

- One request sought material about St Peter Chanel. I have a range of items for such eventualities.

ARC

- Since this gathering is a good opportunity to keep awareness of the Cause before our unit leaders, I prepare small packs for participants.
- In 2018, I included a language-specific update on the intercessory prayer campaign for Australian MS-afflicted, Hannah Bennett, asking unit leaders to make this available to their members.
(Another update has been prepared, Apr 2019, for distribution in seven languages).

Networking

- Some early moves were made in 2018 to set up a network of confreres as regional contacts for the Colin Cause. I hope this can be developed during 2019.

Cost sharing & finances

- Some expenses of Colin Cause work are shared with local ministry budgets in Australia, including:
 - ◇ Internet & phone, hardware & software
 - ◇ stationery & consumables
 - ◇ professional in-services
(in 2018, I undertook several courses in photo-editing and digital photography)
- a bank account has recently been set up by our provincial business manager for the handling of Cause budget funds locally.
- a separate expenditure summary has been prepared for the General Bursar.

Hannah Bennett, an update

In March and September 2018 I sent updates on Hannah's health to provincials and district leaders.

Recently (March 2019) I visited Hannah and asked: 'Could you give me an update of your studies so far.... and also, anything about the MS experience that you think could be appropriate to share with my confreres?'

Hannah replied:

Hi Fr. Ron,

Apologies for my delayed response, I've been very busy with uni and clinical placement this week!

Of course!

I have completed a Bachelor of Speech, Hearing and Language Sciences, with a Bachelor of Psychology. I have my graduation for these in mid April. I am now in my fourth week of Masters of Speech Pathology at Macquarie University. It's a very full-on (full time) degree but I'm definitely enjoying it.

With regards to my MS, I am suffering quite a lot from my trigeminal neuralgia (nerve pain in the left side of my face) as well as from my fatigue. It's really important for me to plan my week with studies and rest.

I really appreciate all your work and help with my recovery.

Best wishes,

Hannah



Spreading the Fama Report for 2018



Ron Nissen SM

Apr 2019

*The main areas
of my activity and interest
during 2018...*

Colin Biography

- A significant event in 2018 was the launch of Justin Taylor's definitive biography of the Founder.
- I worked with Justin in illustrating the book, sourcing its one hundred and fifty-one photographs and providing lay-out pages for the publisher. It was a happy, though lengthy and demanding, task.
- A bonus for me continues to be electronic access to the chapters, made available since the writing began. I frequently call on the text in responding to queries about the Founder's life and am careful to observe copyright.
- Similarly with photographs from the biography: the quantity and diversity of images which I have on file provide a useful resource in responding to requests and developing further resources.

'Very short life of Colin'

- Justin's abridged life of Colin, especially when translated into other languages, will surely be a boon for the Cause.

Colin Calendar

- This has been prepared annually for the past six years and is now produced in seven languages (English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish & Portuguese) and in two sizes.
- In 2018 language-specific distribution of ca 250 copies of the 2019 calendar included:
 - ◇ ARC participants
 - ◇ all Marist formation communities (staff, students and novices) and some larger and city-centre communities internationally

- ◇ Requests from Canada, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Spain, following *SM Bulletin* advertising
- ◇ Australian communities, and confreres, on request.
- ◇ Australian and NZ Lay Marist leaders and some Marist Family members.
- Feedback indicates that the calendars have diverse uses including
 - ◇ Alerting confreres to Marist anniversaries, community meetings, birthdays, etc.
 - ◇ Noting assignment deadlines and garbage collection dates
 - ◇ Back-of-bathroom-door decor
- Enthusiastic feedback came from formators and students.
- Illustrations for the 2019 calendar are a selection of Marist places and items associated with the life of Fr Colin, with monthly quotes selected by Justin Taylor.



Colin website

- There are actually two sites: the original one at www.jeanclaudecolin.org and a second, new site still being developed.
- The old site has not been touched during 2018, although visits continue from many countries.
- I am working with our web hosting man (Justin Lynch, 'Netvantage', Brisbane, Australia) in developing the new site.
- This work has had to compete with local priorities, including the redevelopment of the Australian Province website. Indeed, the latter has provided good learning experiences.
- The new site will feature a more attractive layout and will use the original site address.
- It will continue to be a useful repository for resources on Fr Colin and the Cause and will have friendlier access to these.

Colin Facebook page

- Companion to the website, the Colin Facebook page has a much wider active audience than the web site.
- It will receive a new lease of life when the redeveloped website comes online and will provide Marist Facebook users in various regions with regular items concerning the Cause.
- Such Marists are likely to re-post items on their own and regional pages.

Resource enquiries

- Occasional enquiries about Fr Colin continue to come through the website and Facebook. These are usually requests for relics and/or printed materials.
- I respond by sending whatever language-specific material is available (*see illustration, left*) pointing out that present protocols forbid distribution of relics until a person is declared 'Blessed'.