



OMP

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BULLETIN

Journeying & participating in the work of Mary

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN

1. OMP Archives gets assistance from the Province of New Zealand



1. The province had the privilege of having Elizabeth Charlton as well as Fr. Mick O'Connor who came earlier and was part of the Marist Laity Convention. We are indeed grateful for the help and assistance rendered to the Oceania Marist. The work was great and they both have set up a system that we are indeed happy with.
2. Season of Creation – The Marist college started September with a mass on the first Sunday of Season of Creation. It does the Via Creations every Sunday afternoon (replacing Benediction) for this Season of Creation.

Beginning of season creation at the Holy Eucharist Parish

2. Season of Creation



Season of Creation – Holy Eucharist Parish, Suva, Fiji



PC: Holy Eucharist Parish (Facebook page)

3. Farewell for Fr. Samu Tukidia



3. Farewell for Fr. Samu Tukidia SM on the Marist College Verandha. Fr. Samu is now joining the community in Tutu while doing his research.

PC: Fr. Samu Tukidia SM

4. Straight after the Marist Laity convention, the Vicar Provincial went to Wallis for his visitation. While there he also did a follow up on the Marist Laity.

PC: Fr. Sipiliano Fakaosi SM

5. The second week of his visitation, he went to Futuna to also do a follow up on the Marist Laity.

PC Fr. Sipiliano Fakaosi SM

6. The feast of the Holy Name of Mary was celebrated around the world and Wallis celebrated the feast day with a mass.

4. Marist Laty Follow up in Wallis



5. Futuna Marist Laity Follow Up



6. Feast of Holy Name of Mary



PC: Fr. Kosma Masei

7. Ordination of Rev. Peter Carde Matakara SM



PC: Sake C. Komailevuka

8. First Mass – Fr. Peter Carde



PC: Fr. Samu Tukidia SM

9. Marist Laity PNG



7. Rev. Peter Carde Matakara was ordained during the feast of the Holy Name of Mary.
8. His first mass was at Levuka
9. The Marist Laity presentation was held on 12 September (Feast of the Holy Name of Mary). They started with the presentation led by Fr. Steven Lugabai SM based on Fr. Aisake Vaisima's notes. The Parish Priest of Hohola (Fr. Chris Hifo SM) speaks on the history of the Society, followed by the Eucharist which was by Fr. Vaioleti SM and ended by a meal together. Margret and Mathew spoke on their experiences during the convention back in Fiji. The presentation highlights working together in collaboration with the Marist Priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay people is the way forward in the future mission, carrying out the faith of PNG Sector in Mary's way:

PC. & Article by: Fr. Steven Lugabai SM

10. Marist Laity Samoa



PC: Emily Gloria Israelu



10. “The Marist Laity Convention held in Fiji from August 17th to 21st was a meaningful experience. On September 13th 2026 we shared in sights on three main topics: Marist Identity, Marist Spirit, and Marist Laity. We presented to four parishes under the Marist community – Toamua, Vaiusu, Tulaele, and Lepea – and were pleased with the good turnout. Our mission continues to grow, and we remain committed to fostering vocations and encouraging more people to serve under the Marist Society. Vinaka”

Our presentation was led by our Parish Priest and our Marist Youth Boss, Fr. Mikaele Tuimavave.

PC & Article by Emily Gloria Israelu

11. The Community in Bougainville celebrates the feast of the Holy Name of Mary as well as a gathering of Marist Laity.

11. Marist Laity Bougainville



PC: Fr. Wesley Manu



12. Marist Laity – American Samoa



Marist Laity Group with Bishop Kolio Tumanuvao Etuale



10 new members joined Children of Mary Group

PC: Sr. Palepa Aukusitino SMSM

12. On the celebration of the Holy Name of Mary, September 12, our Marist Laity Group-American Samoa started the day with the Eucharist. In the same occasion, the three of us SMSM Sisters, Srs. Palepa, Sosefina and Sofia renewed our vows in the presence of His Lordship, Bishop Kolio Tumanuvao Etuale and the congregated faithful. In solidarity with the whole Marist family, we expressed prayers for vocations as well as for more faithful laity to extend the work of our Mother. His Lordship was generous enough to allow us the opportunity to recruit more laity members during our parish seminar prior September 12. The group shared a deli breakfast after Mass, followed by visitation to the graves of the 3 SMSM Sisters and 2 Marist Brothers, who missioned and are eternally resting in our soils. The celebration continued on September 13th with the installation of ten new young women who joined the Children of Mary group at Malaeloa parish. I accompanied the group with a Marian retreat before they received their medallions on Sunday. Since after the Marist Laity Convention in Fiji, we shared the vibrancy of Her quiet presence to our communities & ministries, even giving classes at school on Marist Spirit.

13. ARC Meeting



The Major Superiors of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania are in Rome. They are attending the ARC meeting and we pray that their meeting and discussions are fruitful.

PC: SM Bulletin

L – R: Fr. Lote Raiwalui (Oceania), Fr. Gavin Foster (Aust), Fr. Merv Duffy (NZ)

14. In Memoriam

We remember the soul of our dear brother Fr. Dylan Hatobu SM of Bougainville who was called to rest on 24 September, 2026 in Kirakira, Solomon Islands.

15. Up Coming Events

Perpetual Profession of Hansford Mane SM and Manuele Botabua SM on 4th October, 2026 @ 2.30am Fiji Time. Please refer to our facebook page: Oceania Marist Province or Marist Fathers Vocations for more details and links for viewing.