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ORDINATIONS AND FIRST PROFESSION



The Province is continually blessed with additions to its members with 3 ordinations in December 2019 and 2 first Professions in January 2020.

Fr Iosefo Vili sm was ordained by Archbishop Alapati Mataeliga in Samoa on 14th Dec 2019.

Frs Viliami Kiola sm and Mikaele Misinale sm were ordained on 27th December 2019 in Tonga by Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi. Fr Mikaele Misinale has been appointed to St John the Evangelist Community School in Dala, Malaita Province, Solomon Island. Frs Viliami Kiola and Iosefo Vili are appointed to Chanel College community, Apia, Samoa.

In January 9th, Lesley Kinani sm and Leonard Amori sm, both from the Bougainville Sector, received their first profession at the International Novitiate in Davao, Philippines. Both are returning to Marist College to continue with their formation.

“Towards a Marian Ecological Spirituality for the Formation and Re-evangelization of the VANUA: The People and the Land of Fiji”



Completion of Doctorate

Our congratulations again to Fr Dr Donato Kivi sm for completing all the requirements for his Doctorate by the publication of his thesis. He was happy to present the published Thesis to the Provincial, Fr Setefano Mataele sm and the Vice Provincial, Fr Milikiade Rayalu

YEAR OF THE COMMUNITY

“The ministry of loving service to each other in community is a primary apostolate. The Marist community is a place of sharing...by its fraternal life the Marist community is a place for continuous renewal and conversion...” (cons. 127)



Fr Iosefo Vili sm welcomed Fr Viliami Kiola sm with the traditional Kava into his new community for 2020, the St Peter Chanel College Community, Samoa, before the community sits down to discern together their annual community plan. May the community year bear fruits abundantly.

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ADMINISTRATION

Visitations

Provincial: Federation of Religious PNG & SI, visitations of Bougainville and PNG from Feb 23—March 08.

Vicar Provincial: Visitation of New Caledonia from 29 Jan—Feb 09.

Councilor Ratsi: Visitation of Solomon from Jan 11—Feb 15.

Councilor Vaisima: Visitation of Samoa from Jan 19—29.

Our Sick

Please pray for recovery of our sick:

Fr Michael McVerry—delicate surgery in Auckland
Fr Ipolito Bakaua recovering from hospitalization.

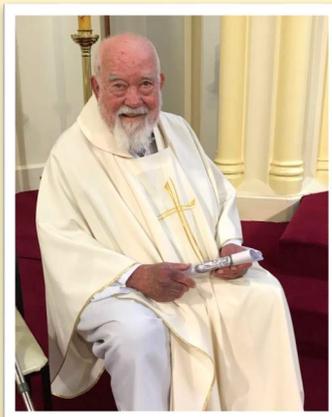
Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola from Chemotherapy.

RIP

Bro Clement Bonhommeau sm (Wallis Is)

11/10/1926 – 23/01/2020

60th Anniversary of Priesthood



Our belated congratulations to Fr William Hansell sm, also known as Fr Vilo, in Samoa, who celebrated his 60th Anniversary of his priesthood earlier in December 2019.

It was held in Auckland, New Zealand, where he now retires, in the company and support of the members of the New Zealand Province.

Fr Hansell has worked for many years in Samoa and with some years in Fiji as a Formator in Marist College. He retired in New Zealand and he is still a member of the Oceania Marist Province.

Blessings in abundance from all in Oceania.

RIP Bro Clement Bonhommeau sm

par P. François Grossin sm

Born on Oct 11, 1926 at Saint Mars de Goutais, Loire-Atlantique, France. 3rd child out of 9 children, 5 girls and 4 boys. Baptized on Oct 12, 1st communion on Dec, 1932, Confirmation on June 27, 1938 at Saint Mars



Primary schooling: from Oct 1932 until June 1939. WW2 : Working at his parent's farmhouse. Military Service, Oct 1946-Sept 1947; Dec 1947-Feb 1948.

Postulancy at La Neylière : Nov 18, 1949. Novitiate at La Neylière : late May 1950—late May 1951. Professed on May 31

Training in carpentry at the Professional College of Fr. Lamache at Lyons, Oct 1951-June 1953. A 6-month break at the Marist School of La Seyne for health reason. Got his degree in carpentry. July 1953-June 1955: renovation work à La Neylière.

June 6, 1954 : final vows à La Neylière

June 1955: his request for the Marist Missions is accepted. Appointed to Wallis-et-Futuna. February 2, 1956, leaving Marseille for Melbourne aboard the Arensker. March 19, Melbourne-Sydney by plane (his first flight). April 5, leaves Sydney for Nouméa, aboard the Resurgent. Spends 6 months in NC waiting for a boat.

Oct 14, leaves Nouméa aboard the Maria del Mar for Port Vila, Futuna (Oct 30; pilgrimage to Poï on foot), Wallis (Nov 4).

Nov 11, arrival at his final destination, Malaetoli, after more than 9 months of travels.

11/11/1956 – 14/05/1974 : Malaetoli, Wallis

15/05/1974 – 19/01/2017 : Kolopelu, Futuna

19/01/2017 - 23/01/2020 : Finetomai, Wallis

Requiescat in pace