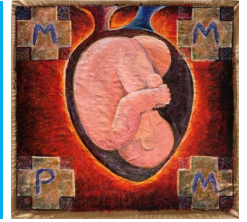




District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

30th October: Marist Anniversary 1805
Marcellin Champagnat enters the
Minor Seminary at Verrieres to
study for the Priesthood.

Marist Anniversary in 1996 Four Brothers
were martyred at Bugobe, Zaire
(Democratic Republic of Congo).

1st November: All Saints Day Friday

5th November: District Council Meeting

7th November: District Conversazione
on SHARED LIFE



Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome 700

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Friday 29th October 2021

Sacred Heart College Newsletter Special Character

The special intention for Pope Francis in this month of October is that Christians live up to their call to be missionary disciples. In so doing, the Pope asks us to join with him in praying that every baptized person be engaged in evangelization, the spreading of the mission of Jesus, and be witnesses to a life that has the strong flavour of the Gospel.

It is not surprising that this particular intention falls in the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. This devotion focuses on Christ and was formalised in the 13th Century. It has a distinctly Marian emphasis and takes key events in the life of Jesus on which his followers meditate and pray.

In the background of this repetitive prayer is the example of Mary, his 'first disciple' who lived and lives the mission of her Son in her initial 'Yes' to being the Mother of God. Her life encourages us to say 'Yes', likewise.

Earlier this month Pope Francis wrote, "In this month of October, I invite you to recite this prayer, allowing yourselves to be led by Mary toward Jesus, her Son." No better time at the moment than taking him up on his invitation.



Mary Statue Overlooking Mulivai Students From Brother Christopher

The St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand has donated a statue of Mary to Samoa. The local Vincent de Paul of Samoa presented the statue to our Marist School at Mulivai. The school Principal, Brother Siaosi, positioned Mary's statue overlooking the school's assembly and playing fields so she can keep a watchful presence on students.





A Reflection and Farewell to Mr Kieran Fouhy Former Principal of St Paul's College—Auckland

I am honoured and humbled to say a few words today to bid farewell to our beloved headmaster, Kieran Fouhy.

Being coaxed out of retirement to be our very own, steady-the-ship-Fouhy, your time at St Paul's has been more like a one-dayer as opposed to the test matches you played at St Peters. You have navigated the googlies, the wrong ones as well as the short-swinging bouncers with great tenacity and skill.

Over the past six years, you have meticulously set out to grow the school and the community spirit which is showcased through the beautiful new buildings and vision set out for our school. Your passion for education and seeking the best for every individual is evident in the support and attendance here today. Your sincerity and ability to put everyone at ease shows your versatility in connecting with both staff and students alike.

50 years in the profession is a testament to the passion and wisdom that you brought to your role. The NZ Catholic article aptly titled "Veteran Catholic Headmaster" calls it a day after half a century in Catholic education.

Thank you Mr. Fouhy for being my mentor and pushing me to extend myself, even after 38 years in this profession myself! You have encouraged me to delegate, stand firm for my values and uphold my own Catholic beliefs as well as that of our school.

If I had to choose one word to describe you best it's "STALWART". You have given so much to education and to our faith in particular. You have left a great legacy for us all.

Your St Paul's family will miss you dearly Mr. Fouhy. But we know you will be cherishing this special time with your whanau.

I thought it fitting to end with an Irish blessing for you:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

God bless and all the very best!

Dhanyavad!!!

Mrs. Pam D'Souza

Director of Religious Studies



Ordination: Stephen Filipo



Fiji, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, ordained Father Joseph Tora SM & Father Stephen Lui Filipo to the Priesthood at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Suva October 23, 2021.

District Update Article from the Eco-Spirituality Committee From Brother Christopher and Committee

Recently Brother John and Council created our new District Ecological Committee and challenged us to reach out to Brothers, Champagnat Lay, and our schools in relation to urgent Ecological calls we face. Consequently, we write this first District Update challenge to us brothers, rather appropriately on the eve of the world Climate Change Conference gathering in Scotland commencing this Sunday. This comes as our world is at a tipping point in terms of the catastrophic effects climate change is having on Mother Earth.

So in our first District Update article, in a simple, gentle and brotherly way we wish to invite each brother to enter more deeply into an ongoing journey of personal change and inner transformation in relation to the urgent calls we are hearing from Pope Francis and our Institute. Deep inner change involves both contemplation and practical action. Our invitation invites us into both. Already we are all on this journey and each of us is challenged to choose our best pathway of response.

One invitation of a possible way of our entering more deeply into a contemplative response.

In our contemplative path we cultivate loving intimacy with Earth and her creatures, and we allow our selves to fall in love with nature. Can I take some time each day to take a contemplative walk outside in nature? All of us need this loving, reverential intimacy with nature to help us the environmental crisis we currently face. Such transformative, loving intimacy with God's magnificent creation will deepen our care for our suffering Mother Earth.

Invitations to ways of taking practical actions to simplify our lives in caring for Mother Earth.

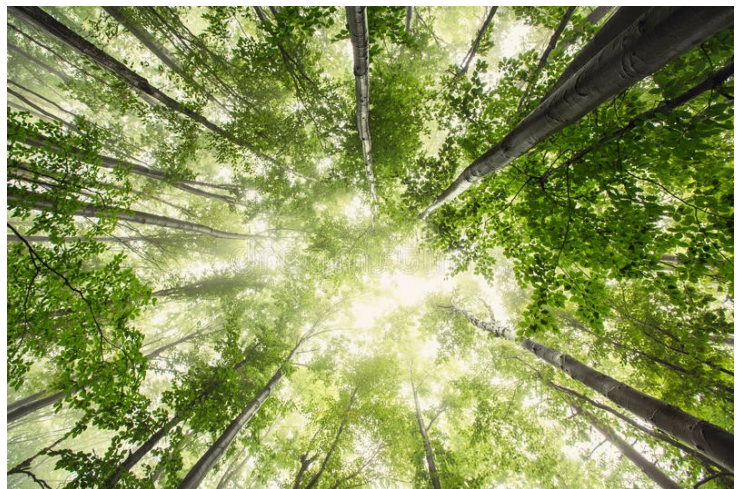
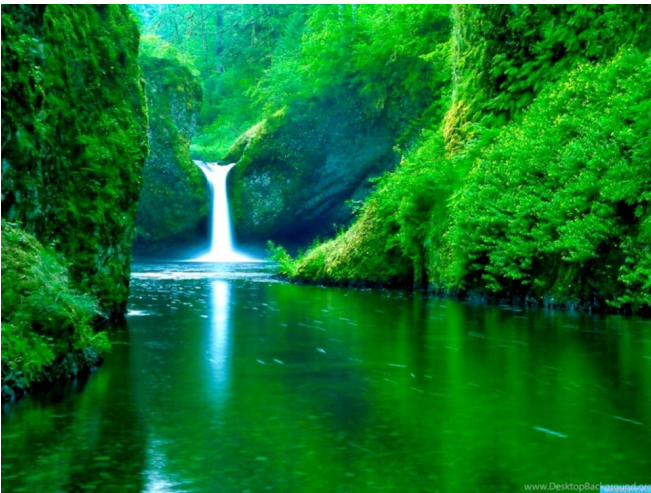
In the spirit of us all being urged **recycle – reuse – reduce - remind**

Can I take some time to gaze around my own room: what do I see that I no longer need or use and I could give away to someone in need, **recycle**, or **reuse** in some other way. Around our house, or shed or workshop etc there will be many other such unused items I could also suggest we do something about.

Can I be more attentive to what I can **reuse**? For example paper, plastic, bottles, cloth bags,

How can I personally **reduce** the amount of water I use, especially hot water, my use of electricity, my use of vehicles rather than public transport, the amount of money I spend, find ways to reduce food waste and reuse left-overs?

Growing personal awareness of such practical actions may also encourage me to **remind** my community to work together more in taking such actions.



THE OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE OF THE MARIST YOUTH- THE TORCH

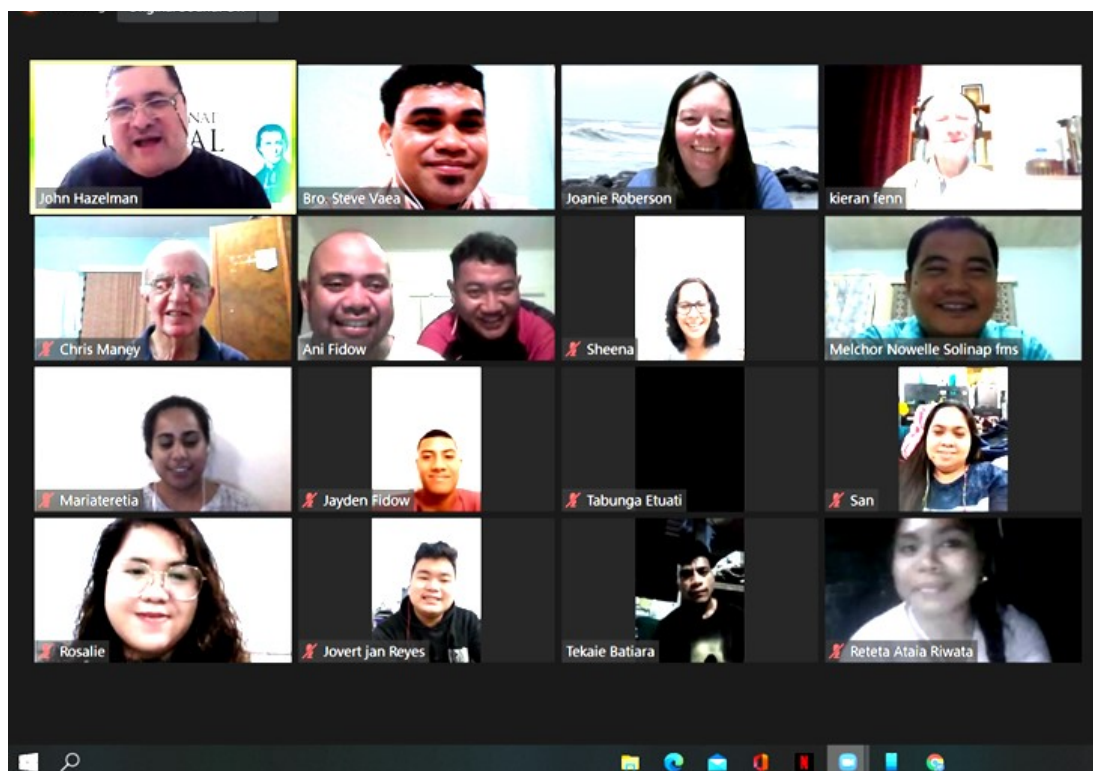
The first webinar of the Marist Youth Group of the Pacific

From Brother Nowelle

The official facebook page of the Marist Youth Group, is called “The Torch”. First the name was suggested by the younger Brothers during their initial meeting. It was inspired by the calls of the XXII General Chapter held in Colombia in 2017, “Be beacon of Hope to others”. It was created in October 12th, 2021 by Br. Melchor Nowelle and there are multiple administrators. The main purpose of this page is to inform the Youth across the district especially information and events that will happen and to be administer by the Marist Youth group. It is also one way to answer the demands of the Pandemic where typical face to face interaction happens. The first Webinar held by the Marist Youth Group of the District of Pacific through by Zoom meeting. The topic of the seminar is “In the Way of Mary”. The Brothers who have conducted the seminar introduced to the youth the Marist Pillars and how we live it to our lives in the community and in the mission. The speaker of the seminar is Brother Steve, FMS. Youth were invited through the zoom link by the post of the official webpage of the Marist Youth in the Pacific namely the Torch.



Cover photo of the face book page



Some of the Participants of the First Webinar of the Marist Youth Group “In the Way of Mary”

REMAR

Article from the Catholic Cathedral College:

" Due to Covid restrictions our REMAR group could not travel to Greymouth for their planned camp, so a simple but beautiful Remar day was held in the holidays.

The main purpose was to connect and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and positive group atmosphere, to learn or share knowledge about the Marist Brothers Charism and to enjoy a meal together.

The sharing of knowledge about the Marist Brothers' charism happened via a Zui (a hui on zoom) with the Catholic Character leaders from John Paul High School. The students there are planning to start their own Remar group next year, with a similar format and group size to ours, so were very eager to hear first hand from our students about what makes group life special, what works well and what is challenging. We are looking forward to catching up on their endeavours in person next year.

A highlight at the end of our day was the blessing and handing out of this year's badges.

For every year students have been a committed part of Remar, they receive a different colour badge. 1st Year is red, 2nd Year is blue, 3rd Year is gold and for the first time we had 4th Year members (in green). Those students were part of the first crew, who started Remar with Brother JP in 2018 and they will leave a little legacy with this.

Big thanks to Ms Ngan who spent the day with us. We could not do these activities without the support of other teachers. Shalom!"

