

# OCEANIA NEWS BULLETIN

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## Administration

Provincial— Visitation of Levuka and Cawaci.

Return—5th April

Vicar Provincial—Visitation of Vanualevu & Taveuni.

Return—12th April

Prayer for the Beatification of Jean-Claude Colin

"God our Father, in your servant Jean-Claude Colin you gave your people a zealous priest and religious founder dedicated to serving the Church in the spirit of Mary. We ask for the glorification of your faithful servant in the midst of your Church and to grant us the favours which we ask through his intercession (*mention requests*). This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen."

for more information and resources on Cause of Colin visit: <https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/>

## Prayer for our ailing and ill

Fr John Crispin sm

Fr James Mokela sm

Fr Emiliano Lasaga sm

Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola sm

## Rest in Peace

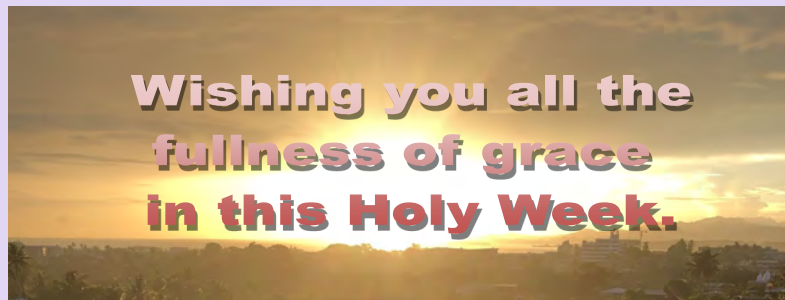
Fr Ipolito Bakaua Teburea sm



11.08.1958—05.03.2021



Fr Lewis Henry sm leading the commendation before burial.



## Conference of Major Superiors of the Pacific Islands (CMSPI)



The executive committee of the CMSPI under the leadership of its President, Fr Johnathan Hurrell sscs had their first meeting at the Provincial House. Also present was the Archbishop of Suva, Peter Loy Chong and Superiors of Religious congregations in the Suva area. At the

forefront of their discussion is the urgent call to be united and collaborate to respond to the Laudato Si Goals, and the Vatican Dicastery Human Development 7 year plan.

## Seeking reconciliation after 40 years

It couldn't have happened in a better season. The Chief and the Unmet people from the Malekula Island in Vanuatu, after 40 years, came to Paray where the 91 year-old Marist, Fr Jean Rodet sm



(above) resides. They brought traditional reconciliation offerings of the "last pig", yams and kava. They were seeking his forgiveness for what the army did to him during the rebellion against colonial officials and the plan for the Independence of Vanuatu in July, 1980. He was taken prisoner with many of his parishioners. Fr Rodet was serving the Unmet people for 20 years. The people also requested that Unmet be the burial ground for Fr Rodet when he passes on. The Bishop of Vanuatu, John Bosco Baremes sm was present in the reconciliation. He reported, "It was a joyful event for everyone."



## Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare honored and remembered.

Also known as the "Father of the Nation", the Prime Minister for Papua New Guinea who led the country into Independence in 1975 passed away on the 26 February 2021, age 84. The PNG government declared a national two-week mourning. The requiem mass was led by Cardinal Sir John Ribat. He was honored and remembered all around the islands of the Pacific. In Fiji, a memorial service in his honor was held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral led by Archbishop Peter L Chong and attended by the Prime Minister of Fiji, Church leaders, parliamentarians, members of

the Diplomatic Corps and a large number of Papua New Guinea nationals, including councilor Fr Justin Ratsi sm who attended together with the Provincial.

## From the Bougainville Sector: Priests Senate



The first Priests Senate meeting of the priests of Bougainville with their Bishop, Dariusz Kaluza MSF was held with 26 priests present, 10 Marists and 16 Diocesans. They deliberated into how to effectively move forward the Diocese. Collaboration was found to be a key ingredient to that forward movement. Policies and information were also clarified and shared. The meeting was closed with a Chrism Mass where the priests renewed their Promise of obedience to the Bishop.

## Recently ordained:

Fr Floyd Gatana sm, the recently ordained Marist in Bougainville, while waiting for his visa to his new appointment to the International SM Mission in the Parramatta Diocese, Sydney, took time to offer pastoral assistance to the Marist ministries in Bougainville. He had the opportunity to celebrate Mass with the students, teachers and parents of Kanauro Primary School in Buin, Bougainville.

