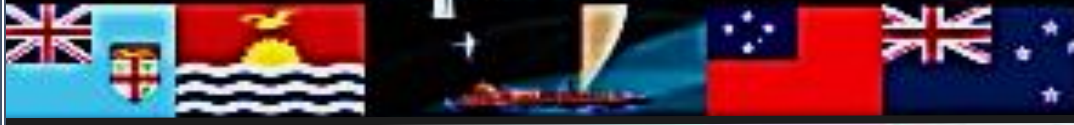


# District of the Pacific Update



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
2022

## SAMOA NEWS

### COME & SEE PROGRAM by Br Anitele'a

Talofa lava from Samoa!  
From Friday the 18th to Saturday 19th our Mulivai formation house had a Come and See program for our students in year 10 from St Joseph's College. There were 32 participants attending the program. Brother Siasoi gave a talk on "Callings" from the Old and New Testaments as well as the life story of St Marcellin Champagnat. Brother Chris and Robert prepared a clip and had questions during the movie. Brother Nowelle gave a talk on Mary from scripture.



## FIJI NEWS



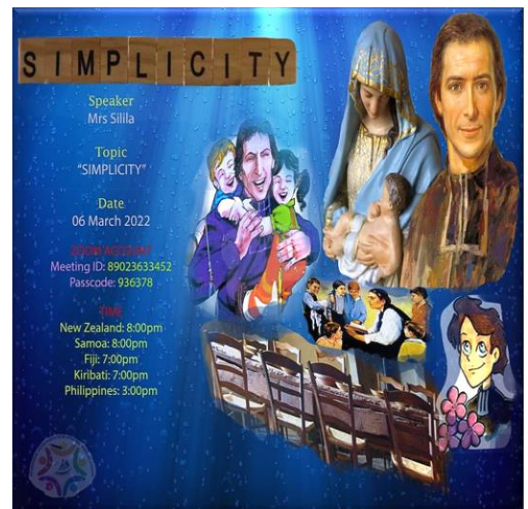
# JOURNEY REFLECTION of Br Jeremia

Greetings from the Marist Brothers' Lomeri Community. I would like to share some of my experiences about my life, my doings and my encounters. Actually I am happy to be back to the place where I was formed and well trained in becoming a Marist Brother. While I am waiting for my return to Kiribati things turned to a sense of forming a new community with Br Jone. Together we look after the place as well as ourselves. We do have visitors coming to our place and also different groups coming for retreats. I have some tasks in regard to this, to make sure whoever comes to our place feels at home and enjoys their stay. Besides that I have sessions with Br Jone and also find a few ways to make contact with the youth here. There will be more plans coming up, but it's better to take things slowly and wisely as long as I enjoy doing them. So far I'm in a good shape and in good health. Korabwa and regards to you all. God bless,  
Br Jeremia .

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### Invitation to Marist Youth.

The Marist Youth Ministry committee invites each of you to invite a youth to this online ZOOM session on "Simplicity".



## NEW ZEALAND NEWS



### SACRED HEART COLLEGE "COURAGE – BE A MAN" "CONFORTARE ESTO VIR"

It has to be said our College motto is one of the most appropriate mottos for a Boys' College today. I love it! Courage in all its forms is sorely needed. It is needed especially in our young men who have to navigate a weird mix of societal ideologies. Traditionally, some have translated the motto as 'Acting Manfully'...an unusual and in my opinion, a wrong translation. Courage is not about 'acting'..it is about 'being' as in the present tense. The essence of being a man is about being courageous! So how does courage look for young men in 2022?

- **Courage** is about small steps. Getting out of bed each morning. Being prepared for each day. Following through each day.

- **Courage** is walking in the shoes of the other guy! Surprisingly, it will be discovered that his life is harder than we thought.
- **Courage** is acknowledging one's own personal fears and using failure as an opportunity. No blame!
- **Courage** can be taught by setting achievable goals...and a little plan on how to achieve these. It is helpful to remember that Courage belongs to the 'other person' message - "Man for others" - "Representing one's school", "Service to one's community" etc., not the ultimately self-destructive messages of self-esteem, self-development, self-help, and suchlike quackery! For those charged with the growth of young men, especially parents - it is time to stop 'lawn-mowing parenting' practices. Removing all obstacles in your sons' path of life in order to have a clean run... not a good foundation for growing courage. Courage requires some obstacles in life to overcome! A great fortnight within a positive wholesome Boy community. In His Peace  
**K.F. FOUHY (Acting HEADMASTER)**

## CONVERSAZIONE ARTICLE by Br Colin

At the press of a computer key last Sunday morning up pops the presence of most of the Brothers of our district. That's simply marvelous. Our "Brothers Today Committee" began by reminding us of our current resources from our Chapter - the article by Ted Dunn, "Graced Crossroads" and a very readable booklet from Br Ernesto, "Homes of Light." It was from the latter, "Homes of Light," that we read of the challenges that we face today (on P9) and then proceeded to P23 where we reflected on how Mary responded to the unexpected changes when confronted with God's messenger appearing before her. Like Mary we have a need to treasure, to meditate, to ponder, allowing our inner spirit to whisper to us. So beginning with our own thoughts we were invited to brain-storm in small groups as to what contributes to giving us a meaningful and fulfilling life. The responses were so numerous and varied that we had little time to arrive at any order of importance. Prominent topics mentioned ranged from our family, companionship, prayer life, relaxation, ecological issues, brotherhood and a host of others. It left us thinking that we require more personal thought to work out what are our real priorities. Time out for reflection, at maybe Queenstown or Riverton Rocks, or in our chapel now that Cook's Beach is out. The Committee suggested for our homework to read on from "Homes of Light" if we haven't already done so. Our time together passed very quickly and our thanks for your lively participation. Brothers Today.

