



# NEWS

# BULLETIN

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Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

## FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

The Feast of the Holy Name of Mary was celebrated throughout the Province. Here are some photos from the celebration in different sectors: Fr. Chris Hifo and the Marist Laity at Hohola, PNG, Archbishop Mosese joined the Marist family in Samoa, confreres in Bougainville, Fr. Lote and confreres in the Solomon Islands, Frs. Makario, Tomasi and Epoki in Tutu, Fr. Kevin led the

celebration in Suva, Frs. Vaioleti, Ambrose and the students at Kanosia, PNG, the Marist Laity in Tonga turned up in big numbers for the celebration at 'Villa Maria' Hall, Longoteme.



## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- ◇ Fr. Lote is in Sydney attending the meeting of the District of Australia.
- ◇ The Provincial is doing visitation of the Vanuatu Sector. He is expected to be in Big Bay, Santo for the official opening of the new parish on Sunday 29th September.

## VISITATION OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Vicar Provincial, Fr. Lote recently concluded his visitation of the Solomon Sector. He visited first the Marist community at Wainoni in the island of Makira. The community is consisted of Fr. Dylan Schmidt, Fr. Lutoviko 'Olie and Br. Andrew Wetara. Lote was very impressed with the dedication of the men there working in both the parish and the school. Next he visited St. Martin where Fr. Godfrey, the superior is the Chaplain at St. Joseph's Secondary School. In the community is Fr. Paul Waabu helping out Mass at the Training Center, and Br. Philip Kanai who works at the Training Center and also looked after the three candidates in the Come and See program. The continuous stealing of cocoa and people moving in to plant root crops in our land without permission is a big headache and a loss to the Sector. Residing at the Sector House, Tanagai is the Sector Leader, Fr. Jacob Aba who is also the parish priest. Currently he is busy with building of the new church. Br. John Votaia is there too assisting the finance and running of the sector house. The other member of the community is Fr. Gerry Bruns who is retiring. Apart from Bruns, the members of the Solomon Sector are young but very enthusiastic in their mission. The visitation ends with a retreat for all confreres at the beautiful 'Ginger Beach'.



## CONGRATULATION

On 6th September, Fr. Iowane Waqairapoa graduated from the University of the South Pacific with a degree of Master of Education. Iowane while a full time teacher at Sacred Heart College was still able to complete his studies. Congratulation Iowane!



**TONGA SECTOR RETREAT**

Members of the Tonga Sector held their annual retreat this year at 'Lilo'i Tafa'anga', a place commonly used now for retreat in Tonga. There was no one to preach the retreat but they used all the reflections of the Superior General this year for their reflection and sharing. It was also an opportune time for them for their personal and communal reflections for the General Chapter 2025.



**POPE FRANCIS VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Our confreres working in Bougainville and in Papua New Guinea were blessed to witness Pope Francis visitation of the country. Fr. Chris, Br. Andrea and the parishioners of Hohola hosted the Bishop of Bougainville and the delegations that travelled for the Pope's visit.



**PACIFIC ISLANDS FARMERS ASSOCIATION—17th September**

The Director of Tutu, Fr. Petero Matairatu attended the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Farmers Association which was held in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. The meeting reviewed ongoing projects and engaged in valuable discussion for the future of agriculture in the Pacific. It was also an opportunity to meet the Marist confreres in Tonga. 'Ekuasi took him to the village where he also learned how to roast a piglet.

