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One heart and mind for life and mission



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MYV Topic for April

“Living the Marist Vocation with passion” Justin Ratsi: for Community and Lay groups.

“Living the Marist Vocation with passion.” Ron Nissan: for Youth groups.

Next Online Seminar

On the 29th April, 1:00 pm Rome time. Those interested to join send your name and language preference to Fr Daniel Fernandez at:

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Administration

The provincial team are all in residence at this time.

Also in residence are Frs Aisake Silatolu and Epoki Okusitino awaiting return to ministry.

Our Sick

Fr James Mokela
Fr Ofa Vaihu
Fr Emiliano Lasaqa

Condolences

To Fr Michel Tuvini for the loss of her beloved sister, Ms Mali Tuvini. RIP



Day of Marist Spirituality



Reported that on Sunday 28, March some 60/70 people gathered together at St Therese Church, Vallon Dore, Noumea, for a Day of Marist Spirituality. It was organized by the Marist Laity Board in the context of the Year of Marist Vocation. Both Fr Bernard Gidrol SM and Fr Francois Grossin SM gave a talk. Two more days are planned in the months to come, aiming at promoting a better understanding by the faithful people of God, of the rich spirituality inherited from our Founder and Pioneers.

May they bear good fruit!

Happy and Blessed Easter!!



May your Easter
be bright
with hope and joy
of our
Risen Lord.

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Blessed are the cheerful givers



The principal of Apifoou College, Tonga, Fr Ekuasi Manu SM together with the staff of the college harvested their cassava project to be sent to the ex-students in the US. A container was ready but the aftermath of the volcanic eruption, tsunami and the lockdowns has diverted the container of cassava to be distributed to the victims of the disaster. A generous gesture from the US ex-students and the college to forego their fund raising project in order to provide food for desperate families.



Subsequently, of the thirty new tractors gifted from the Republic of China, one was handed over to Apifoou College. A well needed replacement for their ancient tractor.

The new tractor will ensure the continuation of their agricultural project and the care of the huge school environment. A new container of cassava is now ready to be shipped to the ex-students in New Zealand.

Happy 80th birthday!

Fr John Crispin SM together with the Archbishop of Suva, Peter Loy Chong, and confreres celebrated the milestone of the 80th years old. John took time to reminisced on his 54 years of missionary work in Fiji. He arrived in 1968 aged 26 and has worked in many of the parishes with Wairiki as the one where he worked the longest. He thanked God that he came to Fiji.



While waiting he helped out!

Fr Dylan Hatobu SM has completed his undergraduate studies from the Australian Catholic University. While waiting for his new appointment to the Solomon Islands he made use of his time sharing his knowledge of education with he tutors of Distance Education in Bougainville. These tutors are helping children who have missed out on formal education. Fr Dylan is appointed to the Dala



“Come and See” PNG



Another positive sign of the Year of Vocation is the first “Come and See” young men from the 2 missions in Papua New Guinea.

Big Bay mission transport

One of the most challenging missions in the Province is the Big Bay mission in Vanuatu. Fr Eneriko Nacolarara SM is currently serving the mission and awaiting the rest of the community when the Vanuatu borders are opened. The people served are scattered over long distances and Fr Eneriko has somehow managed to find a mean of transport that could carry him some of the way—despite its miniature size!!

