

# OCEANIA BULLETIN



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## ONE MIND AND ONE HEART FOR LIFE AND MISSION

### Coming Events

First meeting of the St John's College School Board on 27 July.

The OMP 30 Day Retreat will begin on 4th Aug. It will be directed by Fr Kevin McGuire sm who has taken over from Fr Michael Fitzgerald sm (RIP).

The annual conference of the CMSPI (Heads of Religious Congregations) in August 13-15.

### Our Sick for prayer

Br Henry Aragalia sm  
Fr Milio Vakasirovoka sm

### RIP

Dr Makafalani Tatafu, a former Marist from Tonga and uncle of Fr Aisake Silatolu sm.

### COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE 2019

The Council of the Province 2019 which was held from 02 to 05 July in the Provincial house, Suva, was blessed with the presence of the Vicar General, Fr John Harhager sm, who opened the meeting with a presentation on how the Society, worldwide, is doing now and into the future. He also shared on the importance of creating a safe environment for the protection of children and the vulnerable. He led the closing Eucharist of the meeting. Later, the Delegates



Fr John Harhager sm with the members of COP 19

were greatly encouraged by the visit of the Director of the Marist Mission Centre (MMC), Fr Paul Sullivan sm. So many of the developments in the missions of the Province in the Sectors were, and are made possible, by the work of the MMC. A greater understanding and appreciation of the work of MMC were acquired through Fr Paul's visit. He was able to assess current MMC projects in Fiji and also allowing opportunities for future projects to be identified and discussed.



Paperless COP meeting



Left -Fr Paul Sullivan sm (MMC)



### MARIST ECO-CENTRE, DAWASAMU

Dawasamu, a Marist property in Fiji dedicated for use by the Marist Formation House is undergoing development by the Superior of Formation, Fr Donato Kivi sm, and the scholastics, to become a Marist Eco-Centre. In the words of Fr Donato, "this is an initiative on climate change adaptation, where the aquaculture on land in ponds is an option for the impact of climate on coral reefs that has disturbed marine life." The scholastics take turn during semester breaks to help build two dams for their aquaculture project. They used earth-bag architecture to build the dams and will be used for building houses in the Centre.

"This project will help in food security, improve livelihoods and rural development through the involvement of women and youth groups in aquaculture activities," said Fr Donato.





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### BIG BAY—OPENING OF TWO NEW CHURCHES AND CONFIRMATION



The Church funded by the Tongan Catholics in Australia



The Church funded by the Diocese and the village

The SM Community, led by the Superior, Fr Kelekolio Misiloi sm, and the Catholic communities of the difficult mission of Big Bay, Santo, Vanuatu, were overjoyed that the fruits of their labor were blessed by the Bishop, John Bosco Baremes sm, 2019. The opening of in Pesena village and village were opened in Confirmation visit of the blue color on the left, Tongan Catholics of ekolio's efforts in raising Church and a new boat Church on the right are both the Diocese and themselves. The other are Frs Richard Harui sm



Bishop Baremes with some of the Confirmandi in Big Bay

on the first week of July the new Churches, one the other one in Vusilolo conjunction with the Bishop. The Church, in was sponsored by the Australia through Fr Kel-funds for the new for the mission. The from the funds raised by the village community Marists in the community and Isileli Lino sm.

The Marist community serves 7 Catholic communities in the Big Bay area. Most of them can be reached either by sea or long hours of walking.



Fr Kelekolio (right) in the mission boat



Bishop with sm community and parishioners