Provincial Committee for

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation

Report for 2019





May 2020

Membership

- In recent years the Province's JPIC Committee has met increasingly with members of the Marist Family.
- Province Committee members: Jim Carty (convenor), Kevin Bates, Paul Mahony, Ron Nissen, Kevin Stewart.
- Marist Family Committee members have included (2018-19): Noelene Simmons SM, Ruth Davis SM, Andrew Dumas MLA, Paul Murphy FMS, Margaret Tisch SMSM, Margaret Wood MLA.

Meetings

- Feb 06, Maryvale: Province JPICC
- Aug 08, City: Jim Carty & Ron Nissen met with Donato Kivi
- Aug 13, Villa Maria: Marist Family JPICC
- Oct 15: Marist Family JPICC (cancelled)
- Nov 25, Hunters Hill: Jim Carty & Ron Nissen met with Ben McKenna
- Dec 07, Silverwater: Marist Family JPICC luncheon meeting

Agenda

- Minutes have been kept of the formal meetings of Feb and Aug.
- Regular items have included:
 - Reports on JPIC activity from committee members
 - International JPIC Blog

- Reports on Pacific Climate Watch (the Inter-congregational voice) and its focus on Climate Change and the impact of rising sea levels
- Updates on Wilai Foundation and Bridge Program
- Reports from kindred organisations
- Recommended article and web pieces

Province website

- Fifty-two items were posted on to the JPIC page.
- The majority were Monday Blog items from Rome.
- These were re-posted on Ron's Facebook page following our adoption of a 'Social Media Package' strategy using website, Blog and Facebook.

Leaflet publications (2018-19)

- International Marist Awareness & Networking
- 20 quotes from Laudato Si
- Caring for our planet

International JPIC Blog

- This initiative of our Committee was launched in Rome on Jan 21, and is now supervised by Ben McKenna.
- Ron assists with periodic technical support.
- An item is published usually every Monday.
- Jim and Ron have supplied a number of pieces.

• European Marist Blog site regularly carries items from our Blog.

Wilai Foundation

• Jim remains active in this program and has provided regular reports on Wilai and the plight of stateless children.

Bridge Program

- The committee continued its oversight of this program, with Ron supporting its coordinating committee and assisting with assignment preparation and assessment.
- A small number of local donors support the program financially.

MMC 70th anniversary

- Jim Carty, Kevin Stewart and Ron Nissen were heavily involved with preparations for this event held on May 01, Hunters Hill parish hall.
- Jim's comprehensive historical summary was accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Ron.
- Ron assisted with advertising and handout preparation.

Finances

• Separate financial reporting has been provided by Jim for the Provincial Business Manager.

2020

- The Family JPICC met at Hunters Hill on Mar 07.
- A Zoom meeting is planned for Jun 13.