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The Brothers: The Hospitaller Order settled in Papua New Guinea in 1971, as part of what was then the Australasian Province (Australia, New Zealand) – today's Oceania Province. In the past few years, they have been engaged on a variety of apostolic works: medical posts, substance-dependency treatment outpatient units, etc. and today, it is driving forward the establishment of Mental Health support services at Madang.

The Order began to accept indigenous vocations in the 1980s, and today we have 12 Brothers hailing from Papua New Guinea, who are accompanied by the Brothers of the Oceania Province.

Madang is a medium-sized town in the north of Papua New Guinea with a population of 27,500. The town is well-connected to the Highlands region in the interior, and has domestic flights serving other parts of the country. Madang has a strong Catholic community which enables the Brothers to play their part in the local parishes, Catholic cultural and formation institutions and in relations with other Religious Congregations.

The people of Madang belong to a wide variety of different cultures: some are traditional indigenous inhabitants of the area, while others come from many other parts of Papua New Guinea, particularly the Highlands region. The economic situation of the local population ranges from the sale of products on the local markets, to retailers running established shops.

Support for needy local people is mainly provided by Church institutions.

THE PROJECT: Construction of a Formation Centre at Madang (Papua New Guinea)

It is planned to build a new house (Formation Centre) for the Brothers, to meet the Continuing Formation requirements of the Order in Papua New Guinea. The present house cannot support the Formation project because it is in urgent need of repairs, and can only meet its own needs and those of the service the Order is providing locally.

The Order is banking on revitalising our Hospitality mission in Papua New Guinea. One essential part of this project is Initial and Continuing Formation for the Asia-Pacific region. The first stage of Formation is being provided in the Philippines, while the Scholasticate and Continuing Formation will be in Madang.

The Madang Formation Centre will be vitally important for Papua New Guinea. The Brothers returning from the Philippines will be able to consolidate their Formation pathway here in the Madang Centre, immersed in their own culture, and strengthen Hospitality by working with the diocese taking on accompaniment services, and following-up and monitoring the most at-risk areas of society.

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