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"She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21)

PRAYING THAT YOU ALL HAVE A JOYFUL AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS

Over the Christmas period:

Frs Setefano Mataele & Aisake Vaisima are in residence. Frs Milikiade Rayalu & Justin Ratsi will return by the 6th January, 2021.

Remember our Sick:

Fr James Mokela sm
Fr Ipolito Bakaua sm
Fr Emiliano Lasaga sm
Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola sm
Br Colin Campbell sm
(Sydney)

SEVERE TROPICAL CYCLONE YASA



Extensive damages to the Tutu Rural Training Centre

Thursday the 17 December 2020 will be edged forever in the memories of thousands of Fijians as the day the super storm Yasa struck the second biggest island of the Fiji group, Vanua Levu, and the smaller island groups. It is believed that there were 4 deaths directly caused by the cyclone. The destructions were extensive. Buildings were either flattened or blown away. The livelihood of the people from the land were destroyed. Tutu Rural Training Centre, situated in Taveuni, was among the victims of this severe cyclone. The director of Tutu, Fr Petero Matairatu sm, has reported of the extensive damages to the farms. Strategies for the rebuilding process are being put in place.

HANDING OVER CHANEL COLLEGE, SAMOA, AFTER 58 YEARS



Archbishop Alapati Mataeliga



Fifty eight years ago the then Bishop of Samoa invited the New Zealand Marists to establish and manage a school on behalf of the diocese of Apia. In the 1990s the Oceania Marists took over the management of the school until 2020. In 2019 the Archbishop of Apia, Alapati Mataeliga, requested that the Archdiocese was now ready to take over and manage Chanel on their own. This year, the outgoing Principal, Fr Sipiliano Faka'osi sm, and the Chanel Community of Frs Michel Tuvini, Iosefo Vili, and Viliami Kiola worked together with the interim governing board for a smooth transition to the new management. On Monday 21st of December, the Principal, on behalf of the Provincial, handed over Chanel College to the Vicar General of the Archdiocese during their closing Mass. Esto Fidelis.