



MARIST LAITY NZ

INSTRUMENTS OF MERCY IN DAILY LIFE.

November 2017
News

Hi everyone, Special thanks to Mary Anne Carr-Neil for this month's reflection.

Chapter News: Michel Macquet of France and I spent four days at the Society of Mary General Chapter. Laity presented 4 papers which were the collated responses of Lay delegates from Madrid 2015 and these papers were integrated into the overall work of the Chapter. The papers were well received but it was up to the Chapter to make their decisions which we have no information about until they are published possibly in December.

New Superior General: Fr John Larsen, a Kiwi who has been in Asia for over thirty years, was elected as the new Superior General and the new general council is John Harhager (Vicar General), Ben McKenna, Juan Carlos Piña and Paul Walsh. We congratulate them and assure them all of our prayerful support and also express our thanks and appreciation to all the outgoing council. At the Marist Family Mass Marist Laity presented Fr John Larsen with a NZ Prayer Cloak made by Grace Bower, reminiscent of a Maori Korowai. It was blessed by Pope Francis and carries many symbols of Religious life, leadership and the vision of Marists and Pope Francis for a revolution of tenderness. Information about it is on the website.

Advent is looming and if your group is not meeting for Advent prayer please let us know. We also wish those of you who are concluding this month a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year and remind you that newsletters resume in February 2018.

Hawkes Bay Retreat: Special thanks to Fr Chris and John Allardyce for leading the retreat. Around 50 attended the day.

More news: There is more news, but an edition of the World news will be out soon so more information and pictures will be available there

November Marist Dates

1st: All Saints, **2nd:** All Souls.

1845: Nov. 15, Marie-Francoise Perroton sails for Oceania.

1875, 15th Nov. Fr Colin's death.

Bereavements. May they Rest in Peace.

Eileen Patricia Clune; aged 91 from Gisborne.

10th October: Sr Eva Horkan SM of Ireland and Sr Mareta Nai Raikivi SM of Fiji.



Bev, Fr John Larsen
and Michel Macquet

and on our website.

At the Chapter papal audience, Pope Francis extended his blessing to everyone we held in our hearts, so I hope you all feel blessed.

God Bless, Bev & Vanessa.