

Update on the situation in Vanuatu

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Dear Brothers,

This morning I received a call from Brothers Gabriel Niutupea and Vincent Bae of Montmartre who informed me about the extensive damage caused by PAM, a very powerful hurricane. The Brothers have lost everything and took refuge at Foyer Julliard. Brother René Gallant was wounded; I asked him to return to New Caledonia as soon as possible to receive treatments. For the moment, however, the airport is still flooded. The roofs have all been ripped off and most of our schools, our boarding houses and chapel suffered extensive damage. I am planning to go to Vanuatu before the next weekend. For the moment we do not have any news from our Brothers in Tanna; I suppose that the situation is very much similar to that of Montmartre. I entrust the Brothers of Vanuatu to your prayers and also the students who most probably will not be able to continue their studies for a while.

There are no deaths nor wounded except for Brother René Gallant.

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