

SMbulletin

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NEWS FROM THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

Confreres in the Solomon Islands have been developing further their Marist educational project. In 1928, from the Marist parish of Wainoni, on the island of Makira, a first school was built which was the only school on the island. Seeing the growing need to provide the children of Makira with education in a Catholic environment, recently more classrooms were added with the help of the Marist Mission Centre in Australia. From 78 students, there are more than 260 children boarding.

In the beginning of June, on the beautiful hill of Bani, the Marist Laity of the Solomons held two days of prayer and reflection. Sector



Leader Fr Jacob Aba celebrated the Eucharist with them and gave them input on Marist spirituality.

In the meantime, in the periphery of Honiara, the Marists of St Mary Parish, Tanagai, have started the foundation of a new church. As many people moved from villages and islands to settle around this area, the actual church became too small to welcome all.

GENERAL

ADMINISTRATION

Fr John Larsen is in France where he joined the confreres of the Colinian Renewal Program. Amongst other things they are walking as pilgrims together the Bugey Camino.

Fr John Harhager has left for the US on Wednesday and is due to be back in Rome in the second half of July.

Fr Juan Carlos Piña will be on short holidays next week before going to Paris for visitation in the beginning of July.

GRADUATIONS IN DAVAO AND IN ROME



On 13 May Fr John Guo Wang (Asia) graduated at the Jesuit University in Davao city in the Philippines. With this thesis “Consideration of Ecological Freedom to Human Development” he attained a Masters in Philosophy. He has already been teaching Philosophy at the university where our Marist aspirants are studying.

On 19 June Deacon Jaime Perez Martinez (Mexico) obtained a Licentiate at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome with a thesis on Iohannes Dalyathensis, a Syriac monk from the 8th century. He accompanied the presentation of his thesis with a self-composed hymn “Il canto dei Beati”, which was beautifully sung by the Casa di Maria choir, and which can be found on [youtube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

P. Maurice Audibert

Europe / France

06.09.1933 – 17.05.2023

P. John A. Burke

Australia

28.01.1934 – 24.05.2023

P. Dieter Sievers

Europe / Germany

27.07.1941 – 03.06.2023

P. Hubert Sibille

Europe / France

07.12.1931 – 09.06.2023