

HALLO! Greetings from St. Paul

Mariannahill in The Netherlands

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DIFFERENT TIMES, DIFFERENT HABITS

'O tempora, o mores!', a famous Latin expression, which Cicero, exclaimed at a speech in 63 BC to the Roman Senate: 'O times, O mores!'. The elderly among us will still remember certain habits around the beginning of the month of November, St. Maarten, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. In the Netherlands, this display still occurred in certain regions until the end of the last century with young people moving around in the dark with hollowed out sugar beets made into lanterns. Its origins go back to ancient pagan thanksgiving celebrations for light, warmth, plants and harvest. In the meantime, these customs are being replaced on some places by the pagan Halloween rites of wandering frightening ghosts, a ceremony coming from America.

During the autumn holidays at the end of October weekend of October, a Halloween performance was held in a large circus tent held near St. Paul on the grounds of the Klein Vink holiday park. In contrast, at the same time only a few believers came to the All Saints' Day celebration in the chapel of St. Paul. "Oh, tempora, o mores".

"WE ARE THE TIME"

St. Augustine says in one of his sermons to his listeners: do not grumble so negatively about the present tense and say that the earlier times were much better. There are no bad and there are no good times. Time is neutral. It's the people who make the time, good or bad. We are the time.

'As we are, so are the times,' Augustine explains. If only there weren't an abundance of bad people, there wouldn't be an abundance of bad things. These are bad times! these are difficult times! At least that's what people say. Let us rather live well, then the times will automatically become good. We are the times. As we are, so are the times'.

'FRIENDS OF MARIANNHILL'



*The former 'Mission Seminary'
Mariannahill' in Venray*

On October 22, the team of the website 'Friends of Mariannahill' held a meeting in the restaurant of the thermal bath van Klein Vink. Present were Frits Winkelmolten, Ton Vissers, Harry Snijder, Peter Berkers, Andries Bongers and Frans Lenssen. Three other members were absent. Most of them are former students of the Mariannahill Boarding School in Venray, which opened in 1962 but closed in 1968. As the current state of affairs stands, it was established that the persons who have been involved in the website of the 'Friends of Mariannahill' and all the matters surrounding it in recent years are all still at a respectable age. All of them still experience a special bond with Mariannahill and have indicated that they are willing to "keep the website running" and, if possible, provide new messages. It is unclear how often and by whom the website is visited. Technically, this should be possible.

Harry Snijder surprised the attendees with a realistic and smoothly written booklet about his experiences in the years in the seminary in Mook and then in Venray with the title 'Village boy wants to become a missionary. How it came about'.

The residents of the current Mission House St. Paul are all at an advanced age. There are currently 8 brothers and fathers living in the Missiehuis. The question arises how long St. Paul will be able to be maintained in this form, which

cannot be predicted at the moment. The survival of the Mariannahill website also depends on this.

THE FUTURE OF THE FRANZ PFANNER HOUSE



The historic chapel of the first building after the arrival of the first missionaries from South Africa in 1911

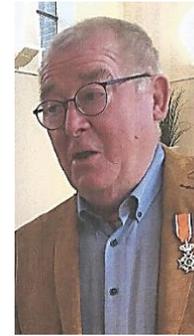
The Franz Pfanner House Foundation, so named after Abbot Frans Pfanner, the founder of the Mission Congregation Mariannahill, was founded in 2000 on the initiative of the Mission House St. Paul (at the time owner of Klein Vink) and the management of holiday park Klein Vink and has since been a user of the former chapel of the monastery, which was originally founded in 1912. The historic building has been operated by the FPH since 2000 as a cultural center with richly varied cultural programs. The management of the Klein Vink holiday park has recently cancelled the use of the chapel by FPH, so that the Franz Pfanner Huis Foundation is now looking for a new home in Arcen and the surrounding area, where it can continue small-scale concerts, exhibitions and other activities from January 2023.

ORDER OF KNIGHTS FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FRANZ PFANNER HOUSE

During a festive meeting of outgoing and new volunteers of the Franz Pfanner Huis, the participants were surprised by the sudden arrival of the Mayor of Venlo with his entourage. The reason for his visit was to decorate the outgoing chairman of the FPH with the medal of Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau. A well-deserved farewell gift after his years of effective commitment to this foundation.



The mayor of Venlo decorates Mr. Janssen with the order of Knight of Orange -Nassau



The new Knight of Orange -Nassau Mr. Janssen

Fr. THEO VOORN CMM FROM KENYA

As with cars, there will also be a time of repair for humans. For example, Fr. Theo Voorn came from Kenya for a treatment of his back problems, which make it difficult for him to walk. We wish him a speedy recovery, so that he can fly back to his beloved Kenya soon.



Insatiable is the Theo's desire to read and improve his encyclopedic knowledge



"Of plague, famine and war, deliver us, Lord!"
(from the Litany of All saints)

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