



NEWS

BULLETIN

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Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

END OF RETREAT—FIJI SECTOR

Fiji's Sector ended their annual retreat which was preached by Fr. Samu Tukidia on the theme: 'Marian Spirituality and Ecology.' The retreat was followed with the Sector's meeting which was chaired by Fr. Lote, the councilor for the sector. This was obviously an opportune time for the men in the sector to come together, pray, reflect and simply enjoy fellowship. As you can see, Fr. Lewis Henry have not yet lost his touch with the guitar since his seminary days and the younger confreres, Frs. Enriko and Joe Tora make sure their older brother Fr. Lasaga eats well.



END OF RENEWAL

Frs. Chris Hifo and Robert Taria have recently completed their Sabbatical Renewal Experience at EAPI, Manila and are both returning home. Bro. Nado, the 'Marine' continues his till June.



MISSION TO BUMA

Fr. Dylan and Chris Papaina the skipper of the mission boat in Buma cruised the tranquil water of the Langalanga Lagoon on their way to the Catholic mission in Buma, Malaita. Dylan was invited to give a retreat to the Sisters of Charity there. Chris is also a catechist who have always supported the Marists working there before. He was a diving partner of Fr. Ben McKenna during his Buma days seen here at the Centenary Monument of the Catholic Faith in Buma.



SYNODALITY, CATECHESIS AND EMPOWERING

Frs Lutoviko Olie and Dylan conducted a workshop entitled 'For a Synodal Church' in their parish of St. John's the Evangelists, Malaita. This was certainly a response to the call of Pope Francis to walk together with God's people, to listen to their stories and to discern where the Spirit is leading them. Beside giving workshop, they trained the Sunday School teachers and at the end were given a bible each. "And its never too late to rekindle" so says Dylan, for the staff and prefects of the school as they embark on their academic journey for the second term. Keep it up Dylan and Viko!



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- The Provincial will travel to Sydney for the MAP Meeting scheduled for the 24th to 26th this month.
- Fr. Lutoviko Manu is in the house.

The Sick

Please do remember our sick confreres in your prayers:
 Fr. Neil Soucy
 Fr. Jean Yves Caillon
 Fr. Justin Ratchie



CELEBRATING ST. PETER CHANEL'S FEAST DAY AND 158th ANNIVERSARY OF 'APIFO'OU COLLEGE

On the 6th May, the students and ex-scholars of 'Apifo'ou College in Tonga celebrated the Feast of St. Peter Chanel, the patron saint of the college together with its 158th Anniversary. 'Apifo'ou College traces its origin to 1865 when Fr. Jean-Amand Lamaze SM founded an all-boys day school named St. Stanislaus College which later became St. Peter Chanel on 15th August 1886. The Principal, Fr. 'Ekuasi led the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and joined by the Marists and Diocesan clergies at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The school band then led the marching to the school hall for the second part of the celebration which was a choir competition and the donations of annual levy for the upkeep of the college. According to 'Ekuasi "it was wonderful to see older generations blending joyfully with the younger ones."



CELEBRATING PETER CHANEL AT PRS

The Pacific Regional Seminary celebrated St. Peter Chanel's Feast Day on the 5th May and also to end the first term. Fr. Lutoviko was asked by the Provincial to be the main celebrant. The seminary used also the occasion to farewell Fr. Denis Revi and to thank him for his contributions to PRS.



A DAY WITH JAN HULSHOF

Fr. Donato reported that the Colinian Renewal Group was fortunate to have our former Superior General, Fr. Jan Hulshof talked to them and share his experiences on Community Life. We keep them in our prayers.



BUIN MISSION

Fr. Wesley recently celebrated Mass for first Communion in Buin. In Turiboiru, four candidates joined the Come and See program. And Fr. George Baruka after few days at home return to mission and hoping for a catch from his fishing line.



FAREWELLING ARCHBISHOP ALAPATI

On the 6th May, the Catholic Church in Samoa farewelled their Archbishop, 'Alapati Mataeliga. He was taught by the Marist Fathers at Chanel College before entering the Pacific Regional Seminary. The funeral Mass was led by Cardinal Mafi of Tonga. Bishop Paul Donoghue was there as well as Fr. Okusitino 'Ulupano representing the seminary and Fr. 'Aisake representing the Oceania Marist Province.

