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GRADUATIONS AND AN ORDINATION IN SUVA

On 13 November in St Peter Chanel's Chapel of the Pacific Regional Seminary a graduation ceremony took place. Five students of Marist College Suva graduated in Theology: Two seminarians, Lesley Kinani and Leonard Amor, and also three Marist aspirants who are waiting to start their novitiate.



Two other Marist students, Joseph Tora (Fiji) and Maselino Kolio (Samoa) graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity and finished their studies. They are pictured here with one of their formators, Fr Denis Revi.

A few days later, on 18 November, the St Peter Chanel's Chapel was filled again with joy and a big crowd as Joseph Tora was ordained to the diaconate by his Grace, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN NEW ZEALAND

In the opening prayer liturgy, on the 145th anniversary of the death of the Founder, the New Zealand Chapter delegates reflected on Colin's inspiring letter to Peter Chanel and the first missionaries to Oceania.

On Monday the delegates watched a video message from the Superior General, the Provincial presented his report and also a report on the financial situation of the province was presented.



Some topics addressed at the chapter were: a proposal for Marist Lay formation, three colleges 'owned' by the province, election of provincial councillors, younger Marists, adult Theological education, legislative provisions for changing the date of a chapter, ministry among Māori, and supplying priests for ministry at St Pat's Sydney.

THE START OF A JUBILEE YEAR FOR THE SMSM SISTERS

Fr John Larsen joined the SMSM sisters in Rome on 15 November as they began their *Jubilee Year* to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of The Launching of the Movement by Marie Françoise Perroton. She was the first pioneer of the SMSM, who set out from France in 1845. She wrote: "My firm wish is to be at the service of the missions for the rest of my life." She served in the islands of Wallis and Futuna until her death in 1873. Marie Françoise launched the movement that would grow and develop into the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary.

