



# District of the Pacific Update

## Champagnat Marist

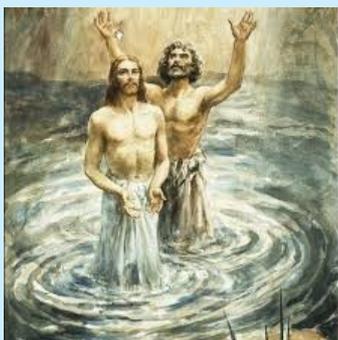
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### Current News Items

#### Prayer for St John the Baptist Feast Day

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



### District Dates

Monday 26th August - Joyce Fonseca joins the Pacific Rise Staff.

Tuesday 27th April - New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board meet at Onslow at 9.30am.

Friday 30th August - District Council meet in Fiji.

#### Extra Report:

Champagnat in the Pacific Report from Mr Dan Dungey.

30th August 2019

#### Brother Iulio Celebrates his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday



The photo is of Brothers Libardo and Bryan Stanaway helping Iulio to celebrate his 75th birthday on Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> in Auckland Hospital.

#### Brother Luke Reports on Lavalla 200>



"This is not my work but Mary's work" Greetings from Canale Monterano (5km from Manziana).

What is Lavalla 200>? International community for a new beginning, is an initiative open to brothers and Lay Marists who feel called to devote a period in their lives to going beyond

their geographical and cultural boundaries.

This year Qalista (Malaysia), Almera (Phillipines), Brothers Giorgio (Italy), Cesar (Mexico), Fabricio (Brazil), Esteban (Spain) and I (Fiji) answered that called to try out Lavalla 200>. The group, together with Brothers Jeff Crowe (Australia), Angel Medina (Spain) and Valdicer Fachi (Brazil, Director of CMI) is already international.



Our first two days of the first week, was mainly to familiarise ourselves with the program and sharing on the vision of communities for a new Beginning plus a visit to the St Peter's Basilica to see the statue of St Marcellin. The rest of the week was the session on Enneagram by Brother Lluís Serra, from Spain. The session on enneagram helped us to understand and value personality differences and to be aware of



who I am; my inner journey, and my way of relating. Enneagram also help us to know and appreciate the differences among each one. Not surprising that I am number 9.

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On Saturday, we were divided into two groups and we moved into our new small communities. This will be my community for the rest of the formation program. My new community members are Qalista (Lay woman from Malaysia) Brothers Cesar, Giorgio and myself. The rest of the group made up the other community together with Brother Jeff Crowe.

This week our session was on Living Interculturally with Fr Anthony Gittins CSSp as our presenter. This session helps us to understand the impact of culture in cross cultural communities and to name my challenges in living Interculturally and to develop skills in intercultural competence. Next week our session will be on Communication and the presenter will be Ms. Louise Evans.

The whole focus for myself this week is to try and feel at home with my new smaller community. It was a challenge, but I had been discerning this call for a very long time and God has his own time. I am so happy that I was given this opportunity to join the Lavalla 200>. I would like to thank Br David and his Council for giving me this opportunity and I will try and do my best in whatever task I am given.

Vinaka Vakalevu and God bless us all - Brother Luke.

