Marist College Suva Salu Salu 2016

It does not seem that long ago that we gathered to begin the year. Here we are now, exams finished and the year is nearly complete.

2016 will be remembered in Fiji for many years. First of all for the widespread devastation caused by Cyclone Winston in February. The memories of the loss of life, the injured, the damage to homes and buildings and the wonderful spirit of people as they try to rebuild their lives remains strong. Here at Marist College we just lost some trees and had to spend a few days without electricity. Not like many villages and families who suffered greatly and are still living in tents today.

The other strong memory this year in Fiji was a time of great joy. When Fiji won the Gold Medal in the Rugby Sevens at the Olympics in August. The smiles on every face told the story. There was even a public holiday to welcome the team and there were Fiji flags everywhere.

Here at Marist College we commenced the year with builders working on renovating the house. We are very thankful for the generosity of the benefactors from the Marist Mission Centre which enabled the work to be completed.

We were blessed by the arrival of a large group of new students at the end of August. There are eight Marist members of the propaedeutic group. Now new students arrive for the third term. They attend classes with their peers at the Pacific Regional Seminary. As well we introduce them to Marist formation. They will progress to Year One studies in 2017.

I leave Marist College after three happy years. There are many memories I will always treasure.

As a formator I have felt very much the responsibility that has been asked of me to help to nurture and form future Marists. One of the challengers as a formator is giving a good witness to others.

There have been many challenges along the way and I am grateful for the trust that seminarians have placed in me. Accompanying someone in their discernment is a special ministry.

Thank you for your prayers and may you and your family have a safe and



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happy and holy Christmas. May 2017 be a blessed year.

Fr Tony Kennedy sm Vice Superior



Departures and Arrivals

Departure from Marist Formation

During the year two seminarians: Pio Tabuasei from Fiji and Adrian Meuka from Bougainville left Marist College. As well one of the novices from Oceania: Dick Tawake from Fiji, left the novitiate during the year. We wish each of them the best for their future:

Off to Novitiate

Timothy Hare and **losefo Amuri** head off to the Philippines for Novitiate. They will depart in late November to participate in the orientation program before the novitiate proper begins at the end of January 2017. The orientation program is important in assisting with the transition to a different stage of formation. Getting to know the other novices, the culture and the Marists in the Philippines is crucial to the success of the novitiate.

Off on Marist Mission Experience

Mika Misinale and Maselino Kolio are both heading to Papua New Guinea. The Marist Mission Experience is spent in a Marist community away from the formation house. It is a chance to put into practice some of the learning from their academic studies at the Pacific Regional Seminary. A key aspect is being in a culture that is new to the student. He is evaluated in terms of his ability to live in another culture, the way he interacts with men and women, how effective he is in ministry and the way he lives his religious life in a smaller community.

Mika will be based in Port Moresby at the parish of Hohola. He will be involved in the school as well as the parish in 2017.

Maselino is going to the parish of Kanosia for two years.

Change of Lecturers

Fr Mark Kenney arrived to teach Scripture at PRS in the third term. Mark is an American Marist who came to Suva from Sydney where he had been teaching Scripture at the Catholic Institute of Sydney for some years.

Fr Andrea Volonnino has lived with us at Marist College for the last two years. He has been teaching Philosophy at PRS. His devotion to the Roma soccer team is legendary. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Fiji 7's team and the Crusaders and the Chiefs. He returns to Italy at the end of this year.

Change of Formators

Fr Soane 'Ahohako will finish his three year term as the Superior of Marist College at the end of this year. He is going for doctoral studies in Australia.

Fr Tony Kennedy will finish as Vice Superior after three years at the end of this year. In 2017 he will be based at La Neyliere in France as the Director of the Colinian Period of Renewal. This is a renewal program for Marists from around the world.

Fr Milikiade Raiyalu from Fiji will be the new Superior in 2017. Fr Kiade has worked in each of the different formation houses of the Province of Oceania. In 2015 he undertook further studies in Spirituality in Melbourne.

Fr Jacob Aba from the Solomon Islands will take up an appointment as an Assistant to the Superior. Jacob has recently completed some training in England in preparation for this role.







Formators Workshop July 2017

In July this year many Marist formators from throughout the world gathered at La Neyliere in France. This was a chance to reflect on our ministry as formators and to improve our skills. It was an opportunity to allow us to improve our systems and the communication between houses and personnel. Frs Tony Kennedy and Sione Hamala attended as representatives from Marist College Suva.

We began by sharing presentations on each of the formation houses throughout the world. We then moved into examining more closely each of the different stages of formation. At times we used role plays to help us deepen our reflections. Different members of the group took the lead in presenting and facilitating different sessions throughout the month.

Just the experience of coming together and living as an international Marist community was enlightening. This was a small taste of how it is for seminarians today as formation becomes more and more international. An important part of the program was the time we spent in prayer. Each day we began with an hour of meditation. Each day we were encouraged to take time to write in our journal. Each Saturday morning was a time for recollection and each week we spent time in personal accompaniment, putting into practice the skills we were updating.

We spent time reflecting on culture in formation. This was a recognition of the very multicultural nature of the Society of Mary today. Seminarians and formators from different cultures come together to live in community. Dealing with different expectations and assumptions and languages provides many challenges.



Just being at the house in which our founder spent his final years was inspiring. La Neyliere is a special place. There is a small Museum dedicated to Oceania. As well the Espace Colin showcases the Marist story.

We had the chance to visit some of the important Marist places during the month. A highlight was being present at Fourviere in Lyon on 23rd July 2016 with many members of the Marist Family as we celebrated the bicentenary of the Pledge at Fourviere.



Fr John Hannan sm and Formators

At the end of the month we spent some time reflecting on our expectations of the type of Marist that our formation house should produce.

We seek to form men who are graciously chosen by Mary to be:

♦ Men of Prayer

- N.117-125
- ♦ Men who are capable of living and working cross culturally.
 N.12
- Men who are able and want to live in and contribute to community life.
 N.126-127
- ◆ Men who have the heart to serve the poor and the abandoned. N.20
- Men who love Mary and the Church, follow Fr Colin, and are committed to the mission of the Society of Mary.

N.228

- ♦ Men with a love of learning.
- N.26
- Men with self-knowledge and an integrated personality.

The numbers refer to different numbers in the SM Constitutions.



From the Espace Colin

Entering Marist Formation

On the 28th of August 2016 before midday I called a taxi to transport me from my home in Cunningham to Marist College. It was a very sunny day, with the sun beating down. On my way to Marist College as I sat in the taxi, it had hit me that this is it, my day has come. I was filled with happiness because I was finally entering Marist College.

As I disembarked from the taxi I felt joy running through my body. I quietly took my bags to room number one and unpacked quickly. I looked at my room and said a little prayer before leaving to have a small bite.

During my stay here in Marist College I began to notice how little we have but everyone here is full of smiles and laughter. I came to a conclusion that we do not need things to make us happy. The brothers find joy in the simplest of things.

The program is quite strenuous but spiritually uplifting. The meals and laundry cleaning are done with the upmost love that only a mother can do. Community sports is a time to be silly as the objective is not about winning but participation. Community work is either cleaning of our plantations or cutting the grass.



Paul chasing Sefa



Reflection on Commitment

Reflecting back to the beginning of this year during our community orientation. I came to realize that our community was no longer the same community that I experienced last year. There were lots of changes: our buildings were newly renovated, students going out and new ones coming in, programs were changing as well as responsibilities and obviously the mission and our vision statement. This was a visible sign that community was subjected to changes. However, there is one thing that never changed. Despite all these changes it always present from the beginning to the end in Marist College. I believe this was driving force behind all our community activities here in Marist College.

I remember at the beginning of the year we had a recollection day and Fr Tony Kennedy gave us a very inspiring talk on commitment. In his material he quoted these two persons: Jean-Paul Sartre, who said, 'commitment is an act not a word' and Zig Ziglar, 'it was character that goes out of bed, commitment that moved us into action, and discipline that enabled us to follow through.'

Reflecting on the topic commitment, it was life-giving to see how each ones' commitment in the community contributes a lot to life and the progression of our community this year. It was through each ones commitments to our various areas of responsibilities

that enabled us to move forward as a community.

An act of commitment that motivated each of us to deepen our spiritual life in our prayer exercises, strive for good marks in our academic study, to live a healthy life style and to create the atmosphere here at Marist College a hospitable place for our visitors from far and near. Moreover, commitment enables us to look beyond our own needs and reach out to age people in Father Law Home and special needs children at Hilton.

Reflecting on our daily commitment in living out the four pillars of formation. It helps us to realize and experience the life that we want to live as a Marist. In doing our responsibilities, in getting confidence in ourselves, in achieving our goals here in Marist College and experiencing the Marist way of life.

As Steve Maraboli, said, "Let today be the day that you committed in being, in doing, in getting, achieving, in experiencing. Let today be the day that you are committed to being the change you wish to see and living the life you wish to live."

Our mission statement has it that our commitment to all aspects in our formation house is for the greater glory of God and honour of Mary.

Peter Puamae

Pastoral in New Caledonia Mika Tuilau

The two year pastoral spent in New Caledonia has really helped me in many ways, most especially in helping me to understand the mission of the Church and the Society of Mary. In the light of the Church, it has brought to my attention how the Church is challenged more now than ever because of modern views and ideas. These ideas are challenging the very moral foundations the Church has and which it continues to teach its followers.

This has also startled the cultural value systems. Thus in many places I visited there is a rejuvenating search for true identity, one which has made me realise the importance of my own origins and cultural value system. Making comparisons on the trends we have today there is an assurance that all cultural systems here in Oceania if not maintained and guarded will be on the brink of extinction in the years to come.

So while we still have time I believe that it is vital that people should be aware of their origins and be given their right to maintain their true cultural identity or in this case the true Kanak identity. This has nothing to do with politics or revolt; rather there is a need to create awareness on the importance of our identities in relation to our land and culture in the midst of the changes brought about by the waves of

colonialism and modernism.

In view of Marist life and its mission I believe that many changes have taken place right from the early beginnings of the missionary activity here in Oceania to this day and one which continually affects us daily to the affects of modern technology and a new beliefs system based on the concept of individual or human rights.

Looking back to the past, the only way our early Marists were able to live past these challenges were through prayer, working together as a unit, accepting and understanding one another as confreres despite all our human weaknesses. Living in community is not just a stroll in the park without worry and pain, it is all of what life truly has to offer. This happens not to demean the concept of community, rather it is to help build up a good community which tries to set a good example to the people we are called to serve.

Respect and appreciation seems to be one of the major hurdles which seems to undermine the very core of our existence as a community of Marists under one roof and I am glad that have come to realise this and one which I will try my very best not to promote because it brings only division and when there is division then it is too obvious that the mission will fail and thus bring more challenges to the



society as a whole.

All in all I am happy to have been given the opportunity to further my knowledge in the Society and Church's mission in a foreign country one totally different to my own. My prayers and thoughts will always be with all of you my brothers and confreres who are out there in very remote and difficult missions be it here in Oceania or in any other province. I pray that God guide and keep you always in his love.







Novitiate Experience

As I look back on my novitiate, I believe it was an exciting moment for me as I excel through my vocation journey here in Marist College. In the novitiate it was the sweetest moment as I encounter many things in my life.

Firstly, being a Fijian, I felt the openness in the world. Being chosen to go to the novitiate gave me many insights as I prepared to see what novitiate holds for me and in a special way for the first time for me to travel out of my country into a country that is new.

In the novitiate I have learned a lot of insights about the Society of Mary, also learning about myself and which are my weaknesses and strengths.

A lot of insights that I saw opened my mind in seeing the world and what the world offers. Learning new cultures not only the Filipino's but others such as the Latin American and African.

In the novitiate I have learned a lot of insights about the Society of Mary, also learning about myself and which are my weaknesses and strengths. I believe that one of the purposes and central places for the formation of a novice is to teach the novice the Spirit and the life of the congregation. We learnt about the history of the institute, the Constitutions, and the life of the Founder, the first mission, the life of the first members and the life of the congregation today.

The classes ranged across many subjects such as Mariology, Marist Spirituality, Vatican II Council, History of the Society of Mary, Liturgy and Evangelical Counsels. These classes have helped me in seeing the reality and to be part of my life as a Marist.

Letting Mary be a part of my life is central and crucial in my life. I belong to her society as she is the "First and Perpetual Superior." For me as a Marist, knowing the life of Mary is very important before us to know what

Society we are to belong. It is maybe one

Joseph Tora Year Three

of the reasons that our superior gave this place of Mary in our study. Mary our first and perpetual superior is also our model for the Marist.

In the novitiate I have learned a lot in regards to what entails community life, pastoral life, prayers and most important is my relationships with brothers in my community. It has also taught me a great lesson which is to be humble in moment when my brothers or formators correct me.

Therefore, I have learned a lot during my novitiate year and I believe it has shaped and molded me to be the person that I am today. I will never forget the wonderful experiences of the novitiate, this will a part of my life forever.

I thank Mary for this wonderful experience that I have learned and have hungered for more to learn and know more about the Society of Mary.

Salamat!

Joseph Tora SM

PRS Graduation

Bishop John Bosco Baremes sm from Port Vila celebrated the Graduation Mass at the Pacific Regional Seminary.



losefo Amuri from Fiji received his Diploma in Theology.



Lutoviko Olie, Louis Melsul and Paulo Ravunakaidere each received the Bachelor Of Divinity.

Lutoviko graduated with distinction.



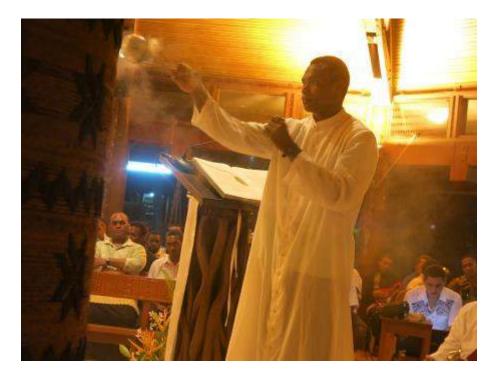
Newly Professed: From left to right: Joseph Tora (Fiji), Etienne Souleymane Mansaly (Senegal), Mbara Apeke Benoit Charles (Cameroon), Floyd Gatana (Bougainville), Ricardo Navarrete Gutierez (Mexico), Leandro Martins Da Silva (Brazil), Humphrey Leo'i (Solomon Islands), Mukong Gabriel Tim (Cameroon)

Being in the Office A Servant for All

It often occurs in most cases that when a post of responsibility is advertised many people will try as much as they can to get it. This is the same when people are striving to lead a particular group or organization. Little do they know that this is all about service. Being at the head, one has to become a servant of others.

The main causes for restlessness in leaders is sometimes due to our fears and worries of how much we would like to succeed and to make a good name in our achievement. The Marist Spirit presents it the other way round. It is not a matter of making a name for ourselves. But in very simple ways being at the service of the community following the example of Mary, in a hidden and unknown way, yet very effective in the service we offer to our fellow brothers.

In my perspective, taking up this role as a social man, I say it is a role as a servant for the student community of Marist College at the beginning of this academic year 2016. It is a great challenge for me to live this out especially in organizing special events during our community nights. In any difficult moments I came across, there was always a point of reference for me in all that I have to do. That is asking



myself, "Is this how Mary would have done this?"

With that I say thank you to our guiding star and model who is always there reminding me what I should do and how I should handle particular situations. It is easier said than done especially when dealing with human beings.

With this short experience, at the service of the community, the most important issue is for me to know that I am not doing something for self-edification. It is a learning process especially to do Mary's work. This is where I found the joy and the strength in carrying out this responsibility for my

brothers to be at their service.

Above all it is the tremendous support that I receive from my brothers in the community, it is not a matter of fighting ahead alone because I cannot survive alone like an island. This is one of the most life giving aspects and the beauty of sharing a common life with others.

In such a position, one can be the focus for all the unheard criticism. But this instead is an opportunity to learn from my mistakes. Leading by example is very vital for action speaks much louder than words.

As I move on every day, I kept asking myself what is the quality of service that I offer to my community? Any way it is for others to judge and tell me because as I am moving ahead, I cannot see my back but others do.

After all I say that it is not my work but the work of Mary our first and perpetual Superior as she is always there to help out in any difficult moments. I am weak but I cannot do anything by the help of the Lord who strengthens and leads me along in all that I do for the Glory of God and the honour of Mary our beloved mother, Perpetual Superior and guiding star who will never turn her eyes away from her children.

Vinaka Vaka Levu.

Iosefo Amuri.





NOVICES of 2016: Left to right: YVES BERANGER TUMA WASSEU (Cameroon), DICK TAWAKE (Fiji), BRADFORD CHADWICK (Samoa), DANIEL KLEINSMAN (New Zealand), EMIL KENEWATA (Bougainville), HAYDEN POWICK (New Zealand), CAMERON MOTA (Bougainville)





A new sign thanks to Sefa.





Fr Andrea Volonnino accepting a farewell gift.



Joveci and Leonard working in the garden.



Pastoral Experiences on Sunday

It is a great privilege for me to contribute to this edition of the Salusalu News. First of all, I would like to thank the Lord for accepting me to start my formation for the religious life, and to acknowledge the help of Mother Mary in my life and this step I've taken. I also thank the Almighty God for His supportive and caring towards me on my long journey of discerning about my vocation.

I'll just share some of the important and inspiring things I've seen during my pastoral visitation on Sunday. My group was in charge of visiting our elderly brothers and sisters who were staying at Father Law Home.

The first time I went there for a visit was last year. I thought that some of them would not even recognize me when I went back this year. To my surprise, when I went there this year, two of my best friends called my name and came to give me a kiss on the cheek and a big hug. I was shocked because looking at their age, I couldn't believe that they would recognize my face. They told me that they really missed me.

For me personally I found it very hard to express my feeling towards them because I want to cry but I don't want to show it to them how I felt the happiness in me towards them. This

kind of experience I will never forget it, I will always keep it inside me every day of my life.

Whenever I went there for the visit and look at them, I always remember my grandmother, the way we took good care of her. She was almost ninety years of age and she still went to the plantation. Why I said this because those elderly people, they really need our help.

They want to be happy at all times, they really want our assistance upon them. It's only us, we should always go there to visit them, talk to them, telling stories to them, jokes with them so that they can be happy at all times.

I don't know about us the generations nowadays. Will we reach that kind of stages of life? For me personally, my answer is no, because modernization nowadays has already spoiled our minds, and everything about family life is faded away.

There will be a time that we will not recognize our neighbors. These elderly people are our real family, our relatives, and our neighbours. Every time I went there and looked at them, the only thing came into my mind was to weep for them.

I want to say words of encouragement to you, all my dear brothers and sisters.



We try to remember this generation (our elder brothers and sisters) in our prayers and ask our Almighty Father to give them the graces that they may need to keep them safe from harm and from all dangers.

Hopefully this word of encouragement will help us to continue to pray for the old people, the deaf, the dumb, the needy, the homeless, the hungry, the thirsty, and all those who are in need of our prayers.

We ask the Lord to keep them safe at all time and help them in their time of pain and sorrow. We should always love one another and take care of one another through this year of discernment on God's call in us.

As Jesus said to us all "Love one another as I have loved you".

THANK YOU!!

"MAY WE ALL HAVE A BLESSED AND JOYFUL YEAR

Pio Tabuasei



At Easter the Picpus Superior General Fr Javier visited.

The Picpus (Sacred Hearts) Formation House of the United States Province had lived with us at Marist College since August 2015. They joined us for prayer, meals, work, sports and community life.

They found a new house not far from the Fiji Regional House and moved there in August.

At Easter Fr Javier, the Superior General of the Sacred Hearts came for visitation.

When the Marists first set out for Oceania in 1836 they sought assistance from the Picpus Fathers who were in Eastern Oceania. We were honoured to return the hospitality 180 years later.

As part of the celebrations for the Year of Mercy, the Pacific Regional Seminary community attended Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Suva in March. Fr Soane was the main celebrant. We all walked through the Holy Door.



A Scripture class.



The retelling of the parable of the Prodigal Son

The Year of Mercy





One Friday evening as part of our social night there were a number of dramatic presentations. These presentations highlighted different aspects of the Year of Mercy. We witnessed a retelling of the Prodigal Son, we visited a scripture class at PRS and saw what happened on the Day of Judgement when St Peter greeted sinners.



St Peter (Louis), greeting people at the Gates of Heaven on Judgement Day.

Peter Puamae: Reflection on My Call

Peter renewed his vows on 29th October this year. Fr Ben invited him to share with us the story of his call.

God calls us in many different ways and we respond to him in our own different ways!

I felt I received my call when I was in grade three. I was inspired by my uncle Fr Donation Hitee who was a diocesan priest. As a child I have this desire and eagerness to be like him when I grew up.

Yet, I never thought of becoming a priest or entering religious life until I finished my year 12 in 2005. At the end of the year I met with Aubin and Norman on the boat travelling to Honiara from Makira for holiday. Both of them were Marist Come and See candidates. On the boat they begun to share with me their pastoral experiences in Wainoni. Listening to their wonderful experiences with the interior people of Wainoni there was an inner desire in me that urging me to go out there and experienced that same joy.

So I applied and I was accepted for the Come and See program the following year 2006. I was with Fr James Hapuak who inspired me and I regarded him as my role model as a Marist. 2007 I was asked to join the minor seminary and then in 2008 I entered the seminary in PNG. Fr Lote was the superior that time. I was also inspired by him as a role model for me in my life as a Marist. In 2010, I was in the novitiate in Tutu. In 2013 I was asked to go to Teachers' College and 2014 I was asked to go to Samoa for pastoral and last year I was asked to continue my study here in PRS.

All through these years have been a good years for me as I am more committed to my community responsibilities and especially my prayer life. I have grown more in self-awareness especially in relation to God and to others; I have faithfully kept my vows and have the strong desire still to continue responding to God in the

Society of Mary.

For me the joys that I experienced in living a Marist life and the love I had for this way of life that made me apply to renew my vows in the Society of Mary.

Reflecting on my call, I came to realize and appreciate those whom I met in my journey who have helped me a lot. Aubin and Norman, through their story, somehow triggered the inner desire I have within me and inviting me to discern my call in Marist life. Perhaps as seminarians I believe by sharing our own stories and experiences with other friends can be very helpful and inviting in such a way they may be able to discover their own call.

The three priests who inspired me they will always be a role model for me; their life of prayer, simplicity, closeness to people and their commitment to their priestly life. They are my inspiration especially in the midst of difficulties and joys challenges and the and consolations I experienced in Marist life. It is important for us to have role models, someone whom we can look up to, a confrere that can be an example or inspiration for us in our discernment. It is good for us too, to be role models and to encourage others as well in the way we live our life as Marists.

I want to conclude my reflection on my fond memories to remember about my uncle Fr Donation.





Someone asked him, 'Do you find celibacy a problem?' He said, 'See it is clear from my birth, he was faithful right throughout his life.' Why you never say no? 'I am afraid of Jesus saying to me that he is the one I say no to. So I continue to say yes to all.'

Finally he said, if you never miss any meal of the day, then you should also never miss your Eucharist and your prayer times. It is food for your spiritual lives.



Enjoying a meal together.

From Left:

John Sawchenko (Picpus), Iosefo Amuri, Timothy Hare, Louis Melsul.

Ministry and Life of Service

A week before my ordination to the ministry of Deacon I found an article on Pope Francis' homily during a mass at the Vatican for Deacons. One of the things that he emphasized was about the availability of Deacons: "One who serves is not a slave to his own agenda, but ever ready to deal with the unexpected, ever available to his brothers and sisters and ever open to God's constant surprises."

Ever since I was a young altar boy in the village serving priests at mass I had this inspiration and desire that one day I would be standing at the altar to say mass. I entered Marist College nine years ago and how I wished during my first year of formation that I could say mass already. However, year after year, and little by little, living as a Marist and committing step by step into the ministries provided by the Church I came to realize that these ministries of lector, acolyte and deacon which I have taken along the way is of service, sacrifice, availability and self-denial. Above all is about doing God's will.

The days of my ordination and my perpetual profession in the Society of Mary were the strangest days ever in my formation journey. I remember being really nervous as I approached these days because this commitment that I was to take is for life.

The story of the Prophet Jeremiah was the only voice echoing in my mind. I remember thinking that this life is no longer determined by my own interest and desire but of God and the Society of Mary. I remember looking at my unworthiness and limitedness asking: I am just a youth. Nevertheless, these two days brought me humility before God. I have realized that my life ahead is not known to me and even it is not of my control. It is only God who knows all and in control of all and I need to trust in His guidance and love. I always found comfort in God when trusting in self is in vain.

As I reached the end of the year and the end of my seminary formation I am humbled to say that with God's grace I never regretted serving God's people through the ministry of Deacon and through my Marist religious life. I will be thankful to God for His gifts and graces always.

On behalf of Deacon Louis Melsul Maite sm and myself we would like to thank all our confreres, families, friends and classmates for your tirelessly support during our last year of formation especially for the encouragements and prayers during our perpetual profession and our Deaconate Ordination this year. God Bless You All.

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary

Lutoviko 'Olie sm



Winston the cat made himself at home with us after Cyclone Winston.



The newly professed: Lutoviko Olie, Xavier Sariman, Louis Melsul



"Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are,

Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you



Deacons Louis Melsul sm and Lutoviko 'Olie sm







Sione surveying the damage from Cyclone Winston at Dawasamu





Marist College Community 1979

Back: Seluini Akau'ola, Taitoko Tafa, Filipo Motulalo, Adrea Baleicolo RIP, Aliki Langi, Lewis Henry, Lolesio Tupa, Vitori Buatava RIP, Aisake Vaisima Seated: Suni Halipio, Rafaele Qalovi RIP, Fr Frank Durning RIP, Fr Bill Hansell, Pio Tusa, Falani Terry

Front: Venasio Felise, Ioane Paulo Iosefo RIP, Esala Nacuva, Lafaele Fidow, Viliame Daurewa, Kalolo Togisia RIP

When we were cleaning the office in preparation for the building works at the end of 2015 many older photos were found. Of great interest was this photo of the first community to live at Marist College Suva in 1979.

Where are they now?

Of the nineteen seminarians:

- Fourteen were ordained Marist priests.
- Two have left the priesthood.
- Five have died.
- Seven of them: Seluini, Aliki, Lewis, Lolesio, Aisake, Suni and Falani are still active Marist priests.

The Superior of that year, Fr Bill Hansell sm, is still alive in New Zealand.



Propaedeutic Group: Joveci Turaga, Nathaniel Naiken, Charlie Temar, Joseph Famaai, Zulu Serop, Lesley Kinani, Charlie Schwenke, Leonard Amora



Frs Tony Kennedy, Mark Kenney, Soane Ahohako, Sione Hamala, Andrea Volonnino



Jacob Aba and Milikiade Raiyalu

New formators for 2018



Angie and Helen who do so much for us.



Year One: Paul Croker



Year Two: Timothy Hare, Pio Tabuasei, Iosefa Setu, Gaberiele Saunivalu



Year Three: Humphrey Leoi, Iosefo Amuri, Joseph Tora



Br Ratu Adrea Naleba







Year Four: Mika Misinale, Maselino Kolio, Adrian Meuka



Year Six: Peter Puamae, Mika Tuilau



Year Seven: Lutoviko Olie, Paulo Ravunakaidere, Louis Melsul

Conferral of Ministries, PRS Graduation and Renewal of Vows



Peter Puamae renewing his vows.



Lectors: Humphrey & Joe, Acolytes: Maselino & Mika



PRS Graduation: Marist College Graduates for 2016



Paulo signing the profession documents.
Witnessed by Fr Tony, Fr Ben and Fr Soane.



From Left to right: Mika Tuilau, Paulo Ravunakaidere, Adrea Naleba, Maselino Kolio, Mika Misinale, Humphrey Leoi, Joseph Tora.