



**Marist Brothers
Champagnat Trust**

**September 2017
Newsletter**

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

Greetings to our Marist Community of Aotearoa and Pacific Isles

To Our Marist Family; Greetings.

This Bi-centenary year for us has been remembering that it was Marcellin who gathered a few lads together to help him tackle the unruly youth of his day. Because of his success we have had good reason to reflect in admiration for the past heroics of our own classroom, school yard and playing field experiences at a Marist school. There would hardly be another country in the world where the simple vision of our Saint has had so much influence in youth activity and we've all been part of it.

Pope Francis of recent times has been continually reminding us that we need one another and that we have a responsibility for others and for the world. Marcellin seems to have anticipated this in his day, and his formation of brothers to educate children was truly an inspired response.

At this present time, representatives of our brothers and supporters world-wide are meeting in Colombia. They are deep in conversation as to where Marist Brothers and Champagnats should be in ten years' time. How we move to the future, is an untrodden path which does depend on knowing what are our strengths are today and identifying what is needed to continue for the future. We live in challenging times and we are thankful for the support of one another, inspiring confidence to move forward. The harvest is great indeed.

Here in New Zealand, the past few months have been very busy celebrating our Marist Bi-centenary. We hope that you were able to be part of these celebrations.

*Dan Dungey and Br. Douglas held a three-day seminar for teachers drawn from our Marist Colleges.

*Three Auckland Marist Colleges celebrated Mass with Bishop Dunn at Logan Park Centre.

*Cardinal Dew joined Marists in Wellington for a Bi-centennial Mass.

*Xavier College Old Boys had weekend celebrations in Christchurch.

*All Clergy and Religious gathered with our brothers at Sacred Heart College in Auckland.

*Over a weekend, Timaru Marists visited Claremont and the Brothers' cemetery at Temuka.

*Former Brothers hosted an evening for the Brothers at the Horse and Trap at Mt Eden.

*And before the year is over, our Brothers will make a pilgrimage to Tuakau.

*In Greymouth, Marist Old Boys have a weekend planned for December 1st – 3rd.

This year has hardly come to an end and planning is afoot for bold beginnings for 2018. On February 1st, the new St Paul's College will be opening its doors along Richmond Rd. and Dun Dungey, our Champagnat Charism coordinator, is to host the Senior Students from our Marist Colleges for a "Spirit of Champagnat" 22-25th February 2018 in Christchurch.

Could I express our sympathy to our Brothers on the sudden passing of Brother David Greenlees. David was an energetic classroom teacher here in New Zealand for fifteen years and twenty-four years in Samoa. May he rest in peace.



Here are photos taken from the various functions about the country.



**Cardinal Dew
celebrating
the
Bicentenary
Mass in
Wellington**



The Brothers gather in Christchurch plus the Jubilee Cake



The Xavier College Gates plus people gathering at the Brothers' Graves at Temuka



Timaru Celebrations in the Basilica and a proud student with Marcellin Champagnat



Celebrations taking place at the Horse and Trap for Former Brothers



**Our Three Auckland Colleges in celebrated Mass with Bishop Dunn at
The Logan Park Centre**

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With Thanks,

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