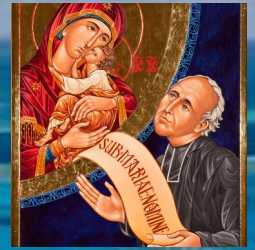




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ONE MIND AND ONE HEART FOR LIFE AND MISSION

Administration News

Councilor, Fr Justin Ratsi sm returns on 17 March from FOR PNG SI meeting and visitations of PNG and Bougainville.

Consecration of Bishop Susitino Sionepoe on 23-24 March. Provincial & Vicar Provincial will attend on behalf of the Province. They will be away from the office from 18—25 March.

Fr Aisake Vaisima sm will attend the Tutu Board Meeting 20-23 March.

Prayer for the sick

Please continue to pray for our sick confreres:
Fr Milio Vakasirovoka sm, who is currently in India for treatment.
Fr Seluini Akau'ola sm
Br George van der Zant sm
Fr Epoki Manu sm
+Bob Leamy sm

REST IN PEACE

Fr Peter James Carde sm, who died 03 March: 1967-2003 Oceania, mainly in Fiji
A Requiem Mass for him at Laucala Bay Parish 13 March. RIP

Our prayers for all the victims of the recent mosque shootings in Christchurch, NZ.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On 9th March, eleven (11) deacons were ordained by His Grace, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Suva. Four (4) of them are Marists (*Viliami Kiola, Iosefo Vili, Pio Ravu & Mikaele Misinale*). Three (3) are from the MSC (Missionary of the Sacred Heart), One (1) from the Columbans, and three (3) diocesans for the Archdiocese of Suva.

The Cathedral was packed, both inside and outside, with the families and the faithful. Many families have travelled from various Islands in the Pacific to be with their sons on this special occasion. This group of deacons may have been the biggest being ordained in the Cathedral. Our congratulations to all the deacons in the ministry of service they were called to.



MARIST LAITY & VOCATION PROMOTION—New Caledonia Sector

The Board of the Marist Laity of New Caledonia has planned that in every second year there is a Marist Conference which will bring the members of the various branches of the Marist Laity together. For the first time on Feb 23, a recollection day was proposed and directed by the Sector Delegate, Fr Bill Herket sm. Quoting Fr Francois Grossan sm, "It has been such an inspiring gathering that another day has already been planned in two month's time. A good start indeed."



From the VOCATION PROMOTION, Bro Visesio Teugasiale sm, 69 yrs old, has been appointed to the Diocesan Vocation Board, replacing Fr Kosema Masei sm, who was sent to Rome for further studies. The function of this Board is to bring together representatives of the various Religious Congregations, priests and lay people to participate in vocation promotion weekends. The last gathering was a Pueblo in the North, where the Catholic Church was established 175 years ago. The next vocation weekend will be on Ouvea island, in the Loyalty islands. Our best wishes to these initiatives and may they bear fruits abundantly.