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MAP MEETING IN SAMOA



The Provincial and Vicar General of OMP hosted the MAP meeting for 2019. It was held in Apia, Samoa, under the warm and generous hospitality of the

Samoa Sector, led by Fr Mika Tuimavave, the Sector Delegate, and the confreres in Samoa on 18–19 June. The meeting was a quality time of listening to each other's stories of joys, struggles, and hope. Through their mutual sharing they came to understand more of each other's needs and their abilities to help each other in carrying out the work of Mary in their respective Provinces. The MAP members were treated to some fantastic and delightful performances from the Catholic Youths, St Mary's College of the SSM sisters, and St Peter Chanel College, Moamoa. Frs Kennerly and Duckworth of New Zealand were particularly pleased to visit St Peter Chanel which was founded by the Marist Fathers of New Zealand in 1962.

Coming Event

Council of the Province (COP) from 02–06 July in Suva.

Vicar General, Fr John Harhager sm, will be present.

Director of MMC, Fr Paul Sullivan sm, will also be present.

Our Sick for prayer

Br Henry Aragalia sm

MISSION FUNDING , NOVITIATE, DAVAO, PHILIPPINES



The Provincial Bursar attended a workshop on Mission Funding sponsored by AMS (Australian Marist Solidarity). This was held in the Marist District House in Davao, Philippines under the experienced and well-known director of AMS, Br Allen Sherry fms in the last week of May. In attendance were representatives from the District of Asia, Marist Sisters, Sisters of our Lady of Notre Dame, Trinitarian Sisters, and a lay person from Kachin, Myanmar. It was a worthwhile workshop in which participants were able to learn and appreciated first hand, the intricacies of raising funds for missions and the untiring efforts and commitment of AMS as well as MMC.



International Novitiate, Eden, Davao



The **International Novitiate** was also visited to meet the OMP members there, Fr Jacob Aba, the Socius, and the two novices from OMP, Leonard Amora and Lesley Kinani. The Novitiate is situated in an area most fittingly called Eden. The Novice master, Fr Ingente Fernando, and the other Socius, former Superior General, Fr Joaquin Fernandez, were both happy with how the OMP members are doing.

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VANUATU VISITATION



The confreres in the Vanuatu Sector



Frs Justin and Epoki with some of the children in Tanna

The Councillor, Fr Justin Ratsi sm, visited the Vanuatu Sector towards the end of May. He had the opportunity to visit the Bishop, John Bosco Baremes sm, and meeting all the confreres on missions in Vanuatu. There are four communities in the Sector—Paray, Tanna, Port Orly and Big Bay. He managed to visit all of the communities except Big Bay due to rough seas.

VOCATION PROMOTION IN FIJI



Deacon Misinale sm with one of the groups in the vocation promotion program.



Sr Petelo smsm, Scholastic Maselino sm with smsgm postulant members in the vocation promotion program.

Vocation promotion as a team is an initiative of the Marist Family in Fiji. Members from the various sm branches come together and promote vocation to the Marist in various parts of Fiji. Representatives from the Marist Sisters, Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (smsgm), Marist Brothers (fms), and Marist priests with senior students of Marist College formed the team. They present to youths what the Marist vocation is all about and allowing the youths to respond with questions and opening up dialogues with them. The most recent promotion activity was held at the Hall of the Marist Brothers school in Suva. We are looking forward to see the fruits of this Marist family venture.