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Activity for December:

“Following Christ in the Mystery of his coming”

The topic for the Communities and lay groups.

Vocation Year Prayer

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we ask you to look on this family of Mary, your Mother, with eyes of mercy.

Throughout this year of vocations, we ask you, Lord, to enrich the Marist world with the fire of your Holy Spirit.

May Mary's subtle and delicate presence enable us to breathe her spirit.

So that, committed to our own vocation, we will be credible witnesses of your Gospel.

And, renewed and strengthened with the fire of your Spirit, we may help bring to life the seed of a vocation which you have implanted in the hearts of the young.

Enable us to accompany them in the fulfilment of their personal vocation.

Lord Jesus, give us vocations according to your heart. Amen

Jean Claude Colin – Pray for us.

Our Sick

Fr James Mokela sm
Fr Emiliano Lasaqa sm
Fr 'Ofa Vaihu sm

LAUNCHING OF MARIST VOCATION YEAR

SUVA



In the evening of the Anniversary of Father Founder's death, four communities, Provincial, Varani St, Marist college, and Mt St Mary's Nadi came together at Marist College to launch the Marist Vocation Year. The program began with the Holy Eucharist led by the Provincial. During the mass, three students renewed their temporary vows. The gathering followed after Mass where the elderly Marists were acknowledged with the traditional kava ceremony. The video of the Superior General's launching address of the Vocation year was played. A presentation of the programs and activities of the year was followed. Sharing the individual's experiences of the Marist vocation was greatly appreciated by all. The program ended with a most appetizing meal.

HOHOLA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA



The community of Hohola in Port Moresby represented the Papua New Guinea sector in launching the Vocation year with a special liturgy. Present were Fr Wesley Manu sm, the parish priest and superior, Br Elia Sawesawe sm, Seminarians Cameron Mota sm and Ignatius Giobun.

TONGA



The Tonga Sector came together on a beach singing the Salve Regina as they remembered the early missionaries. Their appreciation of the Marist Vocation, their gratitude for their vocation, and their pledge for renewal of Marist vocation were symbolically set in a ritual of sending their prayers and hope over the ocean on paper boats.

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May they rest in Peace



Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola sm

Born: 20.10.1957
Professed: 10.01.1982
Ordained: 06.01.1988
Died: 29.11.2021

In Port Hedland, Australia. His body will be transferred to Tonga where he will be buried. He is survived by his 90 year old mother, a brother and 6 sisters.
May he rest in peace.



Fr John Pereira sm

Born: 04.01.1928
Professed: 04.02.1958
Ordained: 02.02.1966
Died: 17.11.2021

At the Asia District House in Davao. He died aged 93, the oldest Oceanian then. He has been working in the Philippines for the last 37 years. Grateful to the confreres in the Philippines for their care for Fr John.
May he rest in peace.

DIACONATE ORDINATION



Our congratulations to Iosefo Amuri sm (left) from Oceania was ordained deacon in Rome on November 27 together with Yves Tuma of the Cameroon (District of Africa), and Jaime Martinez of the district of Mexico. Iosefo is currently completing his studies in Rome.

NOVICES IN ROME



Our 6 novices (3 from Fiji, 2 from Bougainville, 1 from the Solomon) from Oceania pose in the Vatican. They all look well acclimatized to the Roman environment and ready for the joys and challenges of the novitiate in 2022.

HAPPY CENTENARY

The Tabago parish is one of the several parishes that the Marist Community



of Buin, Bougainville is serving. Tabago parish has a population of over 25,000 people which is faithfully served by Fr George Baruka sm. Despite the internal conflicts in the parish the

centenary celebration went ahead with great success.