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15 Nov 21—12 Sep 22
Official Launch by Superior General on 15 November.

Administration

New Provincial Secretary



Ms Francine Rodan

A welcoming addition to the administration team who has had over two decades of experience in airline industry. Her contact email address is: ompssecretary@maristoceania.org

Our Sick

Fr James Mokela sm
Fr Emiliano Lasaqa sm
Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola sm
Fr 'Ofa Vaihu sm

Covid-19 news from New Caledonia—after 53 days of the 2nd wave:
Positive cases: 10,948
Deaths: 264
Recovered: 9,970
1st dose: 76 % of target population.
2nd dose: 68% of target population.
Still under strict lockdown and curfews.



There is an air of expectancy and excitement in the Province as it prepares for the Year of Vocation. It is a year where we are invited to appreciate and celebrate our vocation with gratitude and joy. It is also a year given to all to reflect, to pray, and to promote vocations within the Society.

As part of the preparation the Provincial has called a virtual meeting with all Sector Delegates on the 2nd of November to familiarize with the purpose of the year and how best to participate fully in the programs of the vocation year.



Perpetual Profession and Ordination to priesthood



As we are about to embark onto the year of vocation, we are grateful for the continuous generosity of youth in Oceania to heed the call of Christ and the call of Mary. Iosefo Amuri sm of Fiji and Cameron Mota sm of Bougainville were perpetually professed together with confreres from Mexico and Cameroon earlier in the month in Rome.



On the 23rd of October Deacon Joseph Tora sm of Fiji was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Suva. He said his first mass the following day in Mt St Mary, Nadi, his home parish.



Fr Joseph Tora sm is appointed to the Marist Community of Wairiki, Taveuni Island where they are serving the Holy Cross parish and school.

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**We remember our
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in 2021**



**Fr Soane Patita Hautaufaao
sm**

13.04.1955-17.02.2021



Fr Francis Takaku sm

21.02.1961-25.02.2021



Fr Ipolito Teburea sm

11.08.1958—11.03.2021



Br Colin Campbell sm

27.04.1922—18.04.2021



Br Mikaele Ciliceva sm

12.12.1946— 24.07.2021



Fr Kevin Kerley sm

23.07.1928— 29.09.2021

Food rations for victims of Covid-19 Ports Moresby

As the Covid-death toll rises in Ports Moresby, the need for material assistance for the families of the deceased rises too. Thanks to the helping arms of the Marist Mission Centre in Australia, Fr Wesley Manu sm is able to provide the necessary support for the families in the Hohola Parish areas. It is envisaged that this kind of support will continue into the future.



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Cameron Mota sm (left) recently perpetually professed in Rome is leading the distribution of the food rations.



Celebrating 90th Birthday

Fr Jean Rodet sm, the remaining French missionary in Vanuatu celebrated his 90th birthday earlier in the month. Fr Rodet is from Ain, France and he arrived in Vanuatu in 1961 and worked in various mission stations all over Vanuatu. He is also known for his collection of traditional artifacts from the various islands of Vanuatu including contemporary objects from the 19th and 20th century. A building was built dedicated for his collections to be displayed there to the public. In 2012 Fr Rodet retired and lived in the Paray community in Port Vila.

