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SPECIAL NEWS: CYCLONE GITA

'API-FO'OU COLLEGE, TONGA



School Chapel



"Blessed Peter Chanel" memorial built in 1894 without the roofings. Classrooms at background

CYCLONE GITA, THE WORST STORM TO HIT TONGA IN 60 YEARS.

Category 4 with winds of up to 230 km/hr

Gita's track went past Samoa leaving trails of flooding and destruction. Marists in Samoa, (Lepea Parish and Chanel College) are safe with no damage to any of their buildings. Thankfully Gita passed Samoa as a category 1 cyclone.

Tongatapu, the most populated island in Tonga was not so lucky. Gita went over it on Monday night, 12 February, and left destructions never seen before in the island. A State of Emergency was called and it is expected that the clean up will take some weeks.

The Marists in the Kauvai Parish are well with no damage to their building.

The Marists in the School, 'Apifo'ou College, are safe, but the school's infrastructures were not spared as seen in the pictures. A lot of work and help are urgently needed to enable students to return to school as soon as possible.



Classrooms



School Hall



Classrooms

Marists in the Tonga Sector:
Fr Christopher Hifo sm—Sector Delegate (Parish Priest)
Fr 'Ofa Vaihu sm—Principal
Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola sm
Fr 'Epoki 'Okusitino sm
Fr Lutoviko 'Olie sm
Fr 'Epoki Manu sm
Fr Ika Kaihea sm
Fr 'Anau Finau sm