

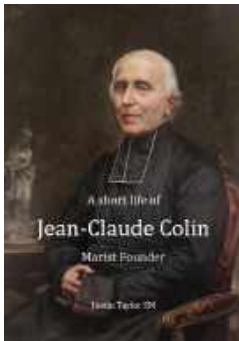
'Seeking graces'

- The number of people seeking graces through the intercession of Jean-Claude Colin has grown throughout the year.
- Requests have come from Australia, France, Fiji, New Zealand, Philippines and USA.
- These represent a groundswell of awareness of Fr Colin and a readiness to pray through his intercession
- On the website the 'Seeking graces' page has been simplified, as have the linked updates.

Resource enquiries

- There have been a small number of requests to which I have responded by sending language-specific material, and advising of the present protocols forbidding distribution of relics pre-Beatification.

'Very short life of Colin'



- Distribution has begun as this report is being prepared.
- Eagerly awaited by CCN members, it will become an important resource.
- I was able to contribute through early draft reading and cover design.

Liaison with Unit leaders

- With the COVID situation, it was not possible to send the customary pack of Cause resources to Unit leaders at the time of ARC as in past years. However the CLOC gatherings have made updates possible for the GA to include on the agenda.
- CCN members are encouraged to keep Unit leaders informed of their work and of new developments and resources.

- There appears to be mostly good support from Unit leaders for CCN members and their work.

Cost sharing & finances

- Some expenses of Colin Cause work continue to be shared with local ministry budgets in Australia, including:
 - ◇ Internet & phone, hardware & software, stationery & consumables, network and other administrative services
 - ◇ professional in-services (esp in photo-editing and digital photography)
- a separate expenditure summary with commentary has been prepared for the General Bursar.



Support

I am grateful for the consistent support of the General Council for my work, the ready availability of Ben McKenna with practical ideas, good counsel and encouragement and the generosity, skills and enthusiasm of my CCN confreres.

Spreading the Fama for the Beatification Cause of Jean-Claude Colin

Report for 2020

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Colin Cause Network

- The development of this group has been a significant step in the promotion of the Fama.
- All units and the GA are now represented:
 - ◊ Africa (Christian Abongbung)
 - ◊ Asia (Lauro Arcede)
 - ◊ Australia (Ron Nissen)
 - ◊ Canada (Yvan Carré)
 - ◊ Europe (Alois Greiler)
 - ◊ General Council (Ben McKenna)
 - ◊ Mexico (David Sanchez)
 - ◊ New Zealand (Kevin Head)
 - ◊ Oceania ('Aisake Vaisima)
 - ◊ South America (Arnaldo da Silva)
 - ◊ USA (Leon Olszamowski)
- As well, Justin Taylor has agreed to act as a consultant and advisor.
- As can be seen, confreres are in a range of ministries: formation & vocation, education, Marist studies & authorship, print & electronic media, General & Unit leadership.
- Members have:
 - ◊ met in four Zoom sessions (Aug, Sep, Oct, Dec).
 - ◊ received sample packs of language-specific resources and been encouraged to become familiar with the Colin website and its content.
 - ◊ focussed on Nov 15 as a significant Colinian anniversary.
- Regular emailed memos have been maintained providing members with updates on local initiatives, new resources, Zoom agenda and summaries, etc.



- These will be complemented by CCN Bulletins in 2021.

Colin Calendar

- A Colin calendar has been prepared annually for the past eight years.
- The 2021 calendar, distributed in 2020, was produced in six languages (English, French, German,



Italian, Spanish & Portuguese) and in two sizes.

- 400 copies were distributed to:
 - ◊ GA and Unit leaders
 - ◊ CCN members (small bulk packs)
 - ◊ Marist formation communities (staff, students and novices) and some larger and city-centre communities internationally; post-graduate Marist students in Rome
 - ◊ Extra copies requested from some Units and individuals
 - ◊ Australian and NZ Lay Marist leaders and some Marist Family members, Australian communities, and confreres, on request.
- The calendar featured illustrations and brief history of the Bugey missions, with monthly quotes from the SM Constitutions and various Marist anniversaries, including the institution of each province and mission district.
- Included with each calendar was a selection of other resources.
- The COVID situation severely affected international postage, with some packages taking up to four



months for delivery!

- Electronic 'flipbook' versions in six languages are linked through the website.
- Feedback on the calendar continues to be positive.

Colin website [www.jeanclaudecolin.org]

- The site continues as a key repository for resources for the Cause. Redevelopment begun in 2019 has continued.
- An increasing number of resources are now available and in a greater range of languages, thanks to the help of translators, mostly CCN members.
- Despite the competition of other social media, the website is likely to grow in significance in supplying resources for the Cause promotion.

New resources

- **Litanies:** A **Colin novena** was developed by Alois Greiler, translated into seven languages and distributed through the website and hard copies prior to Nov 15. A **Marist Litany** is planned for 2021 for possible use leading to Nov 15.
- **Prayers for graces:** A new prayer for graces is available in seven languages (with more anticipated, and with large print option) and for a **miracle** as well as **simple graces**.
- **Themes:** a selection of new leaflets and translations.