

Wednesday 27th May 2026

**The Patronal Feast of the School of the Missionary Sisters of the Faith in Samoa
“Missionary Infant School”**

Your Excellency,

Dear Bishop,

Distinguished authorities, dear teachers, families, and above all, dear students,

Today, our school community is experiencing a moment of special joy and profound spiritual significance. The patronal feast of our school is not merely a traditional celebration, but also a precious opportunity to rediscover the deeper meaning of our educational and human journey.

Every school is founded to impart knowledge, yet a school inspired by Christian values also carries the mission of forming individuals capable of hope, fraternity, and service. Celebrating our Patron Saint, therefore, reminds us that no one grows alone: we all need guidance, examples, and authentic witnesses who can illuminate our daily path.

On this meaningful occasion, we also wish to inaugurate and entrust to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in other words, “Mary Virgin Faithful”, this grotto is dedicated to. May it become not only a visible sign of devotion, but also a place of reflection, silence, and prayer for all who pass through our school. Before Mary, we entrust the joys and struggles of our students, the work of our teachers, the hopes of our families, and the future of our educational community.

Mary Virgin Faithful, a caring and humble Mother, teaches us to listen, to welcome others, and to love with simplicity. In a time often marked by haste and indifference, may this grotto stand as a lasting invitation to peace, trust, and solidarity.

With heartfelt gratitude, we also extend our warmest welcome to our Bishop.

Your presence among us today is a great honour and a meaningful sign of communion within the Church. Thank you, Your Excellency, for accepting our invitation and for accompanying our communities with your pastoral guidance. Your closeness encourages us to live our educational mission with deeper faith and greater responsibility.

We pray that this celebration may leave in each heart a lasting sign of goodness and hope. And we entrust the present and future of our school to the Blessed Mary, Our Virgin Faithful, that it may continue to be a place of cultural, human, and spiritual growth.

Welcome among us, Your Excellency, and happy patronal feast to everyone.

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