



NEWS

BULLETIN

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Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

MARIST LAITY IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Marist Laity in the Solomon hold two days of prayer and reflection on some of the themes of Marist Spirituality. The venue is a beautiful place called Bani Hill overlooking the sea which is part of the Tanagai Parish. The Sector Leader, Fr. Jacob Abba celebrated the Holy Eucharist on Friday, 2nd June to start off the gathering and was there to give input and to guide the members of the Marist Laity. He said this was a very prayerful gathering and was encouraged to witness the faith and dedication of the Marist Laity.



CELEBRATING MARCELLIN'S DAY

On the Feast Day of St. Marcellin Champagnat, Fr. Robert Taria who teaches at Marcellin Tanteriki Primary School joined the students, staff and parents in the celebration of the feast. *"I cannot see a child without telling him how much Jesus loves him."* St. Marcellin.



A ROYAL GIFT

Her Majesty, Queen Nanasipau'u of Tonga recently donated two containers of desks and chairs to 'Apifo'ou College. According to the Principal, Fr. 'Ekuasi, these new desks and chairs replaced the old ones in eight classrooms. In the aftermath of the volcanic eruption and the tsunami in Tonga in 2022, the school donated one container of already peeled cassava which was awaiting transportation to New Zealand to the Tongan Government to help in its relief efforts. So what goes around comes around. The smiling faces of students says it all. Malo e 'ofa.



WAINONI CATHOLIC SCHOOL "We must make of them Christians, upright individuals and lastly people of learning." J.C. Colin

In 2018 Fr. Patelsio Kiutau, the Parish Priest of Wainoni in the island of Makira, Solomon Islands saw the need for a Catholic school in the parish. The first was established in 1928 and for many years there was none in the island. His concern stems from the need to educate our Catholic students in a Catholic environment where the faith is nourished. It started off with 78 students in the old classroom and now there are more than 260 boarding. Thanks to the MMC, new buildings are coming up and the confreres in the last photo looks happy.



Paul, Andy, Patelsio.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- The Provincial, Fr. Milikiade and Fr. Lutoviko are both in the house.

Anniversary of Ordination—Ad multos annos!

Bernard Gidrol—1/6/58	65 yrs
Ekuasi Manu—19/6/98	25 yrs
Denis Revi—26/6/2008	15 yrs
Lutoviko 'Olie—29/6/2017	6 yrs



CONFIRMATION AT CAWACI

After a hiatus of three years caused by Covid-19, His Grace, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong aided by the Parish Priest Fr. Fabi and the assistant Fr. Silatolu received 268 candidates to the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John's College, Cawaci. It was a joy-filled atmosphere and the number of parents attending were very encouraging. Later, His Grace had time with parents and teachers of the college.



PENTECOST YOUTH RALLY



It was a very busy weekend for the Parish Priest of Tanagai, Fr. Jacob Abba. Besides the Marist Laity gathering he had to prepare to welcome 500 youths in the parish for the Pentecost Youth Rally. The idea was to share their faith stories and encourage them to witness to their Catholic faith.

ENDING THE MONTH OF MARY

The parishioners of Turiboiru Parish in Buin, Bougainville ended May, the Month of Our Blessed Mother with a procession, praying the rosary, singing hymns and carrying the statue of Mary to the Turiboiru Church for a Mass of thanks-giving led by Fr. Wesley. The statue of Mary was in different homes during the month and on the last day made the pilgrimage to the Church.



HIJACKED / GET UP AND GO!

Fr. Soane 'Ahohako was enroute to the mission in Bougainville but was hijacked during his stopover in Suva. The Seminary has no one to teach Morals. Soane is well qualified. So 'cometh the hour, cometh the man'. Welcome Soane!

After toiling in the Lord's vineyard in New Caledonia for four years, the voice of the Lord came to Fr. Mika Tuilau 'get up and go'. Sitting close to the mirror, Mika is off to Rome for further studies. Arrivederci Mika.



OFF TO NEW AND OLD MISSIONS

Friends, Marist confreres and sisters joined the Marist College community in Suva to farewell the acting rector, Fr. Denis Revi. Denis has been part of the formation team at Marist College for the past five years. He is off to new mission in Brazil. Adios Denis.

Fr. Kelekolio Misiloi has been working in Vanuatu for eight years. After the Colnian Renewal in France and a stint in England, he is reappointed to set up the new parish in Big Bay, Santo. He said: "This is my second coming."

