



# District of the Pacific Update

## Champagnat Marist

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### Current News Items

#### All Souls Day

Merciful Father,  
 On this day, we are called to remember  
 those who have died,  
 Particularly those who have died in the past  
 year,  
 And pray for their joyful reunion with you,  
 their loving creator.  
 As your son taught us to call the stranger  
 neighbor, our fallen are many—  
 Names we will never know,  
 Voices we have never heard,  
 In lands we may never visit,  
 Yet brothers and sisters all.  
 And so we pray.  
 For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of  
 conflicts we could not quell,  
 for soldiers and civilians,  
 adults and children, we pray ...  
 Grant eternal rest, O Lord.



### District Dates

November 2nd November: All Souls day and unveiling of headstones at Waiakaraka Cemetery.

#### Extra - Attached Report:

1st November 2019

#### Mabuhai from MAPAC from Brother Petro Navuku



Since my last update we have had, the farewell of Brother John, the installation of Brother Simon, the meeting of the Marist Lay Association, the celebration of my first Fiji day outside of Fiji, and many more. The challenges have continued to expand my perception of being a living witness of God’s love in world today. The feelings attached to my efforts, of sustaining a balance between my prayer life, community life, apostolic activities and academic studies, has been phenomenal. As a metaphor, I would say that my current status is like a river, looking calm and collected on the surface, but there are so much energy and power beneath the surface. This force is changing me from within and has moved me to express my feelings prudently. The same power, which I believe is the Holy Spirit itself, is helping me evaluate my motivations and desires of being a Marist Brother.

Three weeks ago, there was an explosion to the local railway tracks, and that has altered our travel arrangements to IFRS (the institute of Religious studies). Behind every obstacle is an opportunity. In this case, the opportunity is, for me to ride a bicycle to IFRS. It took me more than an hour at first, but now I have managed to bring it down to forty-five minutes. The excitement of riding bicycle especially here in Manilla has heightened my sense of awareness and complimented my adventurous nature. We are now in the process of purchasing four new bicycles to complement our current fleet. My AFA (Apostolic Formation Activity) at Milagarosa chapel, (three minutes’ walk from MAPAC) has allowed me to practice my skill of relating with children. The language would be the greatest barrier I face, since I am not as fluent in “Tagalo” as yet. That’s it from me my dear Brothers.

Maraming Maraming Salamat Po for your support and updates.  
 Regards from Brother Petero Navuku FMS

#### Brother Kees Reports from Fiji



Brother Fergus in Diwali mode as the Marist Champagnat Institute celebrates the Hindu Festival of Lights. Kees about to cut his birthday cakes with help from the children of the Champagnat Lay Marists present for the occasion.





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### Talofa lava from Brother John Hazelman in Samoa



The Diocese of Samoa is encouraging families to pray together the Rosary this October ... bringing together family members to pray together in their Homes. Here is the Mulivai community joining this worthwhile devotion ... Another photo is of Simon Hecker (young Marist lay volunteer from Germany)

at a German landmark at Mulinuu, Apia. Then a photo in front of the Apia Cathedral with the coconut palm in the background. Showing the young German some former connection between the two countries. Brothers Chris and Siasi are fully committed at our two Marist schools here in Apia with Tainga and Simon helping out.



John



### Religious Brothers Gather to Celebrate together



On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of October Brothers from a variety of Religious Orders gathered together at Onslow Avenue. This annual gathering went off very well with socialising together followed by a very enjoyable lunch. There were Marist SM Brothers, Franciscan, Passionists, De LaSalle, as well as Marist FMS Brothers.



### Further News of Rome from Brother Terence Costello

The photo shows Peter Stewart (an Australian Brother) and I having a coffee break during our tour of the nearby town of Bracciano which overlooks a lake the size of Lake Taupo. Peter taught at Miramar for two years, 1982 and 1983, and is currently the Assistant Community Leader at Randwick. He was at Nemi for the Second Novitiate with Mark Oliver and me.

Cheers from Terry

