

# OCEANIA NEWS BULLETIN

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## FROM FORMATION—Perpetual Profession



On Saturday 26 September the Provincial received the perpetual vows of two scholars from Marist College, Brother Adrea Naleba sm and S. Joe Tora sm. Both are Fiji nationals. Assisting the Provincial were the formators, Frs Donato Kivi sm and Denis Revi sm, with confreres from around Fiji, religious, families, friends and the community of the Pacific Regional Seminary. Joe Tora will await diaconate ordination at the end of the academic year while Br Adrea will continue managing the development of the Marist Eco Centre at Dawasamu.

## No International Novitiate 2021



Currently we have 2 novices, Luke Waikabakaba and Charles Shangul who are at the "Cerdon" International Novitiate, Davao, Philippines. Due to the travel restrictions the two may have to stay on in the Philippines in 2021 doing pastoral experience. However, there will be no International Novitiate in 2021. This

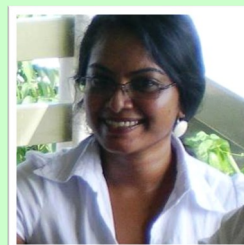
has been confirmed from Rome. The candidates for 2021 would come from only two areas, Africa and Oceania. The 6 from Africa would join their already existing Novitiate in Yaounde. Options for the probable 2 from Oceania are being discussed.

## FROM ADMINISTRATION

With the exception of one councilor who is still stranded in Australia, the Provincial and Council are well after seeing through the loss of a student from Marist College and celebrating 2 perpetual profession.

The budget for 2021 has been presented to Rome and is awaiting further negotiations due to the impacts of Covid-19 on the financial health of the Province.

## New OMP Secretary



We are very pleased to welcome Ms Marylyn Swamy as the new provincial secretary. She brings with her years of experience in office administration which will be a great asset to the Provincial council and the Province. We sincerely thank the outgoing, Ms Alisi Wakilau, for her valuable contribution to the work of the Province. We wish her blessings in her new state of life.

## FROM THE SECTORS—

### Tanna Mission, Vanuatu



Fr Epoki Okusitino sm with the first holy communicants in their cultural attire at Lonno parish, Tanna. Tanna mission is comprised of a number of parishes and mass centres. Lonno is one of them. Fr Epoki is with Fr Louis Maite sm who is

teaching at the parish school.

### Hohola Marist laity, PNG



Fr Wesley Manu sm, parish priest, and Br Elia Sawesawe sm, with the Marist laity of the parish during the celebration of the Feast Day of the Holy Name of Mary. The Marist laity is growing in numbers.

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## From Bougainville—annual retreat, new President



The Sector of Bougainville, under the leadership of the vice sector delegate, Fr Austin Magara sm, came together for their annual retreat in Hahela. They were also able to celebrate the Feast Day of the Society, the Most Holy Name of Mary after the retreat. Their sector delegate, Fr Brian Sigere sm, is still stranded in Rome after the renewal in La Neyliere. Hopefully he will be able to join them soon. We joined them also in praying for the new President, Ismael Toroama, as the Autonomous Government of Bougainville, together with the people, took on the responsibility of its journey towards independence.

## From Tonga—annual retreat



The sector delegate, Fr Chris Hifo sm, with he sector of Tonga came together for their annual retreat. At the end of the retreat they re-dedicated themselves to the work of Mary as the first Marists pledged themselves be-

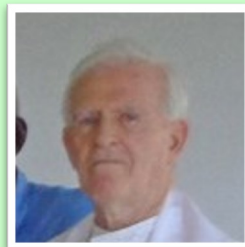
fore Mary in Fourviere 204 years ago.

## Missing a beloved brother...



After the burial in the Suva cemetery, the Marist College students with Fr Donato Kivi sm paid their last respect (left), and Fr Tino Ulupano sm (vice rector of PRS), with Fr Setefano and the Tongan seminarians paid theirs.  
RIP Sosaia Vaka...

## Praying for our sick



**Fr Roger McCarrick sm** who is recovering in the Suva hospital after a stroke.

**Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola sm** who is still undergoing treatment in Sydney, Australia.

## Upcoming events...

- Zoom meeting of the Sector Delegates with the Provincial Council on 21 October.
- Marking the death of Fr Founder, Jean-Claude Colin on Nov 15 with special celebration and promotion of his beatification cause.

## Condolences...

Our condolence and prayers for Fr Ashton Koleman sm and his family for the death of his brother, Martin Mola. Eternal rest grant to him O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in Peace!!