



Notices

Br Emilian's 90th Birthday celebration



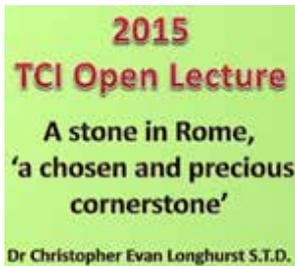
family, Brothers and friends gathered to so honour Mel. Brother Pat Bignell prepared a beautiful short liturgy, part of which was a tribute to Mel from Brother Osmund Macnamara. The Affiliation plaque was then presented to Mel by Brother Terence Costello on behalf of the District.

Mel's health continues to deteriorate and we pray that this Affiliation is a joy in his final days. May we keep him in our prayers.

The following is a message from Br Denis Turner, fms:

Fouviere Day at Christchurch

The Marist Family in Christchurch gathered at Sancta Mary Church at Addington (previously Sacred Heart Church) Christchurch for the celebration of Fourviere Day on 23 July. The event was hosted by Fr John Craddock SM and the Marist Community of five Marist priests at Addington and the Armstrong Community of Marist lay brothers which is close by the former Nazareth House. The Marist Brothers in Christchurch and two SMSM sisters joined in celebrating with members of the parish, a Marial Mass. The SMs hosted a lunch afterward.



A Stone in Rome - a talk by Dr Christopher Longhurst on St Peter's basilica in Rome. Tuesday 1 September. St Columba Centre, Vermont Street. Starts at 7pm, gold coin donation.

Mystic Gathering

One practical way in which we seek to address the call from the General Conference to become Mystics and Prophets is thorough a monthly gathering for silent reflective prayer together. Around a dozen brothers met this Thursday to this end.

Affiliation of Mel Young (Hamilton)

The St John's College (Hamilton) recently held a farewell for their long-serving staff member, Mel Young. Mel was invited by Brother Richard Dunleavy, on behalf of the District, to accept an invitation to affiliate to the District. With great feeling Mel accepted the invitation.

On Saturday 19 July the Affiliation Ceremony was held in the College staff room where a small group of Mel's



District Administration

Brother Chris Maney and Br Siasoi Ioane are in Auckland for the District Council and will travel back to Samoa early next week.

Br Rupert Woods will be joining the 48 Crossfield Road Community next week.

Brother Terry and Dan Dungey are attending a meeting with the Champagnat Marist Principals this weekend.

Brother Chris Poppelwell is on holiday in New Zealand and will be returning Pago Pago next month to continue putting together religious education programmes for the schools.

Champagnat Partnership Committee meet on the 1st August.

Fouviere Day at Christchurch (cont.)

During the Mass, we recommitted ourselves to the Fourviere pledge made by the first Marists 119 years ago. The focus of the Mass was the Gospel of Mary's acceptance at the Annunciation and her rushing off to support Elizabeth. Fr John took the theme of conception and birth from the gospel of the Marial Mass. He linked the conception and birth of Mary and Elizabeth to the conception and birth of the Marist conception at Fourviere and the birth of the Marist orders soon after.

The professed Marists, SMs, FMS and SMSMs at the Mass renewed the original pledge at Fourviere and processed the icons to the Mary shrine in the church. Our Brother Mark Oliver was our representative bearing Marcellin to the Mary shrine in the church.

A comment was made that this would be the most southern commemoration of Fourviere. And indeed it was.

MARIST FAMILY CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

COMBINED LETTER TO MAJOR SUPERIORS
THE FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MARIST FAMILY
JULY 2015

FOURVIERE YEAR PREPARATION FOR THE BICENTENARY OF THE FOURVIERE PLEDGE LYON, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We are quickly approaching Fourvière Day, 23rd July 2015. This is the day on which we will begin our year-long preparation for the *Bicentenary of the Fourvière Pledge*. In our letter of September 2014, we shared with you that, as **Marist Family**, we would like

- to provoke a sense of curiosity and awe at the significance of the Fourvière Pledge for today;
- to foster an enhanced sense of Marist identity as “Marist Family”;
- to boost a renewal of energy, hope, joy, motivation and commitment to the “work of Mary”.

There are various ways in which each of us and our communities can enter into this important Marist Event. These include but are not limited to the following suggestions:

- 1) Make use of the resources that have been prepared for personal and community reflections such as,
 - (a) a short history of the making of the pledge and what inspired it by Justin Taylor, S.M., together with a reflection on its significance for us today by François Drouilly, S.M.;
 - (b) a guide for a short series of three meetings for reflection and prayer for communities;
 - (c) a collection of contributions from young members of our Marist family on their hopes and dreams for the future, inspired by the young men of Fourvière, which will be published later on in the year. These and other resources will be linked to each of our congregational websites.
- 2) Encourage your communities to frequently visit the Website that has been dedicated for the dissemination of information on the Fourvière Event (www.maristinter.org).
- 3) In countries where there are representatives of each or several of the Marist family congregations and Marist laity, we encourage you to collaborate on preparing special gatherings throughout the year to share on the meaning of the Fourvière Pledge in your own

lives as well as to use the prayer resources mentioned above for faith sharing following your times of personal reflection. One such gathering could be a combined pilgrimage to a local Marian shrine/church.

- 4) Plan a gathering in your respective countries for Fourvière Day, 23 July 2016, and celebrate the Bicentenary of the Fourvière Pledge as Marist Family in communion with those who will be gathered for the celebration in Lyon.
- 5) Consider sending a representative to participate in the Fourvière Day 2016 celebrations in Lyon, France. The celebration will begin with the Eucharistic Liturgy in the basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvière at 10h30. A group of young people who will be participating in the International Marist Youth Gathering in Lyon will join in this celebration on Fourvière Day as the culminating event of their week-long session prior to World Youth Day in Poland. The Mass will be followed by a meal in a location near to the basilica.

Please encourage the Marists in your area to participate in this year of prayerful reflection on the Fourvière Pledge – to ponder its meaning for the first Marists who took the Pledge in 1816 and its relevance in our own lives as Marists today, called to be a little of Mary’s presence in the world.

United in Mary, our first and perpetual superior



Brother Emili Turú FMS



Sr Georgeanne Donovan SMSM



Sr Grace Ellul SM



Fr John Hannan SM

**Marist Family Congregational Leaders
2015**