

Father David Kennerley: Provincial of Society Mary NZ

Presentation at Ohariu Parish meeting : Monday March 13th 2019

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The Society of Mary has committed to a collaborative partnership with the Archdiocese of Wellington and the Lay Formation team for an initial period of three years to support this new initiative in Ohariu.

Father Peter Roe is the Parish Administrator who co-leads the parish. He is supported in this ministry by seven other Marists who provide for the sacramental needs and some of the spiritual needs of the people.

Fathers Brophy, Darby, Duckworth, Dooley, Murphy, O'Hagan, Wysocki have been supporting Ohariu parish since February 1st.

From the Society of Mary Declarations and Decisions 2016

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2. The carrying out of our mission in the twenty-first century demands change in apostolate and approach. This requires imagination, creativity, adaptability and risk as we seek to take new and courageous initiatives.

5. Change challenges each of us, and the Province as a whole, and this change will at times prove difficult and demanding, and require constant evaluation.

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102. We commit ourselves to do Mary's work in Mary's way. Parish ministry provides a true opportunity to work in partnership with lay people so that the Gospel is inculturated and so the Church is built anew. We seek ways in which our living in community can give us energy and life.

105. We are called to serve and help in the development of the local church

Father David said that the Marists are not like the calvary riding over the hill to save the situation. Rather priests who hope to work collaboratively *with lay people to build a new model of church.*

AGE DEMOGRAPHICS:

38 Marist Priests in the Archdiocese of Wellington

Age	Number
80-90	11
70-79	9
60-69	12
50-59	5
40-49	1

Seminarians in Formation:

2 in the Novitiate in Davao, Philippines – 2nd year

2 at the Theologate in Rome