



NEWS

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BULLETIN

Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

TONGA SECTOR VISITATION

Fr. Lutoviko visited the confreres working in Tonga in the first two weeks of July. At 'Apifo'ou, the Sector Leader and Principal, Fr. Valu is greatly assisted by Fr. Viliami who is head of the Science Department. Frs. Suni and Patelisio are at the Sector House. Suni is retiring now and he looks very well and relaxing. He kept busy with planting yams and look after the poultry and piggery farms. Patelisio, besides his pastoral duties, he is busy with the renovation of the Sector House. The 'Apifo'ou community helped out Mass on Sunday in the parish and gathered together for lunch. Fr. Ika Kaihea is teaching at Chanel College, Vavau and he is available for Mass in the parish and in the school. 'Anaua is well after his well deserved Sabbatical. He picks up Suni from time to time to go work in their yam plantation. While there, Lutoviko also directed the combined retreat for the Marist Fathers and the SMSM and a week later, preached the retreat for the Carmelite Sisters.



KANOSIA PARISH—PNG

As the youth recently gathered in Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth, Fr. Ambrose Kakatai, the Director of Youth in the Diocese of Bereina, was tasked by his Bishop to organize a pilgrimage of all youth in the Diocese to mark the occasion. Different youth groups throughout the Diocese gathered at Bereina to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth with celebration of the Holy Eucharist and followed by inputs and entertainment. Part of the pilgrimage also was a trip with Fr. Vai, the Vicar of the Diocese to the island of Yule to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated there by the MSC missionaries. In the words of Pope Leo XIV "We hope that all of you will always be signs of hope in the world."



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

◇ The Provincial Sector's Retreat will begin on the 10th to 15th August at the Prayer Center, Wailekutu.

HOHOLA PARISH—PNG

Both the Parish Priest, Fr. Chris Hifo and his assistant, Bro. Andrea had joined other priests and religious in their annual retreat in the second week of July. Currently, the work on the new parish hall continues. Cardinal Ribat of Port Moresby earlier blessed the foundation and also blessed the new classrooms at the adjacent La Salle Technical Secondary School where Bro. Andrea and a former Marist, Chris Ketsore teach. Hohola is also becoming a transit place for our confreres, welcoming Dylan from the Solomon mission, Deacon Charles from Rome and farewelling Anthony on his way for the renewal at EAPI.



NEW APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Eneriko has been appointed to Sacred Heart Parish, Levuka to assist Fr. 'Aisake Silatolu who is now the parish priest. Since St. John's College, Cavaci comes under the parish, Eneriko will take up the managerial role of the college. Fr. Fabiano Dakai who has been the parish priest of Levuka for years will now take up the helm at Holy Cross Parish, Taveuni, assisted by Fr. Epoki. Fr. Iosefo Vili, fresh from his renewal at EAPI is already at 'Apifo'ou College in Tonga. Fr. Steve Lugabai is appointed to Kanosia



SOLOMON SECTOR

Members of the Solomon Sector gathered at Tanagai on the 22nd July for their annual meeting. Part of their deliberation was the preparation for the Marist Laity gathering in August and the Golden Jubilee of St. Martin's Rural Training Center later in the year. At the end of the meeting, the Marist family around Honiara celebrated together Fourviere Day.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

As part of celebrating this Jubilee Year of Hope, various parishes made pilgrimages to designated churches and historical sites. In Tonga, Fr. 'Anaua joined Cardinal Mafi and the parishioners of the Immaculate Conception in celebrating Mass on the 2nd July at the nearby island of Pangaimotu where the first Mass on Tongan soil was celebrated by Fr. Chevron under a banyan tree on 2nd July 1842. The parish of Kauvai led by Fr. Patelisio made a pilgrimage to the church of St. Michael in Lapaha, a mission station founded by Fr. Chevron on 24th May, 1847.

In Buin, Bougainville, a celebration of the Jubilee Year was held and guided by a theme of Hope and Christian Unity. A separate Jubilee celebration for the youth was held at St. Martin de Porres Church where there was adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



FOURVIERE DAY CELEBRATION

In New Caledonia, there were two celebrations of Fourviere Day in the South, one at Mont Mou which was presided by Fr. Bill, with the FMS and the SMSM. The other was at Ma Maison where Fr. Francois, Bishop Ghislain, Fr. Gidrol and Bro. Visasio gathered to celebrate. The Little Sisters of the Poor prepared lunch and all enjoyed the day. At 'Raiatea', Suva we celebrated with our lay staff and later joined by our Marist confreres from the Sector House. At the preparation for the bicentenary of the Fourviere Pledge in 2016, the four congregational leaders of the Marist branches called us all Marists to 'provoke a sense of curiosity and awe at the significance of the Fourviere Pledge for us today' and to boost a renewal of energy, hope, joy, motivation and commitment to the work of our Blessed Mother.

