trust Board



Brother Afaese's 2nd Report on his "Tutti Fratelli" Course (see the attachment for the full report)





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A Marist Pilgrimage

Dear Champagnat Marists



I don't know what to say, I am lost for words. The only thing I have is how I feel and my feelings are fuelled with the thoughts of you. I am at the beginning of an incredible journey of faith and I cannot help but be humbled by it. A journey that I can not do on my own. As a result, I only have GRATITUDE! Gratitude to you for being Family, for Inspiring me, for BEING MARIST!

I touched down at Brisbane International Airport yesterday and I met up with Elizabeth Falconer, the Leader of the Marist Pilgrimage. I can not tell you how good it felt to meet up with Liz, someone we all know and it is comforting- I am anxious of the unknown and unfamiliar, I do not know what to expect. I will embrace the journey with a heart willing to absorb all that my senses can deliver. The knowledge, sights, smells, sounds will enrich me so that in turn I will be able to share it with you. My hopes and aspirations are that this pilgrimage will deepen my understanding of my faith and the journey of Christ and of our founder, St Marcellin. Do know that as I trace in their footsteps, I will carry you in my heart and will offer prayers for you at every sacred and holy place I visit. I am emotional just thinking how much this means to all of us. Not everyone gets the opportunity to make a pilgrimage and this one will be a defining moment in my life. I hope that I will make you, Champagnat Marists proud by representing the District of the Pacific. I promise to throw myself into all the activities planned and immerse myself in the pilgrimage. I carry you with me, please let us pray for each other, so we enjoy the fruits of this pilgrimage. You are in my prayers. Loloma levu! Yours in Champagnat - Sheena.

Peter Hopkinson Celebrates — From Brother Osmund



Peter Hopkinson together with whanau (70) celebrated his 90th birthday at his home Arowhenua Marae which is situated just south of Temuka, beside the Opihi River, South Canterbury. Mr Bob Eathorne represented the 'Lavalla Old Boys' (L.O.B's) and Br Osmund represented the Marist Brothers. Apologies from Brothers Alan and Joseph were acknowledged. For many, many years Peter was active in keeping in touch with fellow L.O.B's. Annual meetings in Christchurch were well attended where Peter and his wife would travel from Temuka to Christchurch, bringing with them a variety of beautifully prepared 'home made goodies' to be served as lunch. Not a crumb escaped the eyes of the L.O.B's.

*'On behalf of all the Brothers and L.O.B's, thank you Peter for your genuine interest, love and continued interest in the Brothers, L.O.B's and in all things **MARIST**.'*

Karolo's report on his Apostolic experience in the Solomon's—From Br Chris Poppelwell

Being in the Solomon's for three months for my community experience is indeed a wonderful thing. Life in another country for the first time is interesting and challenging. To deal with students I have to be patient, humble and to control myself when it comes to teaching. The most interesting part of my community experience was the interest I saw in the students who really wanted to play rugby. They were really interested to train and try their best to stick at what they have been told during training. As we all know, soccer is their main sport. Helping the students in training helped me more to be able to stand up with the courage and the confidence to share my knowledge of rugby with them. The most important part of the experience in the Solomons for me was the celebration of St Marcellin Champagnat day and the renewal of Brother Epale's vows. What amazed me was the togetherness of religious and people from different communities who came to celebrate and also to witness Brother Epale's vows. It also reminded me of how St Marcellin managed to bring children together during his time, to rebuild a parish that had been neglected. One thing that I have learned about myself during my community experience is to be patient and try to focus on what's happening now while forgetting about the past, and try to move on.