

7th October 2016 District Update



Champagnat Marists
DISTRICT OF THE PACIFIC

Kia Ora • Greetings • Ni sa bula vinaka • Kam na mauri • Talofa lava

Retreat - Auckland

Some of the Brothers on the last day of retreat.



La Valla Community, Kiribati

Greetings everyone, the retreat with the last group of the form five from St. Louis High School was held on 20th September. It was encouraging to receive positive feedback from them. Thanks to the Principal and the teachers who were helped out with the organization of the retreats.

On 16th – 18th September one of the young men who attended the come and see programme, came and stayed the weekend with us. We had a simple welcome for him after evening meal. On Saturday morning he had given a time to do some reflection and prayer on the call of the Lord. From his feedback it was an exciting and memorable time for him, given the opportunity to listen and think about what will make him happy in the future. We had a small prayer to conclude the weekend for Tiotaake and then returned home afterward. On Saturday 1st October another form 6 student from St. Louis by the name of Teeta stayed with us and had a day of reflection to discern his future with us. He returned home on Sunday.

On Thursday and Friday we hosted a group of two teachers and six students from Marist College Ashgrove. We had a very good encounter with them, sharing who we are as La Valla community and listening to them sharing the highlights of their two-week immersion experience during which they were hosted by St. Louis High School. Another highlight for them was that they were enjoying sleeping in the Maneaba during the night.

On Saturday 24th September our La Valla community held a community reflection day exploring together the meaning of living the La Valla invitation into a more contemplative way of personal and community prayer. This is in response to Br. Emili Turu's invitation to all communities to hold 3 community conversations in the lead up to 22nd General Chapter. It was a very fruitful day of sharing for us.



Brothers Lunch

Brothers are invited to lunch at Onslow Avenue on Labour Day, Monday 24 October.

District Administration

- 10 October** – Oceania Regional Trust Fund Board meeting
- 11-15** – Extended General Council meeting - District Council attending
- 16 October** – New Models Project Oceania meeting
- 16-21** – FMSI meeting in Brisbane – Chris, Kees and Doug attending
- 19 – 21** – MAPAC meeting – David attending

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Scrutiny Commission

The voting for the General Chapter delegates closed today (Friday 7 October)

The Scrutiny Commission consisting of Brothers William Lawley, Brian Callaghan, Ted Clisby and Pat Bignell will meet on Monday 10 to count the votes.

The results of the voting will be published later in the week.

Resources

Sunday Gospel Reflection- The weekly reflection may be downloaded at

<https://maristbrothers.org.nz/spirituality/sunday-gospel-commentary/october-2016/>

Monthly meeting prayer and reflection for October is available at

<https://maristbrothers.org.nz/resources/monthly-reflection-and-prayer/>

The Champagnat Marist Religious Calendar for October is available at

<https://maristbrothers.org.nz/resources/calendar-resource/october-2016/>