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FIRST PROFESSIONS



On 8 January five confreres took their first vows at “Cerdon” the Marist International Novitiate in Davao, Philippines. Fr. Chris Ganzon received their vows. The festive celebration was attended by confreres, members of the Marist family and friends. The newly professed are Leonard Amora and Lesley Kinana from Oceania, Clinton Kube from Africa, Niklas Rodewald from the US and Hemi Ropata from New Zealand.

The 2020 Novitiate is due to start soon. There have been some visa difficulties for some novices entering the Philippines, but they are expected to arrive at “Cerdon” in the next few weeks.

Ordinations in Oceania



The Society of Mary rejoices with the Province of Oceania upon the ordinations to the priesthood of three of our confreres. Father Iosefo Vili, sm was ordained at Mary Mother of God Parish in Safotu, Savaii, Samoa, by Archbishop Alapati Lui Mataeliga on 14 December 2019. Fathers Viliami Kiola, sm and Mikaele Misinale, sm were

ordained at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Nuku’alofa, Tonga by Cardinal Soane Patita Mafi on 27 December.

Above:

Fr Iosefo Vili with local Chief

At the right:

Frs. Viliami Kiola and Mikaele Misinale with Cardinal Mafi



ASSEMBLY IN MEXICO



Our confreres from the Province of Mexico gathered in La Jordana on 2 and 3 January to discern possible new directions for the province. They are exploring ways to be more contemplative as Marists and as communities, and at the same time to be more missionary among the poor. The confreres are hoping that this process may lead the province to move from some of the current ministries and to open a new one.

LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

Fr Henry Graystone
Europe / England
24.11.1928—17.12.2019

Fr Normand Martin
United States of America
22.09.1931—23.12.2019

Fr Kevin Manning
New Zealand
06.03.1928—30.12.2019