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PROVINCE UPDATE 12th April 2013

Kia Ora, Greetings, Ni sa bula vinaka, Kam na mauri, Talofa lava

Notices

Provincial's Diary:

April 14-17	Oceania Council in Brisbane
April 22	Visitation—52 Crossfield Road
April 23	Provincial Council Meeting
April 26—May 7	Visit Province of Canada
May 10	Provincial Council
May 15-21	Visitation—Kiribati

Brother Tainga Moanriba's Final Profession

You might be interested to see the photo collection of Tainga's Final Profession.
It has appeared on the Rome website, and may be seen at:

http://www.champagnat.org/410.php?a=2&id=1633&cat=Album

It's good to see this acknowledgement of such a great event.

Pacific Rise Office:

Kerri Clayton is on annual leave from 26th April to 1st May 2013.
If you will require her assistance during that time, please contact her before the 17th of April to discuss your needs.

Extended General Council

Just before Easter, the District Council of Melanesia and the Provincial Councils from New Zealand and Australia met in Mittagong for the Extended General Council Meeting for Oceania. Among other topics, we spent time on the importance of Interiority in prayer and our capacity to commit ourselves to live out our spirituality. Something that the Brothers Today portfolio are working on at the moment.
The Provincial Council also took the opportunity to talk with the General Council about a number of issues specifically significant to New Zealand, the change to becoming a District in particular. We are grateful to The Hermitage at Mittagong and the brothers for their wonderful hospitality.

FMSI regional workshop for the link persons in Oceania

A three day workshop for the link persons of FMSI in the Marist Provinces and District of Oceania has just concluded in Sydney, Australia. Organized by FMSI and sponsored by the Marist Oceania Council, the workshop was designed to act as a follow up to the two week course on child rights and UN advocacy mechanisms that FMSI held in Rome in May 2012. The three days focused on fine-tuning the role of the link person on a day-to-day basis within their countries, and developing support systems within the region.
Jim Jolley, FMSI Director of Child Rights Advocacy and Training, was assisted with the presentations by Br Graham Neist and Catherine Hannon.
The 9 participants found the time very useful to consolidate their knowledge of the Universal Periodic Review (a Human Rights mechanism of the UN that FMSI uses to advocate for the rights of children in countries where there is a Marist presence) and to develop action plans as to how they can further promote the rights of children.

Standing left to right: **Jim Jolley** (FMSI, Geneva), **Kees Van der Weert** (Fiji), **Nevil Bingley** (New Zealand), **Patrick Kaboanga** (Papua New Guinea), **Graham Neist** (Australia), **Tony D'Arbon** (Australia).
Sitting left to right: **Chris Lus** (Papua New Guinea), **Catherine Hannon** (Australia), **Louise Oliphant** (New Zealand), **Joseph McDonald** (Australia).

Quote of the week:

"A change of heart is essential."

(from The Future of Religious Life Sean's PPt -1)