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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY

Marists around the world have been celebrating this week the Society's Patronal Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. At the General House the members of the community and staff held a short prayer and had a festive lunch together. Here below some pictures we received from feasts in our units. More on [Facebook](#).



Clockwise: 'Api Fo'ou College, Tonga / General House / Léon, Spain / Dundalk, Ireland / Bougainville, PNG / San Pedro Chanel College, Guadalajara, Mexico / Marist Mission Studies Workshop in Ranong, Thailand.

SEASON OF CREATION



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

From 1 September, the *World Day of Prayer for Creation*, until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Marist Family around the world joins in the annual ecumenical celebration of the "Season of Creation". Every year, during the month of September Christians are invited to celebrate the beauty and pain of our world, praise and thank God for

his love and goodness, and take steps to defend our common home. This year the theme is "[Let Justice and Peace flow](#)".

In his [letter](#) in occasion of the launch of the Season of Creation, Pope Francis wrote: "We must contribute to this Season of Creation by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies".

The Society's [JPIC blog](#) provide us with material on the Season of Creation and also with a series of articles on *Laudato Si'* and Marist Spirituality by Oceania confrere Fr Sam Tukidia .

GRADUATION OF FARMERS IN TUTU

In August, in the Marist Training Centre in Tutu, Taveuni, 10 farming couples graduated after the completion of a 6 months course.

The course endeavours to equip the farming couples with skills to make better use of their resources in the village to enhance their livelihoods.

The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Waterways, Tomasi Tunabuna was the Guest of Honour. In his speech he expressed the gratitude of the Government of Fiji to Fr. Petero Matairatu, the Principal of Tutu and their dedicated staff in contributing to the economy of Fiji through skills offered and trained for in Tutu.