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ONE MIND AND ONE HEART FOR LIFE AND MISSION

4th MARIST LAITY INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Administration news

Two formators, Frs Dona-to Kivi & Denis Revi are attending the Formators meeting in Rome. Expected back 4th September.

Our Sick for prayer

Fr Francois Jaupitre

RIP



Fr Milio Vakasirovoka sm
27 July 2019



Bishop Stuart O'Connell sm
Former Bishop of Rarotonga
02 August 2019



Bishop Bernard Unabali
Bougainville Diocese
10 August 2019



World Lay Marists Coordinators with General Councilor for Marist Laity, Fr Paul Walsh sm



Lay Marist Delegates from Oceania and France with Superior General, Fr John Larsen sm

New Caledonian Lay Marists, Pierre Chanel & Veronique, Suzanne and Elika Takaniko, were the delegates from Oceania to the 4th Lay Marists International Gatherings held at Termonfeckin, co. Louth, Ireland from 28 July to 2 August. It was followed by the meeting of the World Marist Laity Coordination at the Emmaus Centre in Dublin. The Oceania delegates reported that inputs and sharing of experiences were rich and the Colnian vision and its relevance for today was deepened. The participants left with a firm determination to share their experiences, with renewed enthusiasm, Mary's work with particular attention to the youth. The gathering also highlighted the need for all Marist Lay groups to know one another and to come together more often for periods of formation and sharing. New Caledonian Marist Laity groups have been doing that since 2006 and needs to expand to the rest of the Province. The Oceania delegates had the chance to visit places of Marist origins in France such as Fourviere, Cerdon, Cuét and La Neyliere. The delegates have expressed their gratitude and thanks to the great hospitality of the Marist communities of Coolock in Dublin, Sante-Foy and La Neyliere in France.

BAPTIZED AND SENT: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD—CMSPI 2019



The Conference of the Major Superiors of the Pacific Islands (CMSPI) annual assembly was held at Pacific Regional Seminary, Suva, from 13–15 August 2019. The Theme was "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World." The Keynote Address was given by Fr Fabrizio Moreni of the Pontifi-

cal Institute for Foreign Mission, on the "Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019" and "The Church Mission on the Contemporary Challenges." Other inputs in the assembly were given by Fr 'Okusitino 'Ulupano sm, the Vice Rector of the Seminary, on "The Mission in Oceania and the Challenges we face", and Fr Authur Leger SJ, on "To renew and rekindle the zeal and passion for Church mission according to the local needs of Catholic churches in the Pacific and around the world."



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ONE MIND ONE HEART FOR LIFE AND MISSION CHARACTER BUILDING INITIATIVE FOR 'APIFO'OU COLLEGE STUDENTS



The principal of 'Apifo'ou College in Tonga, Fr 'Ekuasi Manu sm, has started a new initiative, the first of its kind in Tonga education, of putting the whole 1,400 student population and teachers in a 6 month military cadet training as part of the school's extra curricular activities. In their PTA day the school performed their passing out parade, in the rain, in front of the guest of honor, Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi. It is not the militarizing of the school but a character building

activity that is timely for promoting leadership, discipline, intelligence and healthy students and to help them face the present and future challenges in the families, communities and the nation.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD — Fr Francois Jaupitre sm



Even though Fr Jaupitre has achieved this milestone of the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination on 8 March 2019, he was able to celebrate it with his brother and family in his village near Briare (Loiret), France, in his current visit of his homeland. He also had the opportunity to visit the Church of St Joan of Arc where he was ordained 60 years ago. Due to an inflammation in his leg that has caused him pain for some years, he was admitted to the Montargis Hospital for treatment. He was

expected to return to Wallis Islands in September but due to the hospitalization he will return at a later date. Belated Congratulations and a speedy recovery.

ANNUAL RETREATS: FIJI SECTOR & SECTOR OF THE PROVINCE



Sector of the Province retreatants. Missing—Fr Michael McVerry and Petero Matairatu.

The Annual retreats of the 2 Sectors were held both held in August. The Fiji Sector was at the Fiji Sector house, Varani St, and was conducted by Fr Donato Kivi sm. The communities of Levuka, Varani St, Wairiki, and Nadi attended.

The Sector of the Province's retreat was conducted by Fr John Crispin sm at the Nazareth Prayer Centre, Wailekutu. Attended were the communities of the Marist Rural Training Centre, Tutu, the Provincial House Community, St John's Cawaci, and lecturer Aisake Silatolu from Marist College.

Currently, Fr Kevin McGuire sm, is leading the 30 Day Retreat with Fr Isaiia Wairoga sm in Ashram with 12 retreatants.