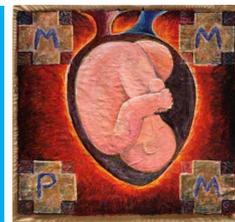




District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

June 15th June: Brother Chris P. arrives in NZ from MAPAC, Philippines.

June 17th: NZ Proprietor Company meeting.

June 20th –23rd: District Leader's Pastoral Visit to Lower Hutt and Palmerston North.

June 22nd: New Province Executive.

Wednesday 23rd June: Marist Anniversary, 1815: Marcellin Champagnat, Jean-Marie Vianney, Jean-Claude Colin and others were ordained Deacons at Lyons.

Tuesday 29th June: New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board meet.

Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome 681

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Friday 11th June 2021

“Star of the Sea” View by Brother Bryan S.

It seems to me that the name of the new Province, “Star of the Sea” will be controversial, but I think it could be supported. The ‘Star of the Sea’ is some reference to explorers who push the boundaries and search out places to live, settle and develop a plan for the future. Maybe the plan has an origin somewhere in another country and culture that will be developed to expand according to the possibilities and requirements of the places that are found.



She looks to her boy with love.

He looks to his future and asks -

“Will you be there to guide me?”

Polynesian people pushed the boundaries and developed the skills required to settle the Pacific; preserve food, read the stars, understand the sea currents, know what birds tell you. Some of the explorers returned to pass on new knowledge, but no discoveries, others were probably lost at sea. It would not be unreasonable to say that Kupe found Aotearoa by the knowledge learnt from his elders.

Marist Brothers, and others, pushed the boundaries on Christmas eve 1836 when they left to find this place called Oceania. Remember that one of the groups was lost at sea before they left the Atlantic Ocean. Surely a major setback. Kupe placed his trust in ancestral knowledge. The Marist group placed their trust in her we are able to call The Star of the Sea.

The New Zealand and Pacific Island Marist Brothers, who now belong to the District of the Pacific, have pushed the boundaries on request since we first arrived here: Brothers have gone to Australia, to South Africa, to Europe, to Pakistan, to India, to the Pacific Islands, to Manila, to Ad Gentes, to Vietnam, to Brazil.

All of us are descendants of migrating people. Now I think, it is very appropriate that the name of the new province reflects all of this when guided by “The Star of the Sea”.

During chapel last week, the following students from Year 7-10 were recognised for their outstanding commitment to school.

These students in each year group have received Excellence grades for a number of subjects, tracking for Excellence Endorsement in Junior Diploma. Well done everyone and continue to persevere. Your hard work will be rewarded.



On Saturday 22nd March, the College hosted its annual Old Boys game versus our favourite West Auckland rival, Waitakere College, with this year's Old Boys being represented by the classes of 1990 and 1991. The day started with an excellent jersey presentation with the following Old Boys sponsoring a jersey for the 2021 season:

As aromas wafted from the traditional pig on a spit the dads were cooking for the after-match, Mr Jarvis introduced the Old Boys who had sponsored jerseys with the assistance of Mr Fouhy, looking refreshed from his sabbatical, and Terry Horne, the former SPL 1st XV super coach!

It was great to see Siupele Aho, Reuben Fruen, Jeremiah Margraff and Sio Tuima representing the team of 2020 as jersey sponsors too, as well as, an original SPL "Old Girl" presenting Jessiah Tonaii's jersey, was a proud highlight of the presentation.

At the conclusion of the game, the barbecued pig had been carved up and the Old Boys were in great spirit from watching a fantastic game of rugby with St Paul's winning 38 - 5. Once the boys were changed and seated and the match formalities completed with some excellent speeches from the coaches and Waitakere Headmaster and St Paul's College Old Boy, Mr Mark Shanahan, the food was consumed, stories and memories were shared, and for a day, those Old Boys were transported back to their old home which will forever be theirs.

The College would like to thank Marie Ackland for organising the jersey sponsorships, Carly Puletiutaoa, Serah Lupo and their band of amazing mothers and fathers for producing an amazing after-match feed, the coaches for their continued hard work with our young men, and lastly, Waitakere College for their continued support in this venture.



**Kaikohe News from Brother Samisoni
Celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Marcellin**



Martin and Don



**David, Janice (Lay Marist)
Don, Samisoni and Sister
Kathline SM**



**Martin, Don,
David and
Janice.**

Te na Koutou, Te na Koutou, Te na Koutou,

On behalf of our community from the Mid North, I would like to send our big Happy Feast Day to you, Brothers, Lay Marist, and all those who work with us and support our mission in the Pacific.

It was a wonderful day in the North to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Marcellin together with The Feast of Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

To be a Marist we are followers of Jesus, Mary, and Saint Marcellin. We recall how St Marcellin was guided by the Holy Spirit to care for the young people especially those in need.

I know that same Spirit is alive in each of us today through our ministries in different parts of our district. Also, The Feast of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ invited us to focus on the Spiritual power of the Eucharist. A central claim of the Catholic Church is that Jesus is substantially present under the forms of bread and wine. His presence is not simply evocative and symbolic, but rather real, true, and substantial.

Congratulations—Renewal of Religious Vows



Congratulations to our four young Brothers Anitelea, Tabunga, Ienraku and Ieremia who renewed their vows recently. May you continue to grow in loving your vocation and in deepening your passion for the vision given to us by our Founder St Marcellin Champagnat.



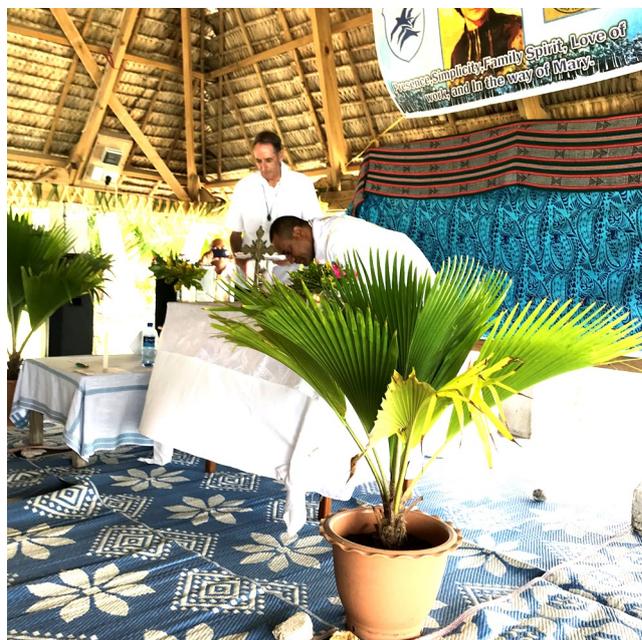
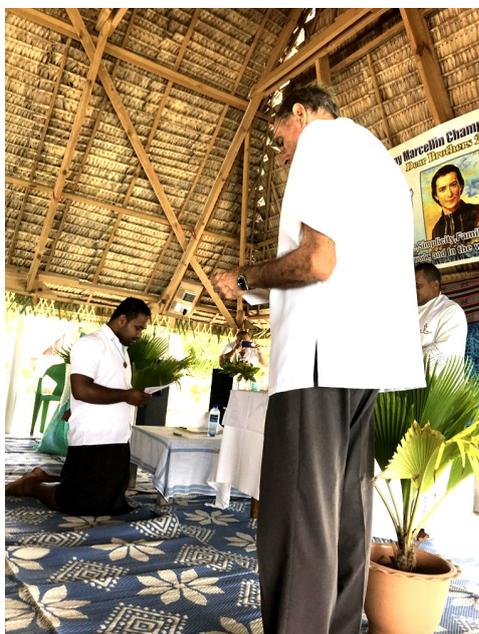
Marcellin loved the Brothers and believed that the vocation of a Marist Brother is worth striving for. He encouraged the Brothers to pray for vocations. Marcellin's own Prayer for Vocations signifies this attitude of the Founder.



Renewal of Vows of Brothers Ienraku and Ieremia at Vatuwaqa Fiji Brothers Fergus and Sam are members of this community in Suva



Renewal of Vows of Brother Tabunga at Lavalla Bikenibeu Community on Tarawa, Kiribati



More Kiribati News



Brother Tainga Welcoming Champagnat Marists to our Feastday Mass at La Valla



La Valla Community Cutting the Cake celebrating Brother Tabunga's Vow Renewal



Champagnat Youth Group's with the Champagnat Banner presented to the Brothers