



NEWS

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Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

FARMING COUPLES GRADUATION CEREMONY—TUTU

On 3rd August, 10 farming couples graduated after the completion of their 6 months course at the Tutu Rural Training Center, Taveuni. The course endeavours to equip the farming couples with skills to make better use of their resources in the village to enhance their livelihoods. During the course they planted vegetables and sold it at the local market. The money were deposited into their own bank account. Their beautiful handicrafts displayed on that day would be sold for their upkeep as well. The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Waterways, Tomasi Tunabuna was the Guest of Honour. In his speech he congratulated the participants and wish them well in utilizing their skills in the villages. He also expressed the gratitude of the Government of Fiji to Fr. Petero Matairatu, the Principal of Tutu and their dedicated staff in contributing to the economy of Fiji through skills offered and trained in Tutu. Fr. Petero acknowledged in his speech all stakeholders who have helped Tutu and in a special way Caritas New Zealand represented by the Director, Mrs. Filomena Antonio. He thank also the Government of Fiji for increasing its grant for Tutu from \$600,000 to 900,000. After taking the Assistant Minister for a long tour of the Tutu project it is hope that next year grant will reach the target. Besides Fr. Petero, the Marist community in Tutu consists of Frs. Makario, Isaia, Tomasi and Bro. Iosefo.



RENEWAL EAPI

Frs. Puamae, Eneriko, Ignace and Patolo have arrived safely at EAPI for their renewal. Patelisio will join them later. All the best confreres.



MARIST LAITY INTERNATIONAL

An international gathering of Marist Laity was recently held in England from the 30th July to 4th August. There were four representatives from New Caledonia seen here in the photo with Fr. Francois and three from Vanuatu represented Oceania in the gathering. The meeting was organized by the Marist Laity from Europe. The theme for the gathering was 'Marist Spirituality in a Synodal Church'.



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- Sector of the Province retreat, Wailekutu 13th—18th August
- Conference of Major Superiors, PRS Suva 29th Aug—1st Sept

Anniversary of Ordination—Ad multos annos!

Fr. James Mokela—27 Years

PROVINCIAL'S VISITATION OF NEW ZEALAND

The Provincial, Fr. Milikiade recently visited our retiree and confreres working in various parishes in Auckland, New Zealand. Fr. Soane Lomu still looks well and is working at the parish of Otara. Fr. Simone Ah Lo is parish priest up North in Dargaville showing his taro and vegetable garden. Fr. Pio Fong is recovering well from his operation and is at Orewa Parish. Fr. Bill Hansell (81yrs) known in Samoa as Vilo, a former Rector of Marist College, Suva is retiring now from parish works. The Provincial also had time with Fr. Tim Duckworth, the Marist Provincial of New Zealand as well as those in the Auckland Diocesan Office to talk about the future of our men there.



OUR LADY MOST AMIABLE

Fr. Jacob Aba, the Sector Leader of the Solomon Islands stood in front of the recently erected statue of Our Lady Most Amiable after its blessing at the Marist community at St. Martin, Tenaru.



BLESSED IS A CHEERFUL GIVER

Once again 'Apifo'ou College was the recipient of donations from her Majesty, Queen Nanasipau'u of Tonga, a container filled with furniture of different types. Students now sit comfortably in some at the Junior Computer Lab. Also the Radio 'Apifo'ou Manager, Fr. Steven received items from the college ex-scholars in the US to enhance their work in Tonga. Mani meragu Aga.



BRINGING HOME WORLD YOUTH DAY

'Mary arose and went with haste' not to Ain Karim, not to Lisbon, Portugal but to Buma in the Diocese of Malaita, Solomon Islands. The youth in the Northern Deanery of Malaita decided to arise and hasten to celebrate World Youth Day in the Catholic Mission Station in Buma. The Marist mission was established in Buma in 1909 and it was the main station where Catholics from the North would for years paddled there by canoe for Mass. Frs. Dylan and Olie accompanied the youth from Dala Parish. According to Dylan this was wonderful opportunity for the youth to deepen their faith. There were inputs, fun games as well as prayers and celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

