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FOURVIÈRE DAY

While preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the Fourvière Pledge on 23 July 1816, Fr Ron Nissen informed us of the material available on [Colin's website](#), in a wide range of languages.

- **Vision & Promise:** the story of Fourvière and the pledge - Leaflet
- **Fourvière Liturgy** - Booklet
- **Paraliturgy** honouring Our Lady of Fourvière and the pledge to form the Society of Mary - Leaflet, authored by Gerard Hall
- **'The Fourvière Pledge':** Leaflets in twenty-six languages and booklet with nine languages.
- **'Remembering Fourvière in three acts':** Booklet authored by Tony Corcoran
- **Prayer cards** based on the bicentenary prayer
- **Bookmarks:** Selection of images and key words

ROYAL AWARD IN TONGA

The king of Tonga, Tupou VI, conferred the Royal Order of the Crown of Tonga on 20 citizens who have contributed to the country in special ways. Our confrere Fr 'Ekuasi Manu was one of the recipients.



'Ekuasi was appointed in 2019 as the principal of 'Apifo'ou College, the oldest secondary school in Tonga which is managed by the Oceania province. Prior to his Tonga appointment 'Ekuasi worked in Fiji in various ministries and after completing his studies at the University of the South Pacific he was the principal of St John's College, Cawaci, Levuka in Fiji. Prior to his appointment to 'Apifo'ou College, he studied Educational Leadership in Australia. The investiture was staged at the Royal Palace and is considered as a special recognition of the work of the confreres in Oceania in the field of education.

CLOSURE OF SAN GIOVANNI EVANGELISTA SCHOOL IN ROME



In Rome, at the end of June, the Marist school *Istituto San Giovanni Evangelista* closed the school gates for the last time. The school was founded in 1949 by our Italian confreres and has since then educated many generations of students in Rome in the Marist spirit. The school buildings will now be rented by the Marymount institute (Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary) who will use them to host their secondary catholic school.

During the farewell celebration, Fr Antonio Airò expressed his gratitude for the opportunity given to many Marists to make a contribution to this ministry inspired by the Gospel and Marist values. He also praised the dedication of Professor Elena Schirano who has served as the school principal for the last 8 years. In her address she said: "Many Fathers have filled the corners of St John's, sowing goodness, seriousness and respect. Our thanks go today to all of them, *unknown and almost hidden*. From many testimonies from teachers and students, emerges the sense of community, of family, of joy, of serenity, of trust, of human promotion. It is not a common style and is therefore all the more precious." For more <http://european-marist-education.over-blog.com/>.