



NEWS

BULLETIN

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Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

THE VICAR PROVINCIAL'S VISITATION OF NEW CALEDONIA

Fr. Lote Raiwalui began his visitation of New Caledonia from 6th to 13th February. Upon arrival, Archbishop Calvet and the priests of the Archdiocese were having their assembly and so visited first Neil Soucy, Bernard Gidrol and Bishop Ghislain who are all residing at Ma Maison. Neil who was given only fifteen days last year to live looks well and enjoyed reading with the help of a magnifying glass. Bishop Ghislain is still ministering to the sick at the hospital. Gidrol still going strong and help out in parishes around Noumea. Archbishop Calvet and Francois are both well too. Francois continues to produce the newsletter of the Archdiocese, looking after the finance of the Sector and goes out to celebrate Mass at Loyalty and Lifou Islands. Visésio lives alone in the Sector House. The visit was also an opportunity for Lote to talk to the newly elected Sector Delegate, Fr. Bill Herkert, to the confreres and to hear the stories of their mission. Anticipating the arrival of Fr. Benedict from Vanuatu, they hope to strengthen community life in the North with Joselito since Bill has moved already to St. Louis. Lote also met with the Marist Laity and they expressed enthusiasm at the upcoming event planned for Oceania next year.



HOHOLA PARISH—PNG



At the beginning of the academic year in February the Parish Priest, Fr. Chris Hifo celebrated Mass at the induction of the prefects at La Salle Technical School. The Marist Community at Hohola also hosted Bishop Bosco Baremes of Vanuatu for few weeks while awaiting the renewal of his passport. He has now returned to Vanuatu.



'APIFO'OU COLLEGE—TONGA



The first week of February was filled with celebrations of the Holy Eucharist to mark the beginning of the new academic year. It started with a Mass for all Catholic secondary schools and Technical Institutions in the main island. Apifo'ou College too celebrated its Opening Mass to coincide with the induction of 60 prefects. The Head Boy Vitolio Faka'osi, a nephew of Fr. Sipiliano Faka'osi seen in the photo is badged by the Vicar General of the Diocese, Mon. Lutoviko Finau.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

The Provincial is currently attending the meeting of Major Superiors in Madang, PNG. Fr. Lote has returned from his visitation of New Caledonia Sector early in the month.

Anniversary of Ordination—Ad multos annos!

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| 1. Fr. Neil Soucy—4/2/1962 | 5. Fr. Louis Melsul-17/2/2017 |
| 2. Fr. Jean Yves Caillon—9/2/1967 | 6. Fr. Paul Molbwet-17/2/2017 |
| 2. Fr. Francois Grossin—12/2/1972 | 7. Fr. Samu Tukidia-20/2/2021 |
| 3. Bp Ghislain de Rasily—6/2/1971 | |

BOUGAINVILLE



On the Feast day of the Presentation of Our Lord which also was the World Day for Consecrated Life, religious throughout Bougainville gathered at Arawa to celebrate the day a Mass and sharing of food.



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George Baruka seen in photo has been appointed as Chaplain to the Police Force in Bougainville with the title 'Chief Inspector'.

MARIST COLLEGE—SUVA



Our seminarians at Marist College have started their academic studies. There are twelve non-professed plus Cameron, a finally professed student and Leone who was a professed Marist before, left and now aspire to become a brother. At the beginning of the term they visited the Provincial House to have a tour of the place since all of them have never been inside. Later we joined with some family members to welcome them at Marist College with words of encouragement from the Provincial, Kevin McGuire and other confreres in the Sector. We wish the formators, Xavier, Samu and John and the seminarians a fruitful journey of formation this year.



MEETING OF FEDERATION OF RELIGIOUS—MADANG, PNG.

The Provincial, Fr. Milikiade is currently attending the meeting of Federation of Religious Superiors of PNG and the Solomon Islands in Madang which began last week on 22nd. He will also have a chance to meet with the confreres in PNG.



WAINONI MISSION—SOLOMON ISLANDS.



After the closure of the mission in Dala, Dylan and Viko had a short break in Honiara before embarking on their journey to their new mission at Wainoni in the island of Makira. The very first huge task for them was to clean up the house, both outside and inside. From the photos Dylan sent the house is in dire need of renovation. Viko is the parish priest and is looking fit from climbing the mountains visiting communities. Dylan is the superior of the community and is involved mainly with teaching in the school together with Bro. Andrew. He also help out in the celebration of Mass in the parish and visitation of the many communities of the Queen of Martyrs' Parish. Although they have just arrived they seems to have some chicken already waiting. The Lord is good indeed!



EAPI RENEWAL PROGRAM

Frs. Isaia, Patelisio and Antoine are currently doing renewal at EAPI, Manila which started on the 8th January till 28th June. The renewal program is called Pastoral Leadership and Management for Mission which is designed to enhance priests in response to the demands of the contemporary Church.

