

# SMbulletin

Friday, 9 October 2026

## PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS



*Joseph Mijares, Hansford Mane, Frs Sione Hamala, Pat Breeze and Larry Duffy, Manuele Botabua, David Romero Vences and Eduardo Limón Guttiérrez.*

On Saturday, 3<sup>th</sup> October, Manuele Botabua (Fiji), Eduardo Limón Guttiérrez (Mexico), Hansford Mane (Solomon Islands), Joseph Mijares (New Zealand) and David Romero Vences (Mexico) made Perpetual Vows in the Society of Mary. The solemn and festive celebration was presided over by Fr Pat Breeze, Superior of Casa di Maria and the vows were received by Fr Aisake Vaisima representing the Superior General. The homily was done by Fr David Sánchez, their former Novice Master. The celebration was attended by all the participants of the ARC meeting, representatives of the

Marist Family leadership teams, Marist friends and staff, as well as by the confreres attending the Marist Brothers Renewal Course in Manziana. After the celebration, which was live streamed, the feast continued with a meal on the roof of Casa di Maria.

## MARIST BROTHERS THIRD AGE RENEWAL COURSE

The Marist Brothers *Third Age Renewal Program* began at Manziana, Italy, two weeks ago, and will finish on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Along with a group of Marist Brothers, five members of the Society of Mary are participating in the program and Fr John Larsen is the chaplain. The program is facilitated by Br Michael Sexton, FMS and Br Pat McNamara, FMS, and offers confreres in the "third age of life" the opportunity to reflect on issues which characterise the 'sunset of life'. Topics include Affectivity and Emotional Maturity, Finding God in Today's World, Solidarity, Health Issues for Men in the Later Years, Focus on Mission, Marist Spirituality, Eco Spirituality, and Religious Life in Today's World. There will also be a chance to visit the Marist places of origin in early November before the group returns to Manziana to conclude the program. The whole experience offers the participants a rich opportunity to cement ties and find common fraternity in the spirit of Mary.



*Frs John Larsen (Chaplain, New Zealand), Michael Ryan (Europe), Pat Muckian (Europe), John O'Gara (Europe), Marcel Ma'ah (Africa), and Ray Chapman (Australia).*

## LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

**P. Dylan Hatobu**

Oceania / Bougainville

14.12.1978—24.09.2026

**P. Étienne Siffert**

United States of America

21.02.1931—28.09.2026

**P. Rory Mulligan**

Europe / Ireland - Norway

23.07.1939—03.10.2026