

The aim of the Society is to imitate the blessed Virgin...

Make the whole world Marist

# SALUSALU 2018

## Greetings

## In this Issue

Greetings to you all readers!

It is this time of the year where we look back and reflect on the year's journey and see how well we have managed to celebrate our achievements and weigh out our challengers. It is the time of the year where we embrace the experiences that allows change and growth in individual students. A time of the year where we come to make decision on our fate. It brings to mind the heart ache of challengers faced and where we need to pick up and walk on, learning from past mistakes and embracing new changes, new beginning and new directions of the life ahead – learning, unlearning and re-learning life's lessons be it at school or in the community.

I am happy to have this space to share my thoughts on this year and I do hope that everyone enjoys the blessings each brings at this time of the year which are spell out in the different experiences shared by the members of our community. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you one and all.

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MARIST COLLEGE, SUVA

## Superior's Note - Fr. Doato Kivi

Merry Christmas to you our confreres, benefactors, families, and friends of Marist College Community Suva. As we greet you all with the joy of Christmas and the end of a fruitful year, we are grateful for so many things. I would like to acknowledge the outgoing Formation staff, Fr. Sione Hamala (Tonga) and Fr. Jacob Aba (Solomon Islands) for their commitment to the community until my arrival in May. Also, a big *vinakavakelvu* to Br. John Votaia, who after finishing from the International formation in the Philippines, generously came to help for five months. His presence helped in the smooth transition of the new team of Fr. Denis Revi (Vanuatu) and Fr. Patrick Worja (Solomon Islands) who arrived at the beginning of November. As we now have a permanent team in place we can only say - thanks be to God!

At the beginning of the year, six students from three sectors of Oceania (Fiji, Bougainville, and Tonga) came in as first years. In August, four students joined the propaedeutic program, which comprised of three Fijians and one Solomon Islander. This brought the total number of students to twenty-four, eleven Fijians, six Bougainvilleans (P.N.G), two from Samoa, three from Tonga, two from the Solomon Islands and one ni-Vanuatu. Of the students that continued from 2017, seven students went into Year Two, three into Year Three and four in Year Six.

Over the years, Marist College Suva has been known for its multicultural communities which bring about a lot of richness and talents.

The cultural differences are challenging, but it is the “bolts and nuts” of how we enrich one another and bringing out the best in each other as a Community. It has made the Community vigorous and adventurous in our journey in faith and as Marists.

One of our key themes this year was creating an ecological consciousness within the community. This has brought to light a common cultural interest that Oceanians share, which is their identity as people to their land and island nation. This identity is under threat with the ongoing ecological crisis and it is felt emotionally around the Pacific. Therefore, there is an urgency for Oceanians to take up the challenge and join the climate crisis fight.

Our contribution to this fight has been dealt with in three steps. The first is the beautification and landscaping project at Marist College – building it as a garden by using permaculture technique based upon a Marian Ecological Spirituality. The second is through advocacy by inviting tour groups from parishioners around Suva. So far we have received tertiary students, trainee catechists and participants from three environmental workshops held at the Pacific Regional Seminary. The third is our monthly ecological initiative to the Suva Park where we oscillate between picking up plastics and bottles behind the seawall or planting mangroves when it is low tide.

As we look forward to 2019, we continue to be thankful to you our benefactors, confreres, families and friends for all your support. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. We continue to pray for each other and again a Blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to you all!



## Formation team



Fr. Donato Kivi, Br. John Votaia, Fr Denise Revi.

## Inserted



Fr. Patrick Worria sm

God sets His heart of favor on those whose hearts are following him.

## Academic Staff



Fr Aisake Silatolu, Fr Mark Kenney, Fr Michael Fitzgerald



We must make him into a man, from his heart, his character, virtue etc... That is what education does. You give him as it were a second creation.

## **Journeying with the Seminarians**

My insights and concepts of mission was to be out there with the people in places rough and hard. It was something I thought I will continue to do for the rest of my life, parish mission. I was confused when I was asked to work in the formation house because I have had very little knowledge of being in the formation house. I thought that it was a boring place for a person like me to be in. That thought have changed a lot for me as I journey with my young seminarian brothers in their formation here in Marist College

As I first entered Marist College in 2016, I was not confident, full of nervousness on how I would help my brothers in their journey in search of knowing God in the Spirit of Mary. My first accompaniment was one of panic because my heart was pounding against my chest. But as time went by it was full of joy, journey and accompanying the young seminarians who are wanting to know of their vocation.

The nervousness, fear and anxiety have vanished and I always look forward to share with my young brothers. I have spent precious time listening to their life stories, stories that need listening skills. Listening helps me to understand their doubt, fear and strength. Hence, in listening I caringly challenged and encouraged them to move on with their vocation.

There were times when I found it very challenging, for instance, when I see things not done as they ought to be. These challenges open my eyes to see the beauty of a multi-cultural community as Marist College.

It is something I deal with occasionally as I accompany my young brothers in their journey. In journeying with my brothers has cause me to kill two birds with one stone. I also have my own inner journey. They triggered my own unfinished businesses to deal with and let go too, in my personal life. Therefore, I have made no mistake to come here to Marist College. It is an enjoyable journey. I have no regrets or ever since. I know and have experienced the feelings of been in a formation house as a formator. I could guess too why people avoid working in the formation house.

I could not believe what I have learned and shared with them in our journey together.

Last but not the least, I want to thank you my young brothers for your openness, allowing me to be part of your inner journey to know God in the Spirit of Mary. It has been a life giving journey brothers, one mind, one heart and the Church needs you.

Father Jacob sm



## **Fr Jacob's Farewell**





**Year 6**



Mikaele Misinale sm



Pio Ravu sm



Iosefo Vili sm



Viliami Kiola sm

**Year 3**



Timothy Hare sm



Paul Crocker



Viliame Cama

**Year 2**



Adrea Naleba sm



Lesley Kinani



Zulu Serop



Leonard

**Year 1**



Joseph Fa'amai



Jone Raqamate



Luke Nawaikabakaba



Jamie



Terrence



Charlie



Pita Carde



Nathan Naiken



Sosaia Vaka



**Students' Training**



### My two year in Corpus Christi.

When I was growing up at home, there were two professions that I did not want to become in the future. The first one, is ***'to be a carpenter'***, despite the fact that my dad and his brothers are all professional carpenters. The second is ***'to be a teacher'***, had although I have teachers in my family. The reason was that both because these professions require 'hard working' and a lot of 'sacrifices'. When I was told to go to Corpus Christie for a two years pastoral program the first words in my mind, 'hard working' and 'sacrifices'.

I marched into the compounds of Corpus Christi with great enthusiasm and anticipation of what to come. Going in with the understanding that this was not easy and it would be full of challenges and I remained positive that I would do it. There were many values and virtues that I learned in my two years in Corpus, but the one that struck me the most was the virtue of "Humility". Dealing with the minds of the little ones, humility is the only means of transmitting a message to them. There is no other way. I do believe, that is why Jesus in the gospel uses the image of the little ones (children) to convey his messages of being simple and humble. Our lecturers always reminded us that Corpus Christi is different from other Institutions. Corpus Christi is a formation arena where by each student teacher is formed holistically in every dimension of life, from spiritual to human dimensions, physical and intellectual dimension. In the heart of these dimension, is Christ the Center of our lives as teachers.

Apart from sitting in the classroom and studying, I did spend a month in Lomary Primary School doing teaching practice. It was indeed a great opportunity for me to further my knowledge about teaching and meeting new people and new friends. I was so amazed with the support of the parents to the school and to the teachers. It was an eye opener for me to see how things are running in Lomary, especially the relationship of the parish priest, the Head teacher and the parents.

I experienced the same thing when I went to Holy Cross Primary School for my last teaching practice. People were so generous and so supportive of the school and their children in many ways. Apart from teaching in Taveuni, I was also exposed to experiencing a community life with my brother in the parish. I was happy to see how things are done and operate in the parish and also the relationship amongst the community members. Although we in the community were busy with our own stuff, prayer life was never an option. We had our morning prayer together as a community before anything else, which was something that I saw as a life giving for me.

That was the thing I experienced from our small community in the regional house. I have learned so many things from our senior confrere there in my two years with them. When I am under pressure from assignments and all, they were always there to give me advice and cheer me up with the light jokes. Listening to their stories about their mission in Fiji, inspired me so much about my vocation in this beloved Society. As a young Marist I was delighted and excited about my calling as a Marist whenever my senior confrere share their experiences as Marists in Fiji. My two years in Corpus was a blessing and rich experiences both from school and from my community life. I never regretted going to Corpus. I have learned many things from there and at the same time I have grown in maturity with regards to my community life. My two years in Corpus were the joyful and challenging years for me, and I never regretted it, because I centered my life in Christ.

Iosefo Vili sm



## **My preparation for the Novitiate.**

### **Purpose:**

I wish to highlight in this article what a person must do to prepare for the Novitiate. A person who desires to enter into the Novitiate should center his/her attention to the Four Pillars of Formation. I will base my article on the Four Pillars of Formation, Spiritual, Intellectual, Human and Pastoral, with the inclusion of my personal experiences while here in Marist College.

### **Introduction**

My name is Paul Alfred Roger Croker and a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Marist seminarian. My Father, Richard Alfred Croker, is of British and chiefly Rotuman descent from the Ragafuata family of Saulei village. My mother is a full Fijian from Kadavu. Her father is Roko Alivereti Bosenakadavu Uluitavuki, who hails from the chiefly village of Nagonedau, Tavuki. This is where the paramount chief of Kadavu, the Tui Tavuki comes from. Bulou Arieta Mau my grandmother hails from Vukavu, Naceva, where the main warrior class (bati) comes from. My family left Fiji when I was 2 years of age for American Samoa. I grew up on the beautiful island of Tutuila, in the village of Pagopago and returned to Fiji after 12 years of living in American Samoa.

### **Spiritual**

My day typically starts off by waking up at 5:30 am and getting ready for Mass. I always try to be in our chapel before 6 am for morning mediation. During morning mediation I sometimes pray the Rosary on my own. After mediation my brothers and I pray together the Lauds (Morning Prayer). The community Mass quickly follows. Later in the day we make our way to our chapel to pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and this is after lunch. By 4:30 pm I get ready for evening mediation and make sure to be in our chapel before 5 pm. This year we have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament done every day. I sometimes do my spiritual readings during this time and we pray the Vespers during the exposition of the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Compline is done at 9:15 pm and I try to be in our chapel before 9 pm to do my examination of conscience.

We have community recollection days, where we reflect on ourselves, our actions and our vocation. Rev. Fr. Jacob Aba sm takes me for accompaniment, this is where he asks how I am doing in the community and lets me know on the areas I need to improve on. We have retreats every first week of our semester break. Just recently we had our retreat at Dawasamu. It was a good break because in Dawasamu there is no electricity in the house,

I did not take my mobile phone, and there is no internet. It was a great time because there was no distractions from the outside world and just a total reflection on ourselves personally. On Thursday is my spiritual direction with Rev. Fr. Kevin McGuire sm. I look forward to this, just sitting down and conversing with him because he always reassures me that everything is alright. He always asks if I pray enough, if I am doing my spiritual readings. It is like a reminder to keep up our prayer life especially during the semester breaks. He would always sit me down and remind me of the importance of making prayer a part my life and it should be a symbol of who I am and who I want to be in the future.

### **Intellectual**

After breakfast I get ready for lectures. We are usually prescribed to take only four courses but sometimes we get only 3, 2 or 1 course to take for that term. My first and second year we focused mostly on Philosophy and now I am being introduced to Theology, which I must say is much easier to understand than Philosophy. Philosophy I must say helped me to understand God and my faith from the rational point of view and understand how we humans function. Theology is taking that insight and viewing it from a religious point of view. I have also had the pleasure of doing Psychology, Anthropology, Ethics and Sociology. We normally have 3 short quizzes, essay assignments, reflection papers and weekly readings to keep us busy. This helps me to understand the mysteries of our faith and hopefully not commit a heresy in the future.

### **Human**

During our community meals it is a time we catch up with one another. Our program is very tight, we hardly have time to talk to one another. Every Friday is our social night. Sometimes we have them at the Pacific Regional Seminary hall with the whole student body, sometimes we go into our own nationalities for National Night and sometimes we get to socialize with other members of our class for Class Night. It is a time to build and strengthen bonds with one another, especially members of the opposite sex, age and ethnic group. It is also a time to meet new people and to make new friends. These social nights help us to interact with one another and not limited only to these nights. It reminds us to step out of our comfort zones and ego. There is more to the area of academic studies in the life of a priest, it is to be able to relate with the people and with one another.



## Pastoral

Every Sunday is our pastoral visitations to the patients of Father Law Home, Home of Compassion and Tuomey Hospital. It is a time where we get to sit down with the elderly, sick, deaf and sometimes mentally ill patients. We mingle with them, sing, dance and just be with them. I have learnt over the years that our presence amongst them gives them something to look forward to every Sunday. I have also learnt that not speaking and just sitting with the elderly and mentally ill patients is appreciated by them. Lastly, I have also learnt that some patients just want to be left alone. Over the years, I found out that how we treat each other especially in the community is a form of pastoral. It is how we try and be like Jesus to others around us and also to see Jesus in them especially those whom we live with.

## To conclude

The formation program here in Marist College is not only preparing me for the novitiate but also for the priestly life. Our formation program has adopted the Four Pillars of Formation as the platform to prepare us for the novitiate and beyond. It touches on the Spiritual, Intellectual, Human and Pastoral areas of priestly formation. It is all for the greater glory of God and honor of Mary.

*Fai'aksea hanisi, vinaka vakalevu and fa'afetai tele lava.*

## Constitution N0 64

**For their part the novices should listen attentively to the word of God to allow the Holy Spirit to form them into better disciples of the Lord. In this way they will develop that spirit of faith and responsibility which will enable them to recognise the society of Mary as a place to which God invites them and calls them together.**

## Novices 2019



**Paul .C (Fj), Lesley .K (PNG)**

**&**

**Lenard. (PNG)**



**Farewell brothers**

### Joining the Community

No one can experience a new life unless he is receptive to changes. There are 3Cs in life: Choice, Chance, and Change. I must make the choice to take the chance if I want anything in my life to change.

My journey to Marist College began with a come and see programme in Nadi. How interesting and encouraging this programme was for me because the priest journeyed with me and taught me many important things and, prayer was the most important of all. I was confident that my entry to Marist College was surely going to eventuate. However, there was a deterrent. To join the community means a pass in Form Seven and most importantly a pass in English. Unfortunately, I failed both. Anyway my prayers were heard and I was accepted to begin my journey in this vocation. In August, 2017, I finally entered the Marist Community at Marist College.

Life at Marist College was challenging at first because I get to live with young men from other Pacific Islands.

This was a great challenge for me. Coming from different nations means different cultures and traditions. I had to try my best to socialize and get to know them well despite my struggles to communicate in clear concise English. My knowledge about Christ, gave me hope to get to know my community and even myself better.

In addition, my formators are very helpful and encouraging in confirming my calling and helping me to persevere in my efforts to fulfil my Marist life.

Luke Nawaikabakaba



### My experiences so far

Preparing to come to Marist college/Seminary life was like preparing for an adventure full of unexpected encounterment. Questions regarding the kind of life that is to be lived here would make me stare occasionally only to be interrupted by my friends assuring me of their support and belief, saying that the possibility of making it is high for me. But the thought of becoming a religious was a vocation that was far beyond my imagination as I began living my teenage years. Living in obedience, poverty and having a celibate life was never in my agenda for life. But, somehow life led me directly into it and as I write this, a term of study had passed and the second already starting.

I entered as a propaedeutic student along with 5 other brothers and not long I felt right at home. I have had the experience of studying in an all-male institution with boys of different cultural backgrounds and the reception I received from my new found family made me ask,, ‘Why didn’t I come sooner?’. Having Mary (the mother of Jesus) as its first and perpetual superior with its charisms derived from her, makes any stranger wishing to join this community fit in quite comfortably.

Life went on smoothly as I had expected and a couple more weeks into the propaedeutic term, slowly began to discover what this life is all about. Classes from human development along with the sessions we have in our community regarding Marist life enabled me to gauge me on where I stand in relation to the vocation and life I have chosen to live. I realized that in this vocation, there is no ‘sitting on the fence’. For my own sake, I have to decide on which side I will stand. And, if I truly believe that this is God’s call for me, total dedication and commitment is required on my part. A total giving of myself and a full ‘YES’ like Mary did during the annunciation.

Propaedeutic term two school term had passed and I have to admit that it has not been a ‘stroll in the park’ like my friends had predicted it would be. But I can say that the “desire” is still very much intact deep within me. Thanks to the accompaniments and words of affirmation from our Formators. Reflections and spiritual readings have been of great help too as recommended, enabling me to slowly discover my unknown self and finding meaning and purpose in life.

As I look back now, I realized how fortunate I am to be a part of this community. It has and is still continuing to help rediscover my life. This opportunity has given me the chance to rebuild my connection and intimacy with my creator through the daily celebration of the Eucharist and communal living. - Pita Carde

Reflections on my past have helped me realize that the road ahead of me is not going to be an easy one. But living around happy people who have lifted up their hands for a worthy cause continues to give me the much needed confidence that has kept me going. My prayer now is that I, as well as my brothers, will continue to grow in love with this vocation and to be able to wholeheartedly say “YES” as our Mother Mary did.

Peter Carde



### **Marist community life.**

The Marist community is a multicultural society. Living in this type of multicultural society means living with people from different nationalities, with different cultural backgrounds and identities. This is something that gives me some solid clues about what community life really is. Respecting others and their cultural identities is very important in this type of society. Somehow, by interacting with them helps me to have some kind of idea about their cultural backgrounds and their cultural identities. Moreover it helps me to improve my community life and how to communicate with others.

As a Marist, living in the community or community life is very important whereby each member of the community is to work together, share and support one another for the common good of the society. Therefore each member must be actively present in the community to share the situations and tasks of each individual and in community

prayers, during studies and also brotherly challenges. These things help each Marist to live a balanced life, to build a healthy relationship and mutual trust towards each members of the society.

Marist community also enables us to learn that each member of the community has the responsibility to develop spiritually and to build up a community life. Celebrating the holy Eucharist symbolizes and develops union with Christ and each member of the community. The community also has special time for spiritual growth and conversion and for updating and developing skills demanded by the apostolate. In brief the Marist community is a place of sharing and caring for one another and a place for forming each and every individual to grow into four dimensions of the human development. This requires commitments.

Thank you

Zulu Serop



### **Marist Constitution about community life NO 127**

The ministry of loving service to each other in community is a primary apostolate. The Marist community is a place of sharing. The common life grows from searching in the scripture and participating in the Eucharist. By its fraternal life Marist community is a place for continuous renewal and conversion. It can thus provide a sign of what the church is called to be in the world.



### Marist Journey so far

At the conclusion of our retreat in Dawasamu we were asked to look for something that we thought symbolized where we were or how we felt after a week of retreat. I brought in a coconut to be my symbol. I chose this symbol because at this point I saw my life as a coconut, floating around in the ocean and finally landing and arriving safely on the beach, at Marist College. At this point of my formation, my aim is to be one day become a useful Marist, just like a fully grown coconut tree which grows in most part of the Pacific. In addition, I compared the symbol of a floating coconut to my arrival at Marist College last year.

Now that I am here, I am hoping that one day I will grow roots and shoots as a Marist. Hopefully, this will begin at if I will be sent for Novitiate. The transition is not easy. So many challenges are faced; still some to be sorted, hopefully in time. I began to understand the strengths and weaknesses of my personality and the circumstances under which they may thrive in a multicultural community as Marist College. During the first few terms I was mainly observing and listening to how Marists do things. I was withdrawn and reserved, not knowing who to talk to or why. I felt that slowly, up to this stage the stress of this transition is fading away for the better.

Some have asked why I chose to join the Marist Community. I really cannot give answers that everyone might expect or accept. One thing I can say is that maybe there are Marist values and the Marist spirit that resonates within me so that one day I will become a useful Marist and contribute to the mission of the society and the church. For the time being, I am very much a coconut who is still on the shores of Marist College.

Iowane Vili



### Novitiate Experience

Novitiate transition is a moment of tasting God. It is through the whole totality of who we are as human being fully participating in an ongoing formation in the novitiate. Drawing on the experiences and reflections from my novitiate last year in the Philippines, I picture a particular scene. My novitiate transition was like the rays of the sun that shows or enlightened my unknown truth about Marist life or what it meant to be a novice. It reflected through all the dark corners of my life enabling me to see my weaknesses and strengths with regards to cultural, spiritual, physical, psychological and other aspects of life. The novitiate transition enabled me to expose assumptions, prejudices or stereotypes views in preparation for crossing the cultural barriers or boundaries that stopped me from reaching out to those in need. I have searched for who I am and I looked for a neutral ground to reorganize my life. After twelve months I was able to find where I was by giving up my strengths, weaknesses, goal or vision to the spirit of Mary through profession. I entrusted all my hopes to Mary in whom I could find comfort, perseverance, hope, joy, peace, guidance and support. Therefore, I would say that novitiate life was very much similar to Father Colin's experience of the sweetness of God in Cerdon as well as the transfiguration experience. It was a great privilege for me to go to the novitiate because it somehow enabled me to taste the sweetness of God and specifically to taste Marist life.

Precisely, tasting God for me is a journey inward. It is an ever ending journey till it reaches its fulfilment in God.

Timothy Hare sm



## Propaedeutic Experience

Entering Marist College as a Propaedeutic student is a new experience for me. First adapting to the new environment and secondly being part of the Marist Community. The community is a Multicultural Society and was challenging at first. Following the community program and its activities made me feel a sense of belonging. My senior brothers also helped by sharing their experiences living in the community. Being part of the community is very important at Marist College.

Daily duties and activities in the community such as prayers, chores, community sports and social has made me feel at home. The community also live a simple life in the way of Mary. Mary is always associated in our daily programs.

I am happy to join this Community and be part of it in the years to come at Marist College. I still got many things to learn about the Community life at Marist College. I also pray to Mother Mary to journey with me in discerning my Vocation.

Vinaka Vakalevu

Iona Tawake



**Mosese Fifita (FJ), Manueli Botabua (FJ), Hansford (SL),  
Iona Tawake (FJ)**





## **The Holy Name of Mary**

The Feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary originated in Spain and was approved in 1513. In 1683, Pope Innocent XI extended the celebration of the Feast Day to the universal Church, to be celebrated on September 12, four days after the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother. With the revisions of the Roman Missal in 1970 following the Vatican Council II, The Feast Day was removed from the universal calendar, although the Votive Mass remained. However, Pope John Paul II in the third edition of the Roman Missal, issued in 2003, reinstituted the Feast Day, technically as an "optional memorial."

The ancient *Onomastica Sacra* has preserved the meaning ascribed to Mary's name by the early Christian writers and perpetuated by the Greek Fathers. "Bitter Sea," "Myrrh of the Sea," "The Light Giver," "The Enlightened One," "Lady," "Seal of the Lord," and "Mother of the Lord" are the principal interpretations.

From the time of St. Jerome until the 16th century, preferred interpretations of Mary's name in the West were "Lady," "Bitter Sea," "The Light Giver," and especially "Star of the Sea." Stella Maris was by far the favored interpretation. The revival of Hebraic studies, which accompanied the Renaissance, led to a more critical appraisal of the meanings assigned to Our Lady's name. Miryām has all the appearance of a genuine Hebrew name, and no solid reason has been discovered to warrant rejecting the Semitic origin of the word.

The Hebrew name of Mary, Miryām, (in Latin Domina) means lady or sovereign; this Mary is in virtue of her Son's sovereign authority as Lord of the World. We call Mary Our Lady, as we call Jesus, Our Lord, and when we pronounce her name we affirm her power, implore her aid and place ourselves under her protection.



Of course, the name "Mary," being the name of the Blessed Mother, deserves special respect and devotion, and is thereby celebrated in four ways: First, Mary is a name of honor, since the faithful praise Mary as the Mother of our Divine Savior; she is rightfully called "Mother of God," for Jesus true God, second person of the Holy Trinity entered this world becoming also true man through Mary who had been conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, Mary is a most holy name, because the very mention of her name reminds us she is full of grace, has found favor with God, and is blessed among all women. Third, Mary is a maternal name, because she is our Mother, whom Our Lord gave to us when He was dying on the cross (cf. John 19:26-27). Finally, Mary is a name of which the mother who responds to all of our needs, protects us from evil, and prays "for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

We venerate the name of Mary because it belongs to her who is the Mother of God, the holiest of creatures, the Queen of heaven and earth, the Mother of Mercy. Mary always points us to God, reminding us of God's infinite goodness. She helps us to open our hearts to God's ways, wherever we are led. Honored under the title "Queen of Peace," Mary encourages us to cooperate with Jesus in building a peace based on justice, a peace that respects the fundamental human rights of all people. As we celebrate this Feast Day, let us remember the opening prayer of the Mass:

*"Lord, our God, when your Son was dying on the altar of the cross, He gave us as our mother the one He had chosen to be His own mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant that we who call upon the holy name of Mary, our mother, with confidence in her protection may receive strength and comfort in all our needs."*

May our Blessed Mother continue to protect us.





## Prayer Life



### Constitution 119

Community prayer is vital for those who undertake a spiritual and apostolic venture.

### Constitution 121

The celebration of the Eucharist symbolizes and develops union with Christ and their brothers

## Sports



## Meals





**Birthdays**



**Blessing of the new vehicle.**



**Marist Studies presentations**





**Fr Sione's  
Farewell**



**Feast Day:  
Holy Name of  
Mary**

**Sunday Pastoral at Fr Law Home**



**Colo-i-Suva picnic**





## Welcoming our propaedeutics to Marist College



## Recollection



## Iosefo and Cameron. Home Sweet Rome







**Small lovo picnic**



**Visitation by the Superior General**



**Social Activities**



**... Saturday morning???**



## Visitation to Regional House, FJ





## Northern Vocation Promotion



## Work and Projects



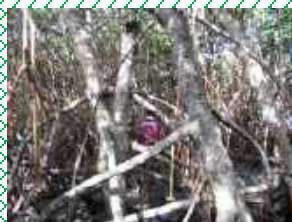
## ...Work! Work!



**Ecology,  
environment  
and  
sustainability**



## Mangrove Planting



## Grotto and Gardening Projects



**Ecologically Friendly**