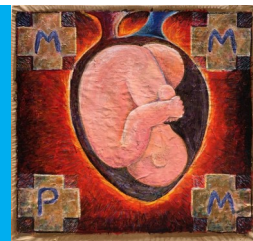




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Current News Items

Prayer to Saint Thomas the Apostle, for Architects, Builders and Carpenters

Dear Saint Thomas, you were once slow in believing that Christ had gloriously risen; but later, because you had seen him, you exclaimed: "My Lord and my God!" According to an ancient story, you rendered most powerful assistance for constructing a church in a place where pagan priests opposed it. Please bless architects, builders and carpenters that through them the Lord may be honoured. Amen.



District Dates

3rd July: End of Term for Schools NZ.

22nd July: Marist Anniversary: 1816
Marcellin Champagnat and Jean-Claude Colin and others were ordained Priests.

24th: Marist Anniversary: 1816
At Fourviere the first Marist Priests

and aspirants, including Marcellin Champagnat and Jean-Claude Colin, pledged to form the Society of Mary.

Extra - Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome No. 635



3rd July 2020

Brother Tabunga from Kiribati on First Professions Celebrations



We Brothers and lay Champagnat Marists gathered at La Valla last Saturday, June 20th, to offer prayerful support as our two Novices from Kiribati, Ieremia and Ienraku, were professed as Marist Brothers. Our La Valla community of Brothers, with the support of our Stewardship Team, staff members from St Louis and our Pre-schools and the families of Ieremia and Ienraku all contributed to making it memorable and joyful occasion.



We began with the Eucharist, celebrated by Father William Lee from Fiji, which was beautifully sung by various groups of our three Pre-school staffs and the St Louis and La Valla Champagnat Marists. This was followed by a ceremony in the maneaba in which Br Amberoti as M.C. invited people to share stories and memories of our two newly professed brothers. Some very moving and memorable reflections were shared by Ieremia's mother and father and Ienraku's brother, and many others joined in also.

Naturally an impressive festive meal followed: while guests contributed to this, our brothers Tainga, Amberoti and Tabunga did much of the groundwork in preparing it, including cooking two of our pigs in Fijian lovo style.

Brothers Ieremia and Ienraku – as you celebrate the newness in your life's journey we here in Kiribati join with you in One Spirit and One Heart and thank you for your committed response to all the Lord is offering you. Praise the Lord!!!





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Brother Samisoni Reports From Kaikohe



The Enviroskills camping for the Correspondence students of the Northland, started this year with thirteen students. We have some new students this year and hopefully they will finish next year. There are four students who had previously attended last year program. The venue was changed from Waipoua Visitors' Camp, (where we usually go) to Pananawe Marae. Pananawe marae is located on the hill above the Waipoua Forest Settlement, in Waipoua. It is associated with the iwi Te Roroa. The first camp was on 10th -12th March before the COVID-19 lockdown. We started again on 16th -18th June, after the lockdown in the same place.



From Left to Right: (The Marae at top) Eru Moka-Abraham, Cherry Tangila-Hadfield, Dawid Steenkamp and Kokopeta Botello. Dawid had started last year and looks forward to completing the program this year. The other three students will finish next year.

Brother Samisoni Reports on a visitor To the Kaikohe Community



The parishioners of Kaikohe, Moerewa and Okaihau welcome the new Bishop of Auckland, Bishop Michael Gielen at St Therese church, Moerewa. Father Richard B. Cortes MSP and his Assistant, Father Ramil V. Hamil MSP organised the gathering with delicious meals provided by the parishioners.