

# SMbulletin

Friday, 9 May 2025



## HABEMUS PAPAM

The Society of Mary rejoices for the election of Pope Leo XIV and joins the worldwide Church in its Thanksgiving for the new Pontiff. We assure Pope Leo of our confident support while he carries out his mission of “being a synodal church, walking and always seeking peace, charity, closeness, especially to those who are suffering”. Welcome Pope Leo!!

## NEWS FROM MARIST COLLEGE SUVA



In Marist College in Suva there is a new formation team, led by Fr Sipiliano Faka’osi assisted by Frs Sione Hamala and Samu Tukidia. The ten students of the college coming from Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, have just concluded their first term. During the Easter Triduum some of the seminarians joined Fr Samu and Br Leon to reach out on a *Bugey-mission* to five remote faith communities in the Ra Highlands. Our early confreres including Bishop Julien Vidal sm (1846-1922) had established the faith in these highlands and he is still well remembered by the people.

After a break the students will start the new term with their annual retreat, directed by Fr Tony Kennedy, District Superior of Australia. They will soon be joined by seven other students starting with their Marist formation.

## 100 YRS OF MARIST PRESENCE IN NORWAY

Fr Jacob Mangers (Luxembourg) was teaching in the seminary of St. Olav in the Netherlands, when he met the bishop of Oslo, Norway, looking for priests to serve in the then tiny Catholic Church. In June 1925 Fr Jacob arrived in Norway, and only a few years later he became the bishop of Oslo. 14 other Marists followed his path over the years, and served in different parishes and chaplaincies, in youth and retreat ministry.

On 1 May the centenary was celebrated with a Thanksgiving mass with Bishop Bernt Eidsvig followed by a feast. The members of the Marist community in Norway were joined by Fr Juan Carlos Piña from the General Administration, Fr Kevin Duffy, provincial of Europe, and other confreres who have ministered over the years in our Marist mission in Norway. Local clergy and many friends of the Marist community joined for the festive celebration.



Present and former members of the community of Marists in Norway: Frs Paul Walsh, Jo Neve, Rory Mulligan, Erik Ruud, Andreas Rupprecht and Pat Muckian.

## LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

**P. ‘Isileli Lino**

Oceania / Tonga

22.12.1971—30.03.2025

**P. Siebo Leppen**

Europe / Nederland

19.08.1927—07.04.2025

**F. Richard McKenna**

United States of America

26.11.1937—30.04.2025

**P. James Hargrave**

Australia

30.05.1934—02.05.2025