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The Fiji records comprise manuscript documents (filmed in the PMB series) and published documents (filmed in the PMB Doc series). In the inventory, the films of the manuscript documents are listed first.

The presence of the Catholic Church in Fiji dates back to 1844 when Father J-B. Breheret arrived there as prefect apostolic with a small band of Marist missionaries. An account of the early days of the mission and of Breheret's career will be found on microfilm PMB 453. Other microfilms contain brief histories of the mission in later times. Details of the microfilms are:

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PMB 159

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Historical accounts of Rotuma by various authors:

- (1) 'Histoire de Rotuma' by Father Joseph Trouillet, SM. This is in three exercise books, covering the periods:
 - a. 'Depuis l'origine des temps fabuleux jusqu'au retour des Missionnaires Catholiques, l'an 1868'.
 - b. 'Depuis le retour des Catholiques en 1868 jusqu'a l'annexion en Juin 1881'.
 - c. 'Depuis Juin 1881 - la fin de 1890'.
- (2) The foregoing 'Histoire de Rotuma' contained in two exercise books labelled 'Ier Cahier' and 'II Cahier'.
- (3) A journal kept on Rotuma from 1868 to 1871 by Father L. Dezest, SM, (one exercise book labelled 'Journal, Ier Cahier').
- (4) A journal kept on Rotuma from 1868 to 1890 first by Father Dezest, then by Father Trouillet. (Three exercise books labelled: 'Journal II Cahier', 'Journal III Cahier' and 'Journal IV Cahier').
- (5) An account of Rotuma in about 1824 in Domeny de Rienzi's 'Océanie', translated by Dr Hugh Macdonald (typescript).

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- (6) An 'Histoire de Rotuma' covering the period 1837-1923. Author unknown (typescript).
- (7) An account entitled 'La Première Soeur Missionnaire à Rotuma' (roneoed).
- (8) 'Historique de la Station St Michel, Upu, Rotuma', dated 7 April 1949, and signed by L. Soubeyran.
- (9) 'Historique de la Station Notre Dame des Victoires, Sumi, Rotuma', dated 28 April 1949.
- (10) Rotuma Brothers' School - Extracts from Council Decisions, 1901-08.
- (11) Newspaper clippings, 1917, 1932.

PMB 160

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Letters to Catholic missionaries at Rotuma, 1868-88, from Bishops Bataillon, Elloy, Lamaze and Father Poupinel.

PMB 428

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Mission Stations, Rotuma - Correspondence, 1868-1930. (Note: the correspondence is in four folders and appears to have been sorted arbitrarily. The contents of the folders cover the following periods:

- (1) 1868-1930; (2) 1871-87; (3) 1882-1930 (land matters); (4) 1878-1902.

PMB 429

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Mission Stations, Rotuma - Extracts from Correspondence, 1846-89. (Note: the sources of the extracts are not known unless indicated; nor is it known who compiled them. They are not in chronological order.)

PMB 432

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with Government re education: (1) 1899-1912; (2) 1920-36.

PMB 433

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with French Consulate-General, Sydney, 1919, 1927-29.

PMB 434

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with Government: (1) 1856-90; (2) 1899-1900.

PMB 435

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with Government: (1) 1901-13; (2) 1916-30.

PMB 436

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with Government: 1891-98.

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PMB 437

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - 'La Petite Histoire ... à Fiji'. (A history of the Roman Catholic Church in Fiji).

PMB 438

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence of Bishop C.J. Nicolas, SM, 1913-30. The correspondence is in seven files as follows:

- (1) Miscellaneous, 1919-30.
- (2) Father L.L. Dubois, SM, 1921-30.
- (3) Mission Station, Wairiki, 1922-30.
- (4) Mission Station, Vanuakula, 1924-30.
- (5) Mission Station, Loreto, 1930.
- (6) Mission Station, Nabala, 1930.
- (7) Procure, Sydney, 1925-30.

PMB 439

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - 'Quelques Notes sur Fiji, les Fidjiens et la Religion Catholique à Fiji' and other papers. The papers are:

- (1) 'Quelques notes ...'.
- (2) 'Conference sur les Meke fidjiens', by Father C.M. Flaus, SM.
- (3) 'La Culte des Morts à Fiji à l'Ouest et à l'Interieur', by Father J. de Marzan, SM.
- (4) Notes on the Roman Catholic Mission in Fiji, 1925, by Father J. Orève, SM.
- (5) 'Superstitions Rewiennes', 1891, by E.R. (i.e. Father E. Rougier, SM).
- (6) Notes on 'Le Deluge ... aux Fijis', by Father J. de Marzan, SM.
- (7) 'Noms des oiseaux ... de Namosi', by Father J.L. Guinard, SM.

PMB 440

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Historical notes on the Catholic Mission of Wairiki, Taveuni, Fiji, compiled by Father F. Terrien, SM, translated and slightly amplified by 'B.A.M.', Suva, 1943.

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PMB 441	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence relating to Father Emmanuel Rougier, SM, 1906-11.
PMB 442	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Notes on the Petits Frères.
PMB 443	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Letters from Superior-General, Society of Mary, 1888-1928.
PMB 444	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - General letters to Bishop Julian Vidal, SM, 1887-1917. (At the end of the reel are private letters from Government House, 1897-1907.)
PMB 445	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence of Bishop Julian Vidal, SM, with Father C.J. Nicolas, SM, and other priests, 1893-1920.
PMB 446	Extracts from the <u>Fiji Times</u> , 1869-83. (Note: the extracts mainly relate to religious matters, both Wesleyan and Catholic.)
PMB 447	Pearce, <u>Archbishop</u> G.H. - 'Recent Development of the Catholic Church in the southwest Pacific' (an address given to the Pacific Theological College, 18 May 1971).
PMB 448 (2 reels)	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence re Leper Asylum, Makogai, 1908-30, and sundry related papers.
PMB 449	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Rules for, and reports on, catechists, 1890, 1919.
PMB 450	Catholic Young Men's Society of Fiji - Correspondence with Bishop C.J. Nicolas, 1923-29.
PMB 451	'Essai de Grammaire' and 'Dictionnaire Fidjien-Francais' by a Marist priest (probably Father C. Mathieu, SM, or Father P. Michel, SM).
PMB 452	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - 'Histoires de Mission, pour enfants' by Father Jean Louis Guinard, SM (mainly about the mission station of Namosi, where the author spent 42 years).
PMB 453	Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Brief histories of the mission and its missionaries:
	(1) The beginning of the mission in Fiji.
	(2) Father J-B. Breheret, 1815-98.

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PMB 454

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence and miscellaneous papers on education, 1895-1929:

- (1) Correspondence and miscellaneous papers on education, 1895-98.
- (2) School inspection reports, 1903-08.
- (3) Legislation on schools, 1917-18.
- (4) Correspondence and miscellaneous papers on education, 1910-29.

PMB 455

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Reports and correspondence relating to the mission station at Naililili, Rewa, 1893-1905:

- (1) Reports, etc. re Naililili, 1893-99.
- (2) 'Rewa: Affaire du subsidé donné à l'école par la province', 1898-1905.

PMB 456

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with mission stations at Savusavu and Tunuloa, 1919-30. In two files:

- (1) Savusavu, 1919-30.
- (2) Tunuloa, 1919-30.

PMB 457

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with mission stations at Delailagi, Nabala, Naidiri, Naiserelagi, Namosi, and Natovi, 1912-30. In six files:

- (1) Delailagi, 1919-30.
- (2) Nabala, 1921-30.
- (3) Naidiri, 1930.
- (4) Naiserelagi (Navunibitu), 1923-30.
- (5) Namosi, 1912-30.
- (6) Natovi, 1924-30.

PMB 458

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with mission stations at Rotuma, 1894-1930. In two files:

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- (1) Sumi Station:
 - a. correspondence of Father G. Griffon, SM, 1919-30.
 - b. letters from Sisters, 1894-1930.
 - c. correspondence of Father P. Bourdier, SM, 1919-29.
 - (2) Upu Station:
 - a. correspondence of Father L. Soubeyran, SM, 1919-30.
- PMB 459 Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with Government and others re native affairs, 1883-1924.
- PMB 460 Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Miscellaneous (non-local) correspondence of Bishop J. Vidal and Bishop C.J. Nicolas, 1899-1930.
- PMB 461 Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with mission stations at Bemana, Sigatoka and Solevu, 1920-30. In six files:
- (1) Bemana, 1923-30.
 - (2) Sigatoka, 1920-26.
 - (3) Joan of Arc School, Sigatoka (Nadroga), 1920-30.
 - (4) Namoli, 1922-24.
 - (5) Miscellaneous (Sigatoka), 1916-23.
 - (6) Solevu, 1926-30.
- PMB 462 Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence re mission work among the Indians of Fiji, 1909-19.
- PMB 463 Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Miscellaneous unpublished items in archdiocesan office, Suva. In 12 files:
- (1) Accounts of Fijian secret societies - Le 'baki ou nanaga'; les Kalou Vatu; le keibuca; les kai nakauvadra. (These are contained in a small exercise book and are thought to have been written by Father J. de Marzan, SM.)
 - (2) Brief histories of Fiji mission stations - Tailevu, Tunuloa, Naiserelagi, Suva, Ba and Yasawa, Kadavu, Lomary, Rotuma - and lists of principal dates.

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- PMB 463 (Contd)
- (3) A 'sketch' entitled 'Slavery in Fiji'. It is dated Levuka, Fiji, 22 June 1894 and is said to be a translation of a German 'communication' in the Geographische Gesellschaft (sic) of 1895. The author states he has spent 23 years in the Pacific, 'the last twelve of them in Fiji.'
 - (4) Correspondence, 1903, concerning alleged Bible burnings.
 - (5) Church statistics, 1900-19.
 - (6) Reports on native clergy, 1921-22.
 - (7) An abridged Fijian grammar - 'Petit abrégé de Grammaire Vitienne'. It bears the name of Father A. Deniau, SM, but does not appear to be in his handwriting.
 - (8) Letters re medical matters to and from Bishop J. Vidal, 1906-10, and Bishop C.J. Nicolas, 1924-28.
 - (9) An account of a journey to Wainibuka by Father F. Trillot, SM, addressed to Bishop Nicolas, no date.
 - (10) An account of a visit to Lau by Father J.M. Orève, SM, dated Suva, 30 August 1923.
 - (11) 'Notes concernant l'Imprimerie', by Father P. Clement, SM, dated 'retraite 1922'.
 - (12) Papers relating to Father J.V. Pujebet's removal from Nukunau Island, Gilbert Islands, 1917-19.
- PMB 464 Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with Marist Sisters, 1892-1930.
- PMB 465 Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence with the 'Petites Soeurs' (Fijian Sisters), 1893-1930.
- PMB 466 Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Correspondence 1907-26, and miscellaneous papers of Father Y.M. Helliet, SM. (The papers include accounts of part-Europeans in Fiji by Father Helliet and other priests.)

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PMB 467

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Miscellaneous papers, chiefly historical:

- (1) The Catholic Church in the Fiji Islands (c.1970).
- (2) History of Loreto (c.1970).
- (3) History of the Catholic Mission at Wairiki (1964).
- (4) Le Reverend Père Jules Delahaye.
- (5) Papers of Father L. Soubeyran, SM:
 - a. What the Catholic missionaries and Church have done to evangelise the Indians in Fiji (1970).
 - b. The Fathers in the Past (1970).
 - c. Sixty years in the missions of Fiji and Rotuma (1965).
 - d. Translation of a paper on Rotuman games written by Father J.B. Chevreuil, SM. (With the original version). (1967).
- (6) The Seventh-day Adventists, by Father Y.M. Helliet, SM (1955).
- (7) Rapport sur le terrain No Somo Levu, Ile Vuaki, Yasawa, by Father Y.M. Helliet, SM (1926).
- (8) Rapport sur 'l'Histoire Religieuse de Fiji' (author unknown).
- (9) Le Rev. Père Pierre Marie Jouny, SM, 'l'Apôtre des Niua'.
- (10) Marist Fathers who have worked in Fiji (several lists).
- (11) Historique de la Station de Tunuloa.
- (12) 'An Unusual Priest' (Father Claudius Lurkhur), by Father Denis Fitzpatrick.

PMB 468

Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji - Minutes of Council Meetings, 1887-1930.

<u>Film No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
PMB Doc. 207 (4 reels)	<u>Lettres aux Missionnaires</u> , Nos 1-68 (1 September 1925-28 May 1941). /An occasional publication edited by Father L.L. Dubois, SM, and issued from Marist headquarters./
PMB Doc. 208	Pastoral and circular letters of Bishop Julian Vidal, SM, Nos 1-75 (29 May 1888-12 November 1918).
PMB Doc. 209	Circular letters of Bishop Charles Joseph Nicolas, SM, Nos 1-54 (30 December 1918-20 June 1941).
PMB Doc. 210	<u>Bulletin du Vicariat /de Fiji/</u> , Nos 1-10 (June 1891-August 1894).
PMB Doc. 211 (2 reels)	<u>Sacred Heart Cathedral Gazette</u> , Vol. 1, No.1-Vol. 16, No.12 (August 1936-July 1952).

In addition to the foregoing microfilms, the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau has distributed several reels of Marist publications that relate to the Pacific generally. These films are:

<u>Film No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
PMB Doc. 174	<u>Annales des Missions de la Société de Marie</u> , Vols I-IV, pp. 1-44 (1853-1875) - see PMB Doc. 194-198 for continuation.
PMB Doc. 175-179	<u>Annales de Marie</u> (originally <u>Annales de la Société de Marie</u>), Vols II-X (1925-1940).
PMB Doc. 180	<u>Annales des Missions d'Océanie</u> , Lyons, 1895 (covers years 1837-1855).
PMB Doc. 194-198	<u>Annales des Missions de la Société de Marie</u> (retitled <u>Annales des Missions de l'Océanie</u> from 1896), Vols IV, pp. 47 ff.-XIII (1877-1921).

Another series of Pacific Manuscript Bureau microfilms of possible value to those interested in the work of Marist missionaries in the Pacific contains copies of the journal Missions Catholiques for the years 1868-1950. This series is numbered PMB Doc. 62-98. Missions Catholiques was published in Lyons from the office of the Oeuvre de la Propagation de la Foi. It appeared weekly from its inception to 23 December 1927; then fortnightly to 16 December 1941; then monthly. Some of its articles were written by Marists.

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