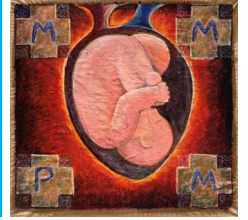




# District of the Pacific Update

## Champagnat Marist

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



### District Dates

Saturday 31st July: Brothers sharing on Spirituality at Onslow.

Sunday 1st August: Marist Anniversary 1892: Champagnat Marist Apostolate began in Greymouth.

Wednesday 4th August: Finance Advisory Committee meet at Onslow.

Thursday 5th August: Marist Anniversary 1830: Father Champagnat prescribed that the "Salve Regina" be sung at the beginning of morning prayer to obtain the protection of Mary.

Friday 6th August: District Council Meeting



### Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome 688

[Download Marist News—PDF](#)

Friday 30th July 2021

### The Marist District of Asia Newsletter

Brother Michael features in the above newsletter along with the various activities he is involved in, along with the Brothers he is working with.



Some photos of Michael appear in the newsletter along with descriptions of the work he and these Brothers are busy with.



## Brother Chris Back in New Zealand

International Classes for Asian Postulants on Zoom. The classes were about Ecology. The teachers were Brother Xia Joseph, a new member of our community and Brother Chris (Ex MAPAC staff member) from New Zealand. He shares his experiences from the hotel where he is after arriving to New Zealand





## News from Samoa



Some locally based Philippine friends came to wish Nowelle a happy birthday in the Mulivai community



At Marist Primary, Malia and Falanika in the spirit of Champagnat devote themselves to the most needy helping them to articulate and communicate



## Ola Todos! Greetings from Tabatina from Brother Luke



**Visiting families at Xingu**

With the arrival of these Missionaries we started visiting families and inviting them for Mass on Sundays, we supported the evangelization of the community, and also to get to know the reality of each of them regarding to their sacramental experience and together with them we plan and prepare for the sacraments

**Catechism work at Xingu**



Also, I played the guitar during Mass and it was not easy as I have to play Spanish and Portuguese hymns. The best thing was that the people enjoyed it and it helped them to sing and to participate during Mass .



**With Br Elisandro and Magdelis Lasalle Community**

Coming to the second half of the year 2021, I would like to thank God for the different blessings I encountered so far. This year I dedicated my Saturdays taking catechism lessons with the youth of Xingu together with Ms. Magdelis, a Lasalle Lay woman from Venezuela. Xingu is a community that is starting to grow as an ecclesial family. It's only been three years since the Catholic church was built. When we started going to this community, there were only about ten people who gathered on Sundays for Mass, little by little the number of faithful has been increasing and now we have a full church on Sundays. Three lay missionaries (Obra de Maria congregation) joined us in May.

Sadly, Magdelis (Lasalle Lay Woman) had to return to Venezuela as she had completed her term as a missionary.

Here in the community we are going to open a new Marist Centre next month to help the indigenous students that are studying here in Tabatinga. The centre will offer computers and internet for research and academic work. It will also offer other formation courses as well as retreat and a space for prayer.

In Tabatinga everything is normal but recently they announced that we have more than 20 new cases of Covid 19.





**Birthday Celebration. Brothers Nilvo (Brasil) and Mario (Laymen Chile)**

The surrounding places in Leticia (Colombia) and Santa Rosa (Peru) have lots of cases. We continued to use masks and alcohol gel and observed social distancing.

I celebrated my birthday in July and I thank you for the different messages I received through emails, messengers, WhatsApp and Facebook. Thank you for all your support, prayers and encouragement. I am always looking forward to your emails and messages and thank you for that.

Muito Obrigado.



**Photos with some indigenous people and children.**

