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“So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of faith” Galatians 6:10

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Dear Friends

“Come follow me...” We thank God for the eighteen men who have heeded the call to follow the Lord in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts and thank you for your support which makes this possible. Despite the logistical and financial challenges during this pandemic, we have much to be grateful for in 2021.

This new year begins with three joyful celebrations:

- On January 2 Br. Semisi Pulotu made his final profession at Queen of Peace in Harlingen, TX.
- On January 3 Br. Saia Fainga’a made his final profession at St. Patrick in Honolulu, HI.
- On March 6 Br. Bill Gural will be ordained to the diaconate at St. Joseph in Fairhaven, MA.

Whereas so many religious congregations have few, if any, men in formation, your generosity upholds our efforts and outcomes. The Province pays the full tuition and room and board for these seminarians. The cost per seminarian is approximately \$25,000 per year. We rejoice that these men are discerning a call; we remain committed – with your help – to meeting this wonderful “demand” that will see vocations grow.

We are blessed with **17 men** who are various stages of their formation:

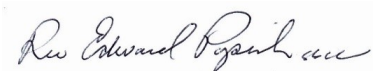
- Sepulona Lutelu, Gaberiele Saunivalu, Tavite Uluilakeba, Juan Carlos Martinez and Marc Roque just entered the Novitiate in Hemet, CA.
- Due to the lockdown in Fiji, Brothers Maiki Kamauoha, Semisi Pulotu, Saia Fainga’a, Darius Amansec and John Sawchenko are living at St. Patrick Monastery in Honolulu, HI and continue their theology studies at the Pacific Regional Seminary online.
- Brothers Eric Cruz, Daniel Estrada, Lomano Fifita, Soane Siua, Patrick Tukidia, and Lui Voreqe are in the formation community Suva, Fiji. They continue their studies at PRS and pastoral experiences in the wider community.
- Br. Emanuelle Del Castillo continues his pastoral work at Queen of Peace in Harlingen, TX.



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

We need your help- both prayerful and financial. Please give generously and know that every contribution truly makes a difference. Right now, there are young men discerning and with your support we can remove any barriers to their commitment. 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.

Development Director



P.S. "Your donation has been a great help for my study and our living as a community. With a heart full of gratitude, I thank you deeply." - Br. Saia Fainga'a, ss.cc - Year 4 at PSR.



(Left) Novices in Hemet, CA. Left to right:
Marc Roque, Gabriele Saunivalu, Juan Carlos Martinez,
Sepulona Lutelu, Tavite Uluilakeba



(Above) Formation community, Fiji: Left to right: Paulo Lui Voreqe, Rafael Sekewaqa, Eric Cruz, William Gural, Daniel Estrada, Lomano Fifita, Sepulona Lutelu, Tavite Uluilakeba, Soane Siua, Patrick Tukidia, Gabriele Saunivalu