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RETREAT

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William Hazlitt, an English writer said that ‘experience makes us wise’ and this was witnessed by all of us here in Marist College as we went over our retreat. Directed by Fr John Crispin sm, we saw the wisdom of this mature confrere of ours from the vast experience he has had, not only in Fiji but for the Society of Mary as well. Having known and lived with priests that

have come and gone in his lifetime of service as a priest and religious, he was (I believe) ‘specially’ assigned to us, to help us in our journey of discernment; to help us ask the tough questions upfront. Those questions that we dare not ask ourselves in discovering whether or not this life is for us.



DID YOU KNOW?

“Jeanne Marie Chavoin the foundress of the Marist Sisters with her friend Marie Jotillon lived and worked in the presbytery at Cerdon with the Colin brothers in the early days to develop plans for the ‘Marist Project.’ Her death anniversary was the 30th June 1858.” (It’s 163 years since she died)

Unfortunately for us, the covid-lockdown did not allow us a chance to have this time of prayer and silence away from what has become our comfort zone over these



years. On the other hand, it allowed us to stay put and digest what has been given to us in the talks without outside interference. Sharing with the brothers, the topics of the retreat have somehow compelled us to look at our discernment more seriously so as not to disappoint

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ourselves and those who have been supporting us in the future.

Also, we were blessed with the availability of Fr Aisake Silatolu, sm. who gave us the much-needed Sacrament of Reconciliation on the third day. A talk also on what the early Marists has done for us 'Pacificans' challenged us to ask ourselves what we can offer, as we discern on this challenging and yet inspiring way of life. To, not only follow in their footsteps but to carry on with enthusiasm and passion from where they have left off. The retreat ended with a talk on the Vows, and again, we were blessed to have someone who has had a good number of years living a 'Vowed life' and who was willing to share his experiences with us, to help our young community of aspiring priests and Marists in our journey of formation.

We are grateful to have had a wonderful and prayerful retreat and we thank all those who have been praying for us and all those who have contributed in one way or another to our formation. Special thanks to Fr Crispin sm for his time and also to Helen and Angie who made sure that we have our retreat without empty stomachs and with nicely washed and ironed clothes.

Our good wishes to our brothers in all our formation houses and confreres in the missions you are undertaking as well as the Marist family at large. Also, a big Vinakavakalevu to our benefactors for your generous contributions, and our prayers are with all of you in these challenging times.



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