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**“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.’” Lk. 10:2**

June 2025

Dear friends,

“May the Sacred Hearts bless you!” As we celebrate the feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary this month, we brothers and priests of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts - U.S. Province are truly blessed by the Lord who continues to send us laborers for our mission. We are also very blessed and thankful for all of you who support our mission and ministry through your love, prayers and financial gifts.

Getting to know you. The Pre-Novitiate is a time for young men interested in a vocation to the Congregation to begin discerning their vocation and get to better know the Congregation. Likewise it is a time for the Congregation to get to know each candidate better. We currently have five men in the Pre-Novitiate in Tonga: three from Fiji, one from Samoa and one from Tonga. Our annual budget for the Pre-Novitiate this year is \$129,195.

“The Novitiate is a privileged time for the candidates’ initiation into a deep spiritual life ... as well as into religious life and the charism of our Congregation ...” Five men were accepted into the Novitiate program in January 2025. They are in front row left to right: Iowane Tuiviani (Fiji), Mark Makasini (Tonga), Patelesio To’oa (Tonga), Mathieu Vaitulukina (Wallis and Futuna), Atonio Masilekaleka (Fiji). Our Novitiate community is located in Hemet, California. The annual budget for the Novitiate this year is \$28,334.



After making his first profession, a brother *“takes his place in the professed community, where he continues integrating the experience of God, community living, apostolic activity, study and reflection.”* It is a time of *“theological-spiritual formation, essential for a mature faith life and for a fruitful apostolic ministry.”* On January 11, 2025 last years novices: Jeremiah Nestor Marcelo, Talilotu Ulupano, Kasimero Bule, John Vitolio, and Apisalome Setefano Veitoyaki made their first vows St. Peter Chanel Chapel at Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva, Fiji. They join our three students Br. Tavite Uluilakeba, Br. Soane Siua, ss.cc. and Br. Marc Roque, ss.cc. in the Professed Community at

Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva, Fiji. The budget for Post-Novitiate formation this year is \$ 337,694.

Our Mission: To contemplate, live and proclaim God’s love in the world.

We are thankful that the master of the harvest continues to bless us with laborers for our Sacred Hearts mission and ministry. As you can see, however, the cost of housing and forming these laborers is nearly \$500,000 this year. It puts a real strain on finances. Once again we humbly ask you to consider helping us with the formation of these men. Please consider it in your prayer and give as you are able. Each gift, of any amount, is gratefully received.

You are remembered in our daily prayers. May you have a blessed and fruitful summer,



Rev. Edward Popish, ss.cc.

Development Director

A personal note: I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in September, 2024. I managed to keep the development office open through the six rounds of chemotherapy that followed. In early March I went to a cancer center on the mainland for further treatments and my office was closed. My thanks to Fr. Clyde Guerreiro, ss.cc. for posting and acknowledging gifts received during my absence. I just returned to Hawaii at the beginning of June. The treatments went well and all looks very promising. Thank you for your support and prayers. —Fr Ed, ss.cc.

Congratulations to our newly ordained and perpetually professed. Thank you for supporting them.



Deacon Juan Carlos Martinez, ss.cc.

Final Vows Dec. 6, 2024

Diaconate Ordination, Dec. 7, 2024



Father Lomano Fifita, ss.cc.

Priesthood Ordination, Dec. 14, 2024



Deacon Tavite Uluilakeba, ss.cc.

Final Vows Jan 11, 2025

Diaconate Ordination, Feb. 21, 2025



Brother Soane Siua ss.cc.

Final Vows Feb. 9, 2025



Brother Gaberiel Saunivalu ss.cc.

Final Vows May 10,, 2025