

# VOCATIONS NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE VOCATIONS ANIMATOR

*Greetings fellow confreres,*

*In this newsletter I would like to take the opportunity to introduce five young men who are currently in our Pre-Novitiate in Alafua and Clifton Hill. The first four are discerning a Salesian vocation in the Pacific, while the fifth has joined Jeff Miller (featured in the last Vocations Newsletter) along a similar journey in Australia. Let us thank God for these special blessings on our Province and assure all the young men of our prayerful support throughout their journey of Salesian discernment.*

*Peter Monaghan*

## SESARIO TILA



Sesario Tila has recently joined the pre-novitiate in Samoa. Sesario is 24 years old, and comes from the island of Taveuni in Fiji. He completed his secondary education in local Catholic schools and then went to the Fiji National University in 2009 to continue his studies, doing a Bachelor degree in Sports Science and Management, and the Certificate in Electrical Engineering.

He has worked at the Fiji Sports Council and also did some teaching at the Holy Family Secondary School at Vanualevu. He came to know the Salesians through his auntie who works at our Salesian House in Nakasi, Suva.

## KOSETATINO LAUVAO

Kosetatino Lauvao is 31 years old and comes from Puapua on the island of Savai'i, Samoa. He was educated at Logoipulotu College by the Sisters of the Mission, completing his Year 13 in 2000. Since then, Kosetatino has worked as a welder and carpenter in American Samoa.

In 2011 he joined the Spiritual year at Logoipulotu Theological School. This is where he came to know the Salesians, and looks forward to offering himself as a Salesian to work with young people to create a future for themselves, their families, their villages and their churches.



## LEIOFI SUEINA



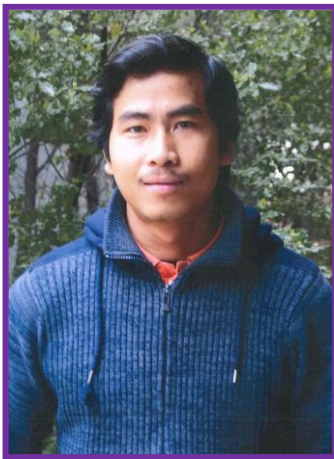
Leiofi Sueina hails from the village of Solosolo, Samoa. He is 19 years old. After attending Chanel College, Moamoa, to do Years 9 and 10, he then went to Don Bosco Technical Centre at Alafua for 4 years and graduated in 2012. He came to know the Salesians at Alafua and has always been impressed by the example of the priests and brothers who show a particular concern for those in need. He looks forward to becoming a Salesian priest.

## SANELE FAAPUE

Sanele Faapue is 19 years of age and was educated by the Marist Brothers in Apia, Samoa. He left school at an early age and worked for a while in a restaurant as a kitchen hand. He was familiar with the Salesians and Don Bosco, but it was in October last year that his Parish Priest told him about the Salesian program 'Come and See'. He joined the program and eventually made a decision that he wanted to be a Salesian, because he now understood about Don Bosco and also the wonderful things that he did for young people. In particular, he looks forward to working with those young people who are struggling with being at school.



## PAOLO NGUYEN



Paulo Nguyen was born in Dong Nai Province, Vietnam. He is 32. He came to Australia in November 2008 and has completed the Advanced Diploma of Electrical Technology at Victoria University. Recently he came to know Fr Anthony Quang who introduced him to the idea of a Salesian vocation. Through Anthony's assistance and encouragement, Paulo joined the 'Come and See' program at the start of 2013. He has visited Salesian communities at Brunswick, Sunbury and Clifton Hill as well as participating in OzBosco.

At the end of July, Paulo entered the pre-novitiate at Clifton Hill, joining in the daily life of the community. He particularly likes the prayer life, kindness and friendliness of the community. He sees his time there as a wonderful opportunity to discern God's call for him.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### **THE RECTOR MAJOR WRITES .....**

*In the most recent ACTS of the General Council (N.416), Fr Pascual Chavez introduces his Letter on Vocation and Formation with a challenge to all confreres at the local level. He writes, "I think that above all it is the ordinary lives of the local apostolic communities which in the end play the decisive role (in early formation). In fact, little or nothing is served by a high quality of formation in the formation communities which helps the young confreres to grow according to Don Bosco's Project of Life, if then in the local communities a style of life is being lived which does not correspond with that project, or which belittles it or even contradicts it. It is precisely this lack of genuine 'Salesian culture' which allows attitudes and forms of behaviour that are quite out of place in consecrated Salesian apostles to flourish. All this indicates that the care and formation involves all the confreres individually, all the local communities, all the Provinces, the whole Congregation."*

### **VOCATION 101**

*I found a YouTube clip that I believe is helpful to understand the nature of VOCATION and the call that God has for each one of us. The easiest way to find it is to type in Google "vocation 101 What is a vocation?" and it's on the first link. Use and enjoy!*