



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist



... Ni sa bula vinaka, Kam na mauri, Talofa Lava

Current News Items

Feast of the Annunciation

Memorare

Remember, most loving Virgin Mary, never was it heard that anyone who turned to you for help was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, though burdened by my sins, I run to your protection for you are my mother.

Mother of the Word of God, do not despise my words of pleading but be merciful and hear my prayer. Amen.



District Dates

March 31st: New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board Meeting.

April 3rd: Community Leaders Meeting at Onslow Avenue now cancelled.

April 16th - 17th: District Council Meeting.

April 19th - 21st: Oceania Council Meeting.

Extra - Attached Reports:

A message from Our Superior General to all Champagnat Marists.

Pastoral Letter from an Australian Bishop

27th March 2020

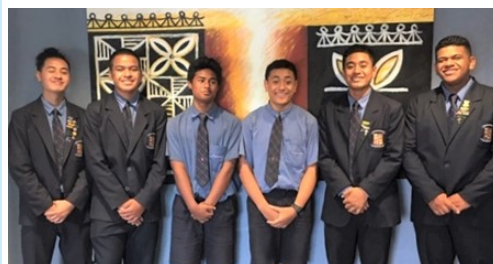
Report from MAPAC in the Philippines From Brother Steve Vaea



The spreading of the coronavirus becomes a worldwide main concern in this period of the year. In Asia, specifically in the Philippines, according to the health department's latest figures, there are 142 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 12 fatalities. This week the government announced that all Schools in Manila had to lockdown, the transportations shall be suspended, even the Church discouraged celebrating of Masses especially in Parishes, trying to stave off the spreading of the coronavirus. However, this threatening issue raised the awareness of our MAPAC community for the safety protections of our Brothers. Now, we have stopped going out to IFRS (*Interreligious Formation and Religious Studies*) but there is a possibility in continuing it by online studies. In MAPAC we are still carrying on our normal program as usual, but our co-workers will stop coming permanently by this Friday 20 because the regulation from the Mayor which is that does not allow people from outside to come into our compound. The good news is that there is no one who has contracted from this bad disease; we are all under the protection of Mother Mary. As we continue to journey in this Lent season, let us keep the world in our prayers especially the Church. This is our time for boon!



St Paul's College News item from their Weekly Newsletter Scholarship Recipients



At a recent morning tea held for St Paul's 2020 scholarship recipients and their families, Headmaster Mr Fouhy congratulated the recipients on their well-deserved Scholarships,

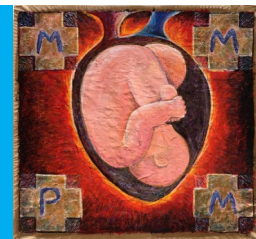
noting that in return for the community contributing to these students' education he looked forward to the day when they could show their appreciation by giving back to their college community.



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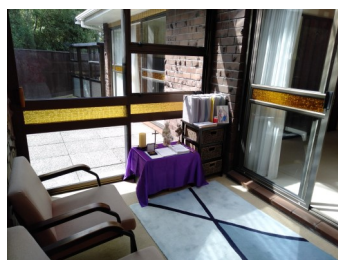
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Brother Bernard O'Malley Reports from Lower Hutt

Greetings from the Lower Hutt community. James is happy and well in a rest home at Taita. Doug was helping Jone and our novices in Fiji but has now had to return to New Zealand. Doug, Des and Bernard are in our leased residence at Woburn. The house is newer, more compact and more comfortable than the previous at Birch Street. It's only a few minutes' walk to the railway station and bus stop, and a few minutes' drive to the parish and central city. This is a quiet neighbourhood, a feature of the suburb being the mature trees lining the streets and local parks. Des was involved at St Vincent de Paul shop at Petone but has had to give that up in the meantime and is in our local parish choir. Bernard is settling in to the NZ scene and getting acclimatised.



Brother Anitelea bids Mabuhay from the Philippines

Despite of the outbreak of the Coronaviruse, our Brothers at MAPAC still made an effort to celebrate the gift of life and also the gifts of Brother Steve and Brother Petero to our Champagnat Marist Institute. Brother Steve's birthday is on the 21st of March and Brother Petero's birthday falls on the next day. We celebrated the two birthdays on Saturday 21st. The two fraternities had their celebrations in their houses. Having just celebrated another birthday I am reminded of all the blessings God continues to bestow on us. Birthdays are not only a time to celebrate, but also a day to reflect on the events of the past year, and look forward to memory-building in the year ahead! *"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed."* 1 Corinthians 1:3-7



Brother Michael Potter Reports from Vietnam

