



District of the Pacific Update

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Current News Items

Saint Francis de Sales

Feastday: 24th January

Francis de Sales, the patron saint of writers and journalists. A bishop of Geneva, Francis died in 1622.

God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.



24th January 2020

Brother Christopher's Arrival at MAPAC in the Philippines Brother Steve Vaea Reports



Alafano Fraternity is welcoming Brother Chris Poppelwell as their new Animator, on the second day of his arrival. The celebration hosted two main events which were the birthday of Brother Karl from Philippine and of course the welcoming of Brother Chris. The function was fascinated, full of fun and laughter. The prayer led by Brother Anitele'a and followed up with the delicious BBQ and some drinks prepared by the Fraternity. We are very happy as Pacific Brothers to meet with one of our senior Brothers on Philippine's soil. Mabuhay and welcome to MAPAC, Brother Chris.

District Dates

Wednesday 22nd January: St Paul's College Staff Profession Development Day with Mr. Dan Dungey.

Monday 27th January: Auckland Anniversary Day - Public Holiday.

Tuesday 28th January: Term One begins for New Zealand Schools.

Extra - Attached Report:
No extra report this week



Brother Chris is giving a presentation on Computer Skills



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The Marist Pillars – Symbols and Meanings



Presence

Manu – ‘Presence’

The presence of birds on the sea indicated that food was abundant. In the Gospels Jesus refers to the birds of the air having no home. They are just there, available with no expectations except to point to things other than themselves. Their feathers were highly valued. So too are we, present – among young people, like Mary, making her Son, Jesus known and loved.



Simplicity

Te Ika – ‘Simplicity’

The fish represents abundance and faith. It is also uncomplicated, straightforward and genuine and reflects changes in our life. Our role too is to present a world of learning to children and young people as directly and uncomplicated as we can.



Family Spirit

Turtle – ‘Family Spirit’

The turtle represents patience and endurance. There is warmth about the turtle that reflects in us a willingness to accept others as they are. We work to make children and young people happy and comfortable by inviting them into community and develop a sense of belonging.



Love of Work

Mako – ‘Love of Work’

There is a beauty about the shark that reminds us of determination and single mindedness when pursuing your goals. We lead children and young people towards taking responsibility for their actions and to taking steps that will lead to a life of self-fulfilment.



Way of Mary

Kaitiaki – ‘Way of Mary’

A Kaitiaki was a guardian and its role was to protect and support. That was Mary's role with Jesus, even at the foot of the cross. Our role is to invite children and young people to be open to God and to respond wholeheartedly when called.

