

Happy Feast
of Pentecost!

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ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Friday, 10 May, Oceania Confrere Cameron Mota (Bougainville) was ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong D.D. in the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Suva, Fiji. The Cathedral was packed with family, friends and confreres and the celebration was followed by a feast at Marist College.

Pictured here are Deacon Cameron with Frs Samuela Tukidia and Xavier Sariman from the Marist College Formation Team, along with Fr Chris Skinner (NZ) who is in Fiji to preach the retreat of the eleven seminarians of Marist College.



BURUNDI

Fr Pat Brophy and Mr Giovanni Maria Manozzi from the General Finance Office Team, are visiting the Marist mission in Burundi this week. The District of Africa has re-established a Marist community in Burundi, in the region of the Great Lakes, in 2021. In the meantime the Marists have built a school which hosts a kindergarten and primary and secondary school children from the area.

VISITORS IN SAMSUN

Frs Miguel Contreras, district Superior of South America, and Lauro da Silva, member of the formation team of Casa di Maria, visited this week the Omnes Gentes community in Samsun, Turkey. Also Sr Denise McMahan, from the SMSM Sisters' General Council was on visitation in Samsun, which made it the greatest Marist gathering in Turkey in modern times; the Marist Brothers led a School in Samsun in the early 1900's. The fraternal visits were of great support for the newly established community, composed of two Marist Fathers and two SMSM Sisters.



VISITATION OF THE NUNCIO IN MOSCOW

Fr Michael Ryan from the province of Europe reports from Moscow, where he ministers in the Our Lady of Hope Parish, with parishioners coming from all continents. On Last Sunday they received the visit of the Papal Nuncio to the Russian Federation, Archbishop Giovanni d'Aniello. It was a very joyful occasion of encouragement for the parishioners, who pray every week for God to grant peace throughout the world. "Sunday was a rehearsal, in a way, for the feast of Pentecost still to come; we were singing, as we always do, in French and English, Tagalog and Latin."