



NEWS

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BULLETIN

Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

FIJI'S SECTOR RETREAT

The confreres of the Fiji Sector gathered at the Sector House, Varani from the 11th to 16th May for their annual retreat. The retreat master was the Provincial, Fr. Milikiade. The retreatants expressed their gratitude to Fr. Kiade for the various input given for their reflection. It was also a time of fraternal gathering of all the confreres from various mission stations where they work. At the end of the retreat the members of the sector all undergone medical checkup. We are truly grateful for the Marist Mission Center for this financial help to make sure our confreres are truly well for their missions.



MARIST COLLEGE RETREAT

The District Superior of Australia, Fr. Tony Kennedy was welcomed both at Marist College and at the Provincial House. Tony is no stranger to Fiji. Several years ago he was a formator at Marist College, Suva. He was here to preach the retreat for our seminarians at Marist College during the seminary break. The retreat was held at the Prayer Center, Wailekutu from the 18th May to 23rd. Thank you very much Tony for availing yourself.



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- ◇ The Provincial and Lutoviko have both returned from Sydney after attending the Finance meeting which was held at Hunters Hill.
- ◇ The Provincial will travel to the Philippines for the MAP which will be held on the 15th June.
- ◇ The Council of the Province will be held in Suva from the 23rd to 27th June.

‘BUGEY MOUNTAIN’S EXPERIENCE

Once again, Fr. Samu and the Marist seminarians responded generously to the call for help to celebrate the Easter Triduum in remote places especially in the highlands of Viti Levu. Fr. Samu wrote: “Through the invitation of Fr Liqprio Raulutequ the parish priest of St Francis Xavier, Navunibitu, Fr Samu, Br Leone, and four seminarians (Ioane, Marcellin, Dike, Marlon) went to celebrate the Easter Triduum with the people of Nailuva in the Ra highlands. Five villages belong to this sector and in visiting them, the Marist College team was following in the steps of early Marists including Bishop Vidal who brought the faith to these people. It was the first time for Easter celebrations to be held in the village and the team were deeply touched by the faith of the people.”



NORTHERN CATHOLIC RALLY—TAVEUNI

Over 600 vibrant and faith-filled youths gathered at Wairiki Parish, Taveuni for this year’s Northern Catholic Youth Rally. It was a powerful weekend of worship, learning and fellowship which started on the 23rd May. The idea was to guide our young people on their faith journey and preparing them to make responsible decisions for their future. There were heartfelt sessions by married couples and talks on vocation by different religious groups. Fr. Samu and some of our Marist seminarians were there to promote vocation for the Society.



KANOSIA MISSION

Fr Ambrose, the Youth Co-ordinator of Bereina Diocese gathered some of the youth in the Diocese for three days workshop on liturgy at the Kubuna Pastoral Centre. It was also a time of reflection and sharing on issues affecting lives of youth in the Diocese.

OMP FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Oceania Marist Province Finance Committee annual meeting was held at Hunters Hill on the 21st May. Presence were Fr. Milikiade (Provincial), Fr. 'Aisake (Procurator), Fr. Lutoviko (Provincial Bursar), Lawrence Cakau (Provincial Accountant), John Gorman (Investment Manager), Peter Sheehan and Jim Chronis (Finance Advisors). The meeting was chaired by Mr. Gorman. John, Peter and Jim began the meeting with the Investment Managers' Report followed by Lawrence presenting the Province's as well as the Sectors' Finance Report. The Provincial expressed the gratitude of the Oceania Province to John, Peter and Jim for their services offered freely for the mission of the Society in Oceania.



MARIST LAITY RETREAT—SAMOA

The Samoa Marist Laity held its annual retreat at Tofamama'o Center over the weekend and also the election of new office holders. The Sector Leader, Fr. Mikaele Tuimavave assisted the Archbishop in conducting the retreat guided by the theme 'Witnessing to Jesus with Joy.' Archbishop Mosese urged the Marist Laity to be joyful in their services to the Church and in their family.



'APIFO'OU COLLEGE—TONGA

The Principal, Fr. Valu Siua and the school was presented with a new set of rugby jersey for the Senior 1sr XV. This was donated by the ex-students of 75-80. On the 23rd May, the college took part in marching at the opening of the Tonga Parliament. On the same day they played their first game and won. To mark the 160 years of the college they are hoping to win the tournament.



DARGAVILLE—AUCKLAND

While attending the graduation of his nephew in NZ, Lutoviko visited Fr. Simone Ah Lo, the parish priest of Dargaville. Simone looks very well and enjoying his mission there. He has his own taro and yam plantation at the back of the house which keeps him fit.



MARIST COLLEGE—SUVA

The six candidates for the Propaedeutic Year have all settled at Marist College to begin their preparation for formation. Three from the Solomons and three from Bougainville. Welcome brothers and all the best.

