



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

November 30th – December 4th
Royal Commission Redress Catholic
Church NZ.

December 7th MAPAC Board
Meeting (ZOOM)

December 8th Leaders of Asia and
Oceania (ZOOM)

December 8th: St Paul's Prizegiving.
Liturgy for remaining students on
the 9th

December 11th District Council
Meeting (ZOOM)

Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome 655

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4th December 2020

Message from Brother John District Leader District of the Pacific

The public spotlight on historic abuse is an opportunity to accept a full and honest appraisal of our Marist Brothers' past.

To survivors of abuse, to our Marist Community and to New Zealand, I apologise for historic abuse that caused pain and suffering to those in our care during previous decades.

I regret such abuse occurred. We should have protected those in our care – we failed them.

We know the long-term consequences that abuse can have on a survivor's life and we want to help restore the dignity and self-worth of survivors by accepting responsibility for injustices of the past.

We also acknowledge failure, on occasions, to take action in an acceptable way when complaints came to us.

I offer our Marist Brothers' commitment to be part of a better New Zealand future, where honesty, accountability and safeguarding all in our jurisdictions and spheres of influence is paramount.

Independent Boards of Trustees govern our New Zealand schools. They are guided by legislation aimed at ensuring schools are physically, emotionally and spiritually safe places for our young people.

Today, our Marist institutions are places of excellence. They should have been places of excellent in the past.

Brother Mark Reports on their Thanksgiving Dinner to Farewell Our Hostel Brothers

The second shot I took of John showed him hiding behind a bunch of roses. A small group of Brothers from Crossfield Road and 100A Victoria Street, joined John and Kevin for a thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey and cranberry sauce.



Brother Christopher Reports from Samoa

On November 22nd Our novice, Melchor Nowelle, celebrated the achievement of completing the canonical year of his novitiate and the start of his second year as a novice in the congregation. Brothers in Samoa celebrated the occasion with him in a home-based liturgy at the Mulivai prepared by his novice master Afaese. Nowelle continues his novitiate in Samoa until travel and further discernment make other possibilities available. Best regards from Chris



Please pray for Nowelle's father who is in a hospital in Hawai'i undergoing surgery. We remember Nowelle who is far away from his own country, the Philippines, and from his dad in Hawai'i.

