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CYCLONE JUDY AND CYCLONE KEVIN

Severe Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin were a pair of tropical cyclones that made a landfall within 48 hours of each other in Vanuatu causing extensive damages and plunged the island especially Tanna and the capital Port Villa into a state of emergency. At Port Orly, there was no report of damage. Frs. Benedict, Epoki and Raymond are all safe there. The Sector leader, Fr. Lolesio Taina reported that “water systems and

telecommunication were completely out in all parts of the country. The two powerful cyclones uprooted trees, blew away roofs of many homes leaving thousands of people without electricity and water supply.” The Sector House at Paray was unscathed except for Fr. Rodet’s ‘Nakmal’ was laid to rest.



THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY



Fr. Dylan Schmidt reports from Dala, Malaita in the Solomon Islands of an ecological program started some years ago by the Parish Priest, Fr. Peter Puamae. Every Saturday is an ‘Ecological Day’ in which the children in the village of Dala would hold a major cleanup in the Parish, School and the whole village. According to Dylan “the program was to instill in children common values and one of them is to care for our environment.” It is obvious from the photos that the kids are all looking forward for the refreshment at the end of the

work.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- Fr Provincial has just returned from his visitation of the Solomon Islands.
- The Provincial and the Vicar will attend the Tutu Board of Directors on 23rd March
- Councilor in the house is Lutoviko Manu and the Provincial until his travel to Tutu next week.



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THE PROVINCIAL'S VISITATION OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Provincial, Fr. Milikiade visited the Solomon Islands from 9th – 16th March. He traveled first to the community at Dala in the island of Malaita where Frs Lutoviko Olie, Dylan Schmidt and Peter Puamae worked in both the school and the parish.



He then returned to Honiara and visited St. Martin's Rural Training Center where Fr. Jacob Abba and Bro. Kanai laboured hard in the farm. He met the staff and students of the center and also the three young men joining the Come and See Program.



The Provincial ended his visitation of the Solomon Islands with meeting first with the Marist Laity at the Sector House in Tanagai. The Marist Laity is still very much alive in the parishes of Ruavatu, Visale and Tanagai. The last meeting was with the confreres in the sector.



Unfortunately, Fr. Paul Waabu and Bro. Andrew Wetara of Wainoni Parish were not there due to distance. What better way to relax in the evening and to farewell the Provincial but with a tanoa and sashimi as 'chasers' at the famous 'Tanagai Leaf Haus'.

Since it is the Feast of St. Patrick, we wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day: "May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy, enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager, enough wealth to meet your needs, enough enthusiasm to look forward, enough friends to give you comfort, enough faith to banish depression, enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.."