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Lord, by the example of Saint Peter Chanel, show us how to persevere in prayer and trust like Mary. Send young people to join us in this field where the harvest is rich but the laborer's are few.

COVID-19 NEWS

Fiji is currently in its first week of a two-week lockdown due to a surge of Covid-19 infections. The places affected in the lockdown are the main cities in the main island of Viti Levu. All our confreres in Fiji are safe.

Papua New Guinea is the worst hit by Covid-19 with over 10,000 cases and over 100 deaths. The actual number is much higher due to low testing capacity. Our confreres there are safe.

Wallis Island as of a week ago has reported over 400 cases with 5 deaths. Over 6,000 doses of vaccines have been administered. Our confreres there are safe.

Prayers for our sick

Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola
Fr Emeliano Lasaga
Fr James Mokela



May he rest in Peace

Br Colin Campbell sm

Died: 18 Apr
Aged 99 after 68 years of Marist life.
Served in Oceania for 48 years.

Earthbag Building Technology



The Marist Eco-Centre, Dawasamu has recently acquired a new addition—a prototype earthbag cyclone-proof house. The director of the centre, Fr Donato Kivi sm, ran a workshop for youths from the village on how to build earthbag house. According to Fr Donato, the earthbag building technology is new in this part of the world and "it is a monumental task to achieve this one." The first in Fiji.

The students in formation in Marist College were the first to experience this technology after they created an earthbag dam for the Centre's freshwater system and a pool for recreation.

What is special about this technology, according to Fr Donato, is that it is found to be extremely durable, resisting fire, earthquake, cyclone, tornado, and even bullets! It is simple to build and can easily be learned by anyone without any building experience. It is inexpensive since the soil is around the building site. Its impact on the environment is very minimal. The recently built earthbag house can comfortably accommodate 15 people during a cyclone.

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From here and there in the OMP mission

Celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel in Lockdown



The Raiatea Community of the Provincial House celebrated the Feast of St Peter Chanel quietly in lockdown mode. **Fr Justin Ratsi sm** led the Mass of the Feast for vocations.

Grade 8 Students' Retreat.

Under the Retreat Director, **Fr Austin Magara sm**, all the grade 8 students from all the schools in the



SM Parish of the Holy Cross, Piano, Bougainville gathered for a retreat as part of their preparation to celebrate Easter.



The **SM Parish of the Holy Cross, Wairiki, Fiji** under the leadership of **Fr Mikaele Marisi sm** celebrating the Easter Vigil outdoor.



RIP POUNIU DANNY LAULU.

Our deepest condolences to the family of this great faithful Marist teacher, **Danny Lauu**. A teacher at Chanel College, Samoa and a friend of the Marists for the last 35 years. He was called to rest on the Feast Day of St Peter Chanel.

Taofi Mau le Faatuatua



Fr Epoki 'Okusitino sm in the Tanna Mission, Vanuatu makes use of the SM small project fund to purchase a fish net in order to add fish into their daily diet.



Fr Ambrose Kakatai sm leading the parishioners of the St Patrick's parish of Tokaino, Bougainville in the Divine Mercy Sunday's procession.