



# NEWS

# BULLETIN

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Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

## VISITATION OF NEW CALEDONIA SECTOR

Fr. Lote visited the confreres in New Caledonia towards the final week of June and was able to spend times with them where they work. He reported that 'there is a huge gap between the older confreres (Neil, Gidrol, Jean Yves, Froncois, Visesio) who are mostly French and the young confreres (Bill, Steve, Joselito, Antoine) who are locals'. Although in retirement age, Frs. Bernard Gidrol and Jean Yves still generously avail themselves for Mass whenever there is a need. Fr. Francois and Br. Visesio continues to be active in pastoral ministries. Lote also had time with the Marist Laity.



## 'COPRA MAN'

Used to cut copra at home, Fr. Epoki now cuts copra for the Marist community at Port Orly, Vanuatu. He is preparing now for the Marist Workshop in Ranong, Thailand.



## TANAGAI PARISH-SOLOMON ISLANDS

After the Second World War Bishop Aubin moved from Visale and made his headquarters at Tanagai. The Church and school were slowly erected. The newly established parish was called "St. Mary". With the increased of population in the area, the writing was clearly there on the wall to build a new church. And so instead of demolishing the old one, the parishioners and the parish priest, Fr. Jacob decided to build the new one beside and convert the old into a parish hall.



## VISITATION OF THE TONGA SECTOR

Fr. Lutoviko visited the confreres in Tonga, beginning with a combined retreat for the SSM and all confreres in the sector reflecting on the theme "The Features of Synodal Church and its Implication for Leaders". It was a wonderful time to pray, reflect and to share as Marist family. There are only two Marist communities in Tonga. At the Sector House is Fr. 'Anaua, the Parish Priest and his assistant Fr. Viliami Kiola. The 'Apifo'ou College community consists of Fr. 'Ekuasi, the Principal, Fr. Valu, the Vice Principal seen here being welcomed by the staff of the college, Frs. Mikaele, Steve and Lino. Fr. Lutoviko met also the Marist Laity of Lapaha village and Ms. Sinalelea, the lay leader of the group in Tonga.



## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- Fr. Lote and Fr. Lutoviko have both returned from their visitation.
- The Provincial will visit next week our men working in New Zealand.

## Anniversary of Ordination—Ad multos annos!

Bill Hansell—25/7/1959	54 yrs
Lewis Henry—9/7/1983	40 yrs
Justin Ratsi—15/7/2000	23 yrs
Denis Levi—19/7/2016	7 yrs



**FOURVIERE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Fourviere Plan, 23rd July 1816 cannot be limited only to those who pledged and signed on that day to establish the Society of Mary. It also includes all those who allowed themselves to be taken up with the words of Mary at Le Puy, 15th August 1812 'here is what I want'. The late Fr. Michael Fitzgerald refers to it as the 'existential impact' of the wish of our Blessed Mother. And so here we are continues to celebrate joyfully and gratefully our Marist vocation. In Dala, the occasion was used also to farewell Bishop Peter Houhou of Auki who has been appointed as the new Bishop of Gizo. At 'Raiatea', the Provincial presided over the Holy Eucharist and all councilors with Fr. 'Aisake renewed their commitments. In, Buin, Bougainville, Fr. Wesley and the confreres celebrated with the parishioners. May this day brings renewed commitment to the work of Mary.



**FINALLY FACE TO FACE**

The Provincial and his councilors finally get to meet face to face. A range of issues were discussed which includes the reports of the visitation of Tonga and New Caledonia, updates on appointment, and from the formation house. Fr. 'Aisake guide us through the Leadership Goals and Strategies and lastly, Lawrence with the finance of the Province.



**WAINONI PARISH—SOLOMON ISLANDS**

Climbing up the mountain to Nemunio, the village of Bro. Andrew Wetara is tiring but blessed with a beautiful view of Wainoni Bay. Fr. Patelisio celebrated the Holy Eucharist there and baptized eight children. This would be his last visit to the village after years of dedicated services to the parish. He will go for renewal in August.



**DALA MISSION—SOLOMON ISLANDS**

The motto of St. John's the Evangelist Parish in Dala is "Faith and Responsibilities". To put that into practice, some of the lay people in the parish were commissioned to actively involved in various ministries in the parish. Frs. Dylan and Olie in the photos below recently commissioned Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers to be of service in the parish.



**MARISTS ARE APOSTLES, READILY AVAILABLE!**

In the spirit of Fr. Founder, Marists are 'apostles' endowed with depth, creativity and passion for mission. Leonard, Harui, Valu and Posirou have just completed the Colnian Renewal Program and are ready for mission.



**YULE ISLAND—PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

On 4th July, Frs. Vaoleti and Ambrose took part in a pilgrimage to Yule Island where on the same day in 1885 the first Mass for the Vicariate of Papua was celebrated by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

