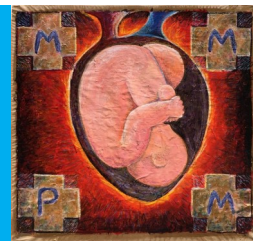




District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

September 28th—October 2nd: Retreat for New Zealand at the Franciscan Friary. Jubilee Celebration at lunch time on last day of Retreat.

29th September: New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board Meeting

4th October: Conversazione at Onslow for Brothers at 10.00am.

4th—9th October: Samoan Retreat.

Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome 645



25th September 2020

Northland Te Tai Tokerau Community

Celebrates Bryan's 60th jubilee.



Bryan and Romuald (They did the 1st and 2nd Reading)

On Sunday 13th of September we celebrated the 60th jubilee of Bryan as a Marist Brother. We were happy to welcome our Lay Marists and Bryan's Whanau from Panguru and Opononi.

We started with Mass to thank God for the gift of Bryan to the Church, to the people of New Zealand and the Pacific and to each one of us. We are

grateful to him and we appreciate and with gratitude thank him for who he is; for what he has done and for what he represents.

The Brothers also renewed their vows during the Mass. We had a morning tea after the Mass with the parish and lunch at a local Restaurant.



Romuald, Samisoni, Martin, Bryan and Mark



Bryan cutting his Jubilee Cake, and Tere, an ex-student.

We congratulate you Bryan and thank you for the 60 years of Religious life, for your ministries and apostolates which have been and are invaluable to the Church and to the District of the Pacific. Thank you for responding to the Lord's call; to follow Him as a Marist Brother.

Bryan, you give us much reason to celebrate. Congratulations and thank you again.

The letter from the Hebrews concludes with these words which express our prayer and sentiments for you during your Jubilee:

(Hebrews 13:21) **"May the God of peace furnish you with all that is good, and may he carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen".**



Bryan with his brother Graham

**Please note that there will be no Update next Friday
The New Zealand Brothers will be on Retreat All Week**



Catholic Worker Communities: Love in Action

Ramos House*

Brother Kevin reporting on his working with the Youth in Lower Hutt (Part 1)

I have spent most of last week with the young adults at what was our former home. Since the end of Lock-down 3 or a little after they have settled into the house and they are gradually making it a home, one of welcome and hospitality, of agronomic living and ministry to those sometimes considered on the margins of church and society.

They are a group of mixed backgrounds but drawn by the spirit and ethos of Dorothy Day, Peter Maurin and the Catholic Worker movement. The core group, most of whom lived at least a year or more in their sister community, Berrigan House (the former Catholic chaplaincy at the university) have a clear vision of delving into the depths of faith and Spirit, while at the same time utterly convinced about living simply, caring for the earth, an inclusive welcome to all and concern for the marginalized.

Most are working or in the process of finding work as they can get it, but all have a commitment to making a contribu-



Jacob & Elliott establishing bee-hives which came from Nelson,

meaning and in ways that they can give and make a difference.

Interestingly, there are no brochures, no great web designs, to attract. It is simply by word-of-mouth or social media. ***Kev fms (Part 2 will be in the next Update)***

* **Ramos House:** The house gets its name from the family name of the housekeeper and her daughter who, along with five other Salvadoran Jesuits were martyred in 1989. The only survivor was John Sobrino who was out of the country at the time.



Thursday 3 Sept, a 'flat nite' making sushi and celebrating Mako's birthday.

L to R: Jacob, John, Maggie, Mako.

tion in some way or other to making the world a better place, especially for those for whom their circumstances do not reflect the sense of belonging they all know through being in the community they regard more and more as community rather than a flat. Two are campus ministers in schools, one at St Bernard's, the other at Sacred Heart. Another is keen to get work gardening and has been redesigning the back yard in terms of food-sustainable gardens. Others have found the non-judgmental welcome a source of hope and belonging, enabling new life-directions.

Religious backgrounds are as varied as where they have come from: the Hokianga, Palmerston North, Nelson, Timaru for example. Some have had an explicitly Catholic or Christian background, others no specific religious background at all, but there is a search for God each in their own way but united around the spirituality they sense in the Catholic Worker movement. I have been fascinated, and inspired by the stories I have heard: what attracted them to the community – a super-cool flat and support – and how they want something more from life in terms of