



Fr Dylan Hatobu SM

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Report from the Archdiocese of Honiara, Sep 24, 2026:

The Archdiocese of Honiara and Wainoni Parish – Queen of Martyrs have announced the passing of Rev. Fr. Dylan Hatobu SM, a Marist priest originally from Bougainville, Papua New Guinea.

Fr. Dylan died peacefully while sleeping in Wainoni, in Makira-Ulawa Province. His passing has brought sadness to the Catholic community and to those who knew him through his priestly ministry

and service.

Fr. Dylan served as a Marist priest in the Archdiocese of Honiara, dedicating himself to his religious vocation and pastoral service. Through his ministry, he became part of the Catholic community he served, leaving behind those who will now mourn his death and give thanks for his life and vocation.

The announcement was shared by the Archdiocese of Honiara and Wainoni Parish with both sadness and hope. The Catholic communities have asked the faithful to remember Fr. Dylan in their prayers and to offer Mass for the repose of his soul.

For members of the Church, the death of a priest represents the loss of not only a spiritual leader but also a fellow servant of the faith. Those who knew Fr. Dylan are now being encouraged to come together in prayer as they entrust his soul to God's mercy.

The circumstances shared by the Archdiocese indicate that Fr. Dylan passed away peacefully while sleeping. No further details regarding his death were provided in the announcement.

His connection to Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, and his ministry as a Marist priest in the Archdiocese of Honiara form an important part of the life he leaves behind. His passing will be felt by parishioners, fellow clergy, religious communities, family members, friends, and others who encountered him during his years of service.

As the Catholic community mourns, prayers and Masses are being offered for his eternal rest. The faithful have been reminded of the hope of eternal life and encouraged to entrust Fr. Dylan to God's care.

Our sincere condolences go to Fr. Dylan Hatobu's family, fellow priests, parishioners, religious community, friends, and all those grieving his passing.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.