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NUNCIO'S VISIT TO BOUGAINVILLE



Informed by the Bishop that Archbishop Leopold Girelli, the Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands would like to visit the Marists in Bougainville, the Sector leader Fr. Wesley and the confreres did a very quick renovation of the Sector House at Hahela and was ready in time to welcome the Nuncio. According to Wesley, the Nuncio expressed his gratitude to the Marists for sowing and nourishing the seeds of faith amongst the people of Bougainville. Seen in the photo is Fr. James Habuak our oldest confrere in the sector who was as always, delighted to welcome the Nuncio.



MARIST LAITY

By *“empowering Lay Marists we share responsibilities in ministries and journeying togetherin building up God’s Kingdom.”* (SP#51). Fr. Antone the Marist Laity’s animator in New Caledonia reports of the first gathering of the group for the year. Fr. Steven Lugabai celebrates with some of the Marist Laity the Feast of the Annunciation in Tonga and Fr. Ambrose amongst the Marist Laity said that it is alive and active in the Parish of Kanosia. Some, wearing red are also members of the Legion of Mary.



New Caledonia



Tonga



Kanosia

KANOSIA MISSION, PNG

It was a day of rejoicing for both the Deboismenu Primary and High School students in Kanosia on the blessing of their new water supply by Bishop Otto Separy of the Diocese of Bereina. Fr. Vaioleti, the Vicar General of the Diocese and the Parish Priest of Kanosia is also the Chairperson of the School’s Board. Fr. Ambrose teaches Religious Education in the school. According to Ambrose the project was funded by Wateraid PNG and it helps to secure steady supply of safe drinking-water not only for the school but the community within the station.



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- Fr Provincial has just returned from Tutu and is in the house
- Fr. Lutoviko will begin visitation of Vanuatu Sector immediately after Easter
- Fr. Lote is in Nadi for the Holy Week



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TUTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On 23rd March, the Provincial and the Vicar attended the first face to face meeting of the Tutu Rural Training Center's Board of Directors. Fr. Matairatu, the Director of Tutu reports that the meeting was very productive and informative which contributes greatly to their work. The meeting follows a tour of the 10 years old teak tree plantation, the Young Farmers' taro and kava projects and the Married Couples' handicrafts. There are 57 young farmers and each will plant 1000 kava as their contributions to Tutu for the three-year program. Already there are 20,000 plants ranging from 8 to 10 months old. Looks like the harvest will be great. Buyers, be ready!



LEVUKA MISSION

Although we left St. John's College, the two Marist confreres at Levuka Parish, Frs Dakai and Silatolu continues to faithfully serve the school through celebrating Mass and administering other sacraments such as Reconciliation. They always enjoyed lively liturgy in the school and the rapport with the students and staff. Two other primary schools in the parish in which they serve are the Marist Convent School and Loreto Primary School at the village of Tokou. 'Aisake in the photo was the main celebrant and guest of honour at the induction of prefects at Loreto Primary School.



PROMOTING FR. COLIN'S CAUSE

A group of young Marist seminarians at Marist College formed last year are dedicated to promote the cause of Fr. Colin. The councilor, Fr. Lutoviko joined the group this year. They had their first meeting and discussed some ways that the group could promote and make known the life and works of our Fr. Founder, much appreciated and loved in schools, youths and parishes here in Fiji. It's not an easy task but it's heartening to see young Marist seminarians believed in something worthwhile and committed to it while studying.



GOLD MEDAL

Fr. Raymond Laupepe of Vanuatu shared the "Gold Medal and Prize for the most outstanding graduate with major in literature and language" from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. The graduation ceremony was held on 30th March in Suva. Unfortunately, Raymond was not able to attend and so hopefully he will receive his in a graduation ceremony later in Vanuatu. Congratulation Raymond!



As the Easter Triduum celebrations draw near, from "Raiatea" we wish you all a spirit-filled journey with our Lord in his final days on earth. A story was once told of Satan challenging God on who will laugh last. On Good Friday while the Son of God was crucified and left hanging on the cross Satan laughed so loud, thinking that he had won. Early Sunday morning God laughed so loud that it bulldozed and pulverized the opening of the tomb. Happy Laughter! Happy Easter Everyone!

Easter Triduum

