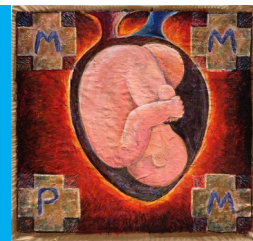




District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

Monday 26th October: Labour Day— Public Holiday.

Sunday 1st November: Unveiling at Waikaraka Cemetery

Sunday 1st November: Marcellin College REMAR meet at Manly.

Tuesday 3rd November: New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board Meeting

Attached Reports:

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23rd October 2020

New Zealand Champagnat Marist Principals Gathering A Report from Mr Dan Dungey

On Friday 16th October, a group of our Champagnat Marist educational leaders throughout New Zealand were hosted by Kieran Fouhy and the St Paul's College Community. This was an opportunity to connect with one another and look at how we can continue to enhance the Champagnat Marist charism in our faith-based communities. A real highlight of the gathering was attending the St Paul's Chapel and listening to the magnificent voices of the young men as they responded in unison with Samoan, Tongan, Maori and English hymns in between our five leaders sharing how their community express the five pillars.

Alongside Brother Kevin, this was an opportunity to present our leaders with practical ways to keep investing in and enhancing our charism for the benefit of the young people we serve. The hope is to build upon existing formation programs (New Teachers to Marist Schools, Student Leaders Forum & Champagnat in the Pacific) and explore new ways to deepen our faith and Marist Spirituality with our staff, students and board members.

Our Champagnat Marist Leaders who were present included:

- Kieran Fouhy - St Paul's College, Auckland
- Dean Wearmouth - Marcellin College, Auckland
- Steve Dooley - Sacred Heart College, Auckland
- Cherie Jaeger - Marist Alternative Education, Auckland
- Shane Tong - St John's College, Hamilton
- Margaret Leamy - St Peter's College, Palmerston North
- Debi Marshall-Lobb - Chanel College, Masterton
- Tony Shaw - Catholic Cathedral College, Christchurch
- Kevin Shore - NZ Catholic Education Office CEO



Apologies were received from David Sullivan (John Paul II High School, Greymouth), Paul McGuinness (Campion College, Gisborne) and Jarleth Kelly (Verdon College, Invercargill). Unfortunately, Simon Stack (St Bernard's College, Lower Hutt) was also unable to join us at this time.



The Northland Hikoi From Brother Osmund and Mr Dan Dungey

With Auckland in 'Lock-down' and New Zealand's borders closed, N.Z. flights overseas cancelled, Dan Dungey, (our Marist/Lay Co-ordinator for the Region) chanced an opening to visit Northland and visit the historical places where the Marist Brothers arrived and settled in 1838. Dan's busy schedule was not quite so busy!.

Daniel, not one to dither, arranged for Brother Osmund, Kevin Kneebone (Raumati/ Paraparaumu), Old Boy of St John's College Hamilton, with Dan, Christchurch ,(who had never done the 'Coast to Coast,') to visit the places of historical significance pertaining to life of the Marist Brothers in the North. Kevin arranged and paid for the rental car at Kerikeri. Thank you Kevin.



Totara Point where Bishop Pompallier and our Brothers first landed in New Zealand and where the first Mass was celebrated in New Zealand on the 13th January 1838.

From Monday 14th September - Wednesday 16th we visited – the Waitangi Treaty Grounds with its new Buildings - guided tour of Pompallier House - Brothers house in Kawakawa - Moere-

wa's Catholic

Church - Brothers' house Kaikohe (our base). Tuesday 15th we visited the West Coast (with Brother Mark on board)-

Rawene ferry - Motuti, welcome and allowed to raise/ lower Pompallier remains - Panguru School - Mitimiti (47 years since Osmund returned) - Totara Point, Pompallier's first Mass in New Zealand - return to Kaikohe via Mangamuka Bridge, Okaihau - evening meal with Brothers. With the Brothers, a review of the Hikoi, celebration of Brother Romuald's birthday and with modern technology, a chat with Barry up in Kiribati.

Thank you Samisoni, Martin and Bryan for making the above possible.

All is well that ends well Blessing to all - Dan and Brother Os 😊 .



Kaikohe Community hosting Dan and Osmund on their way north



Bishop Pompallier's remains are interred under the altar at St Mary's, Motuti,

Totara Point showing the harbour where the Missionaries' boat arrived



Sacred Heart College celebrate Brother Richard's and Brother Michael's 70th Jubilee

