

HALLO! Greetings from St. Paul



Former St. Paul until around 1970

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Farewell to Marian



Marian

Heurkens in her familiar surroundings

It had to happen: after 34 years of loyal service, Marian Heurkens has finished service in St. Paul. Year after year, she has brought life into the house through her daily presence. With her personality and special aptitude, she has constantly managed to create a homely atmosphere in the life of the men's community of St. Paul. She was always ready for a variety of all kinds of jobs, from sewing a button to preparing a spicy feast. With her great love for flowers, she has given a special touch not only to the house but also the chapel. No one knew as well as she did what and where in the house all kinds of things were hidden. This came to light especially in the last few months when she had started a major clean-up. This brought in carloads full of all kinds of objects, destined for the rubbish heap. With a festive dinner, provided by a restaurant in Arcen, Marian's 34-year highly valued work in St. Paul comes to an end on May 31.

In the meantime, two new successors

have taken over the part-time housekeeping: Annie Joosten from Horst and Saskia van Houten from Nieuw-Bergen.

Visit from South Africa

Following his visit to Rome, the Archbishop of Durban, South Africa, Msgr. Siegfried Jwara CMM, traveled on to St. Paul's, where he is no stranger. In his earlier years of formation, he studied in Rome and England and also visited the Netherlands.



Archbishop Siegfried Jwara CMM

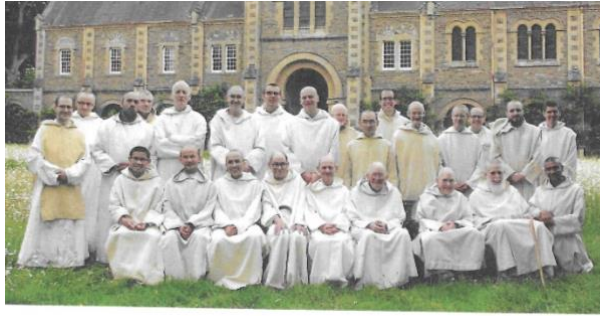
Visit of teachers of the Maria-Veen Gymnasium



A group of about 40 teachers from the Mariannahill Gymnasium in Maria-Veen, Germany, visited St. Paul on May 24. They were accompanied by Superior Fr. Hubert Wendl and Fr. Christoph Beesten. After a meeting with the community and a tour of the house and the surrounding area, they topped up the day in the Hertog Jan brewery for dinner.

Former Mariannahiller with the Carthusians

Former Mariannahiller Br. Augustinus Cox (first row right with walking stick) lives in the Carthusian monastery Saint Hugh's in Parkminster, England. These monks never leave their monastery after their entry. The order has never known a renewal because it has always adhered to its rule and the ideals of its founder, Saint Bruno. In Latin this is succinctly called: *numquam reformata, quia numquam deformata*, never reformed because never deformed



Old and new memories are recalled



The traditional asparagus soup should not be missed

Roompot – holiday resort on former grounds of St. Paul



Roompot is the name of the sprawling holiday park on the former agricultural and livestock area of St. Paul. Roompot is located in the province of Zeeland. The name does not mean a jar of cream in Dutch. A speculative hypothesis about another possible origin leads to *Roma Portus* (Roman port), a Roman- port from which Roman navigators departed for Britannia and for coastal voyages south to France, Iberia and the Mediterranean. The name Roompot has now been replaced by the name Randal.

Annual Family Day

The traditional annual meeting of relatives of our missionaries abroad was held on May 26. The turnout of 50 attendees shows that this tradition has not lost its popularity. After the greeting, a Eucharistic celebration was held with Fr. Anthony Mulderink. For the participants in this meeting, it is always a pleasant reunion with old acquaintances who have participated in it for years.



P. Alfonso Voorn, CMM, (85 years), celebrated his farewell Mass on May 17 in the St. Therese parish in Lae (Papua New Guinea) in the company of his confreres, as he prepares to return to the Netherlands for good. Fr. Alfonso is the last of the Dutch Mariannahill who to have been present in PNG since the establishment of the Diocese of Lae in 1960.



Current community of St. Paul, from left: Br. Toon van Heugen, Br. Harrie Schaminée, Fr. Sido van der Werf, Fr. John Bouma, Fr. Theo Verstappen, Fr. Frans Lenssen, and Fr. Anthony Mulderink

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