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## Council of the Province

Session 5: Sept 4

Session 6: Sept 18

## From Administration



As the pandemic lockdown continues into its 6th month so is the creative and sustainable activities of the members of the administration team.

Fr Milikiade, the Vicar Provincial makes use of his green hands to grow organic food for healthy meals. He spends his free time growing yams and assorted vegetables as well as the dalo and cassava.

## Our sick

Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola sm

Fr James Mokela sm

Fr Emiliano Lasaqa sm

Fr 'Ofa Vaihu sm

## Council of the Province on parish, education and prioritization.



The two sessions, since the last Bulletin, dealt with the two main ministries of the Province—Parish ministry and education, and the continuing need for prioritization. Fr John Crispin sm (retired), who has spent most of his 55

years as a priest in parishes, was the guest speaker sharing his experience on parish ministry. Half of the province's personnel are in parish ministry and John's sharing is a continuation of the effort towards *what a Marist parish should look like*. Fr Aisake Vaisima sm presented the thinking of the Society on education ministry and in particular, school ministry, and the challenges facing this ministry in the Province. One of the challenges is the ownership of schools and thus the question on *what is the future of the school ministry in the Province*. Fr Provincial presented the call of the General Chapter since 2009 for prioritization of ministries. Delegates were encouraged to continue the process of prioritization by utilizing the criteria for evaluating ministries proposed by the 2017 General Chapter Statement and Decisions no.21. The Council of the Province will have 2 more sessions to go.

## Marist College responds to Covid-19 lockdown & Laudato Si



Earthbag technology for making raised beds



Zoom Classes

The Superior of Marist College, Fr Donato Kivi sm, has reported that the pandemic lockdown allowed the students to understand the urgency of caring for the earth and the poor of the earth in the way they live. *Our life-sustaining practices are focused on food, water, water use and landscaping*. They are realized in plant-based diets, categories of waste bins, composting house, earthbag technology for raised beds and the beautification of the landscape, and all lights have been changed to LED. In Fr Donato's words of encouragement, *We hope that many more of you, our friends and families, will join us to acknowledge the urgency of the climate crisis and act with the required integrity to heal our broken home*.

As the students enter into their third term of studies they will continue with the virtual classes using Zoom and Canvas programs.



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## Friendship Fellowship Week for over 300 women of 3 parishes

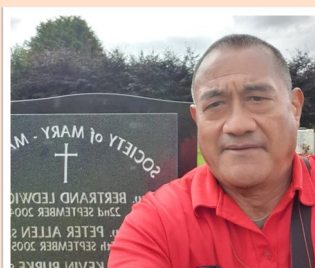


In the midst of the pandemic, a trusting and courageous women's league group from Our Lady of Assumption parish in Buka, Bougainville travelled over 900 km to join the women of Hohola parish in Port Moresby and the women of Kanosia parish from Bereina diocese 160 km northwest of Port Moresby for a week-long friendship fellowship

The fellowship was organized by the parish priest of Hohola, Fr Wesley Manusm and the women of the parish. Hohola and Kanosia parishes are currently under the care of the Marists in Papua New Guinea. The parish in Buka was also looked after by Marists in Bougainville for decades.

The Bishop of the Archdiocese of Port Moresby, Cardinal Sir John Ribat msc graced the fellowship when he visited and addressed them. The week-long fellowship was spirit-filled with joy, affirmation, entertainment, and empowerment to participate fully as women in fulfilling the mission of Christ in the parishes.

## Yet to return home



Fr Kelekolio Misiloi sm had attended the Marist Renewal in La Neyliere in 2020 and is yet to return home due to the pandemic. He is currently under the care of the Marists in England.

While he waits for the Tonga border to open he had the opportunity to pay his respect to his former parish priest, late Fr Kevin Burke sm known in Tonga as Tamiano. Fr Kevin was the last of the expatriate missionaries who worked in Tonga.

Fr Kevin returned to his home province of England in 2014 after serving the Tonga mission for 48 years. He passed away in 2016. RIP.



## Fiji Covid-19 as of 30 Aug

### COVID-19 CASE UPDATES

<b>46,211</b>	
ACTIVE CASES <b>19,463</b>	TOTAL DEATHS <b>489</b>
TOTAL CASES - APRIL OUTBREAK <b>46,141</b>	OUTBREAK <b>487</b>
TOTAL RECOVERED <b>25,951</b>	NEW CASES (last 24 hours) <b>184</b>
NEW RECOVERIES (last 24 hours) <b>0</b>	NEW DEATHS (26th - 30th August) <b>10</b>

Source: Fiji Ministry of Health and Medical Services COVID-19 Cases.