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⇒ both in residence
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Pray for our sick

Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola sm



COLINIAN RENEWALS 2020

We congratulate our 2 priests and 2 brothers, Frs Brian Sigere, Kelekolio Misiloi, Brs John Votaia and Andrew Wetara, who were participants in the Colinian Renewals 2020. Together they have successfully endured the effects of the Covid-19 even though the group was deeply affected.



The Oceanians are in Rome where they will be hosted in the General House while awaiting their return. Praying for available flights and a safe travel back home to Oceania.

WHILE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTINUES...



South New Caledonia prays

A day of recollection for the South Community of New Caledonia was led by Bishop Ghilain de Rasilly sm. The Bishop is a member of the community together with Bill Herket (sector delegate), Mika Tuilau, Visessio Teugasiale, Antoine Tamaraka, Neil Soucy, Jea-Yves Caillon, Bernard Gidrol and Francois Grossin.

Hospitality and new normal

The Hohola community, Fr Wesley Manu and Br Elia Sawesawe, and the parishioners hosting the Bishop of Bereina Diocese, Bp Otto Separy. Our second SM community in PNG is in Bp Separy's diocese. The new normal is the improved quality of hygiene. Fr Wesley reports that "Poverty-19" is part of this new normal due to Covid-19, and with marked increase in gender and domestic violence.



Marist College & Dawasamu

The Superior, Fr Donato Kivi, with Marist college students continue to develop and promote ecological projects, both at the college and at the holiday place, Dawasamu. At the college are perma-culture gardening and waste management. At Dawasamu is the ecological center. Gratitude to MMC for the 1.5 kW Solar project for the center.



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St John's College, Cawaci, Fiji



Schools in Fiji are finally allowed to recommence by June 6. Students, before taking the 4 hour trip by bus and boat were screened and enrolled at the Cathedral crib by personnel from Health ministry and the school's board and ex-students. Parents were saved the expenses of the trip to the school for enrolment through this Covid-19 process.

'Api-fo'ou College, Tonga



'Api-fo'ou college continues its rebuilding during the Covid-19 and after Cyclone Harold. They also embarked on creating a botanical garden around the school property for beautification and natural protection. The school outer community helped in bringing in varieties of planting materials. Sandalwood was a popular choice among many others

A new farm technique—Tutu Rural Training Center, Taveuni, Fiji



During Covid-19 TRTC was able to develop a new farming technique by building a farm tunnel house for the off season vegetables. "It is another door," they said, "for food security as well as generating income for TRTC and for families. It helps farmers to move away from being a subsistence affluence into commercial agriculture." This new idea was initiated by the SM Lura community, Tutu. A new venture for food development unit is underway with the use of breadfruit flour for bread.



Condolences

The Marists in Suva, Fiji, came together at the Provincial's house to express their condolences through a traditional Fijian ceremony to the Vicar Provincial, Fr Milikiade Rayalu sm, for the loss of his beloved sister, Luisa. May she rest in peace.

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CONGRATULATIONS—STUDIES & ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Colin said, "without knowledge I would have no faith in the Society; without knowledge it will be ruined. I intend to take every means to ensure that we acquire learning". (F.S. 109, 3 and 5).



Fr Sione Vave sm graduated with a **Licentiate in Safeguarding** from the Gregorian University Rome.



Fr Kosma Masei sm graduated with a **Licentiate in Missiology** from the Gregorian University, Rome.



Deacon Floyd Gatana sm graduated with a **Licentiate in Ecumenism** from the Angelicum University, Rome.

Our best wishes for the respective missions they are called to be serving:
Fr Sione Vave returns to Formation in Marist College, Suva.
Fr Kosma Masei on mission to the Africa District.
Deacon Floyd to the new mission community in Australia.



Br Benedito Gonetabu sm (center) celebrated his 70th and 42nd of profession.



Frs Boniface Kevon sm & Anthony Nawata sm celebrated silver jubilee of ordination and **Fr Steven Posirou sm** (right) of profession.



Bishop John Bosco Baremes sm celebrated his 60th on June 30

Fr Michael J Wooller sm, (NZ) a former Oceania from 1976-1988) worked in Fiji in parishes (3 years) and in St John's College, Cawaci (10 years, 5 as Principal) celebrated his **50th Jubilee of Ordination**.



Welcome Fr Kerry Prendeville sm of the NZ Province and a former member of Oceania, recently visited the Solomon Island where he was a missionary and later a formator at Marist College.

Bougainville General Election

The delayed GE is now set to open on August 12 until Sep 1st. We pray for this historical poll where 98% in the prior referendum voted in favor of breaking away from PNG.

The Standed: We remember the following confreres who are stranded in various countries due to the Covid-19 pandemic and are still unable to return to their ministries: Frs Kelekolio Misiloi, Brian Sigere, Brs John Votaia & Andrew Wetara (Rome); Fr Soane 'Ahohako and Br Sanele Sekeme (Solomon); Fr Mikaele Paunga (New Caledonia); Fr Aisake Vaisima (Sydney)