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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? ...” “Here I am,” I said; “send me!” (Is. 6:8)

February 2023

Dear friend,

Blessed and Holy Lent! We have begun the 40-day journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection at Easter. We thank you for your continued “almsgiving”. Your gifts provide nourishment for our province and its mission. Your support gives us much hope and new life. The hope for the future in those who continue in the different stages of religious formation. The new life manifested in the ordinations our province has celebrated over the past six months. Your love, prayers and support are a constant source of encouragement for these young men and for all of our priests and brothers.

Congratulations to our newly ordained brothers!

Get to know them at : www.sccc-usa.org/new-priests.html

“I chose the Sacred Hearts through my readings of the life of Saint Damien. His example of living and proclaiming God’s love to the sick people made me realize the need of bringing the love and healing of Christ to our wounded world.”

Fr. Patrick Tukidía, ss.cc. —Ordained September 28, 2022



“I would say that the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts chose me. ... it was Fr. Chris Kaitapu ss.cc who came and visited me. He told me to go with him to their community, ... to see how their community life is. Since then, I haven’t left the Sacred Hearts community.”

Fr. Semisi Pulotu, ss.cc. —Ordained December 16, 2022

“The Congregation’s charism, especially its family charism, attracted me the most. I am thankful for the acceptance and support I have received from the community ever since I was accepted.”

Fr. Eric Cruz, ss.cc. —Ordained January 14, 2023



“I knew of two Sacred Hearts priests in California, and they both left a strong impression upon me of the love of Christ. ... I think they are the reason I became a Sacred Hearts’ religious.”

Fr. John Sawchenko, ss.cc. —Ordained January 14, 2023

“I chose the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts because the Congregation had founded and, up until recently, staffed my home parish. I’ve had many interactions with the Sacred Hearts priests. They were living examples of family spirit, an important dimension of the charism of the Sacred Hearts.”

Fr. Maiki Kamauoha, ss.cc. —Ordained January 24, 2023



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



The blessings continue! Deacon Lui Voreqe, ss.cc. was ordained to the diaconate on December 28, 2022. He is currently serving as a deacon at Queen of Peace Church in Harlingen, Texas. He will be ordained a priest in the summer of 2023.

Brother Gaberiel Saunivalu, ss.cc. has finished his studies at the Pacific Regional Seminary. In January, he began his pastoral year at Holy Name of Mary Parish in San Dimas California.



In February, the Pacific Regional Seminary began its 2023 academic year. We currently have eight Sacred Hearts students attending PRS. The program in preparation for ordination to the priesthood is a seven-year program. We have students from year two to year seven. They are accompanied by two formators, Frs. Johnathan Hurrell, ss.cc. and Marisi Palepale, ss.cc.



Br. Emmanuelle
Del Castillo, ss.cc.



Br. Saia
Fainga'a, ss.cc.



Br. Lomano
Fifita, ss.cc.



Br. Sepulona
Lutelu, ss.cc.



Br. Juan Carlos
Martinez, ss.cc.



Br. Marc
Roque, ss.cc.



Br. Soane
Siua, ss.cc.



Br. Tavite
Uluilakeba, ss.cc.

Get to know them at: www.sccc-usa.org/Get-to-know-our-SSCC-Seminarians.html

We also have four possible candidates for the pre-novitiate year. Once they have applied and been accepted they will discern whether or not they are being called to a deeper participation in the life of the Sacred Hearts Community. If so, they will ask for acceptance into the Novitiate.

Indeed these are many blessings, but blessings which place much stress on our current finances. We need your help- both with prayer and finances. Please give generously and know that every contribution truly makes a difference. Know that you are in our prayers each day. May our Good God abundantly bless you and keep you safe and healthy.

Yours in the hearts of Jesus and Mary .

Rev. Edward Popish, ss.cc.
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