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Presence of the Poor Servants in Oceania – Papua New Guinea

Dear brothers and sisters of the Calabrian Family,

With great joy and gratitude to the Lord, we share with all of you the news of the presence of the Poor Servants in Oceania, specifically in Papua New Guinea.

On September 7, accompanied by the Vicar General, Fr. Luciano Squizzato, the first Poor Servants missionaries arrived in Papua New Guinea to begin our presence on the fifth continent.

The missionaries are two priests from Philippines: Fr. Randy Lingo and Fr. Alito Cangayao who, after a period of adaptation and learning the local language, will take possession of a vast pastoral area in the province of Pomio – Diocese of Rabaul on the island of New Britain Island.

This new opening providentially coincides with the sixty years of the first Poor Servants who left from Italy and Europe to found the first mission in Salto Uruguay in 1959.

The prophetic words of Fr. Calabria are seen realized with the presence of Calabrian spirituality in the fifth continent: *“Oh dear brothers, if you, if we have and live this spirit, the Opera of the Poor Servants will take deep roots and become a giant tree that will spread its branches to the ends of the world. It is bound to us, to our cooperation, to our life and a very special vocation. Let us remember it well, remember it always, it is not the number that makes, but it is the quality of the number: few but good, but saints, and those will form many”* (September 5, 1932).

We thank the Lord for this gift, and we accompany our missionary brothers with our prayer, hoping that in the coming months other religious and some lay people can join them for a more solid presence.

I wish you nice feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I greet you all with fraternal love. God bless you.

Fr. Miguel Tofful