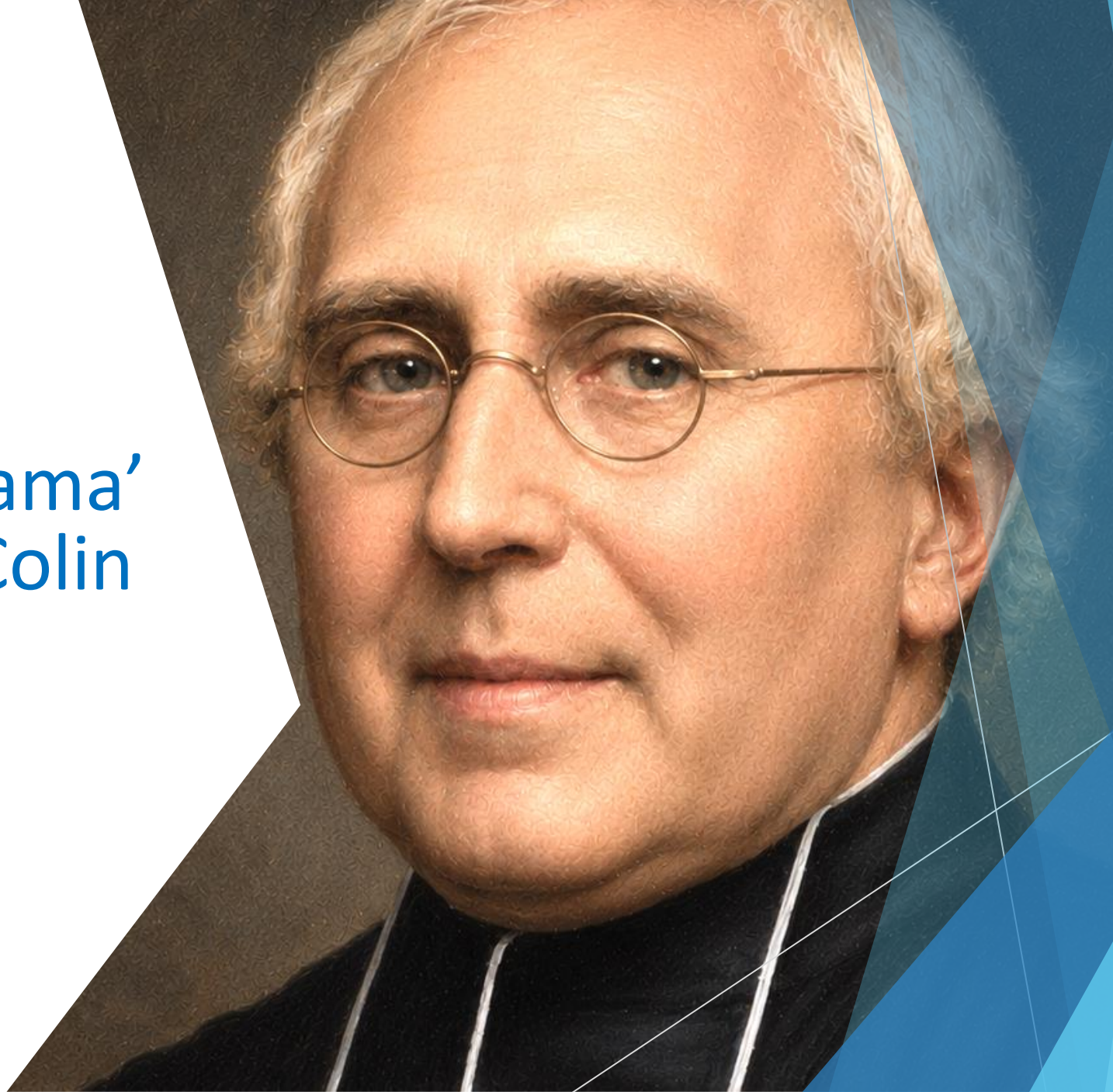




‘Spreading the Fama’ of Jean-Claude Colin



A report for ARC 2026

Presented on behalf of the
Colin Cause Network
by Ron Nissen & Lauro Arcede



Most of you will already be quite familiar
with the recent history
of the Cause of Fr Colin ...
... since steps were taken in 2009
for it to be re-introduced.

This has been reported to
the General Chapters and
Council of the Society since then ...
... summarised in a leaflet available to
you after this presentation.

First, a little about the
Colin Cause Network

All Units and the General Council
are represented

Set up in 2020

Since then 24 Marists
have been involved





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Present members of the CCN are...



Africa: Clinton Kube



Asia: Chris Ganzon



Australia: Ron Nissen



Lauro Arcede (Omnes Gentes, Sydney)

Canada: Yvan Carre



Europe: Alois Greiler



General Council: Albert Kabala



Mexico: Jaime Perez

New Zealand: Ben D'Souza

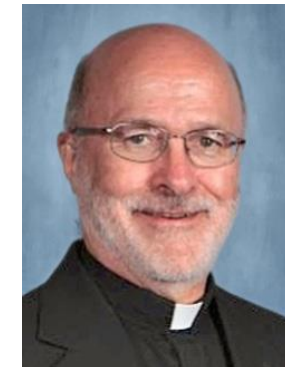
Oceania: Lutoviko Olier

Petero Matairatu

(Knights of Colin, Taveuni)

South America: Paddy O'Neil

U.S.A.: Joe Hindelang



This report highlights the
mission and work of the Colin
Cause Network and its members
in your Units

What's happening at the
moment?

Some new initiatives and
plans for the future

Available resources



General Chapter statement #66

*‘The Chapter supports continuing
to develop the fama of our Founder,
Venerable Jean Claude Colin,
and working towards his
beatification and canonization.’*

Encouragement from the General Council
Suggestion for an international gathering
to further 'spreading the fama'
Fr General joined us on Zoom
Invited constructive suggestions re a
gathering

Consultation among CCN members...

Strong support for opportunity to

Be better equipped to answer the question

‘Why beatify Fr Colin?’

Develop skills in telling the story

and sharing those skills with fellow Marists

Clear focus on information and skill
development for those involved with
‘spreading the fama’

So different from the 2077
Suva Colloquium on Colin

Suggestions presented to assist the
General Council



Imprints *of Venerable Jean-Claude* *Colin*

‘Imprints of Ven Jean-Claude Colin’

Commenced this year

Bimonthly, edited by Lauro

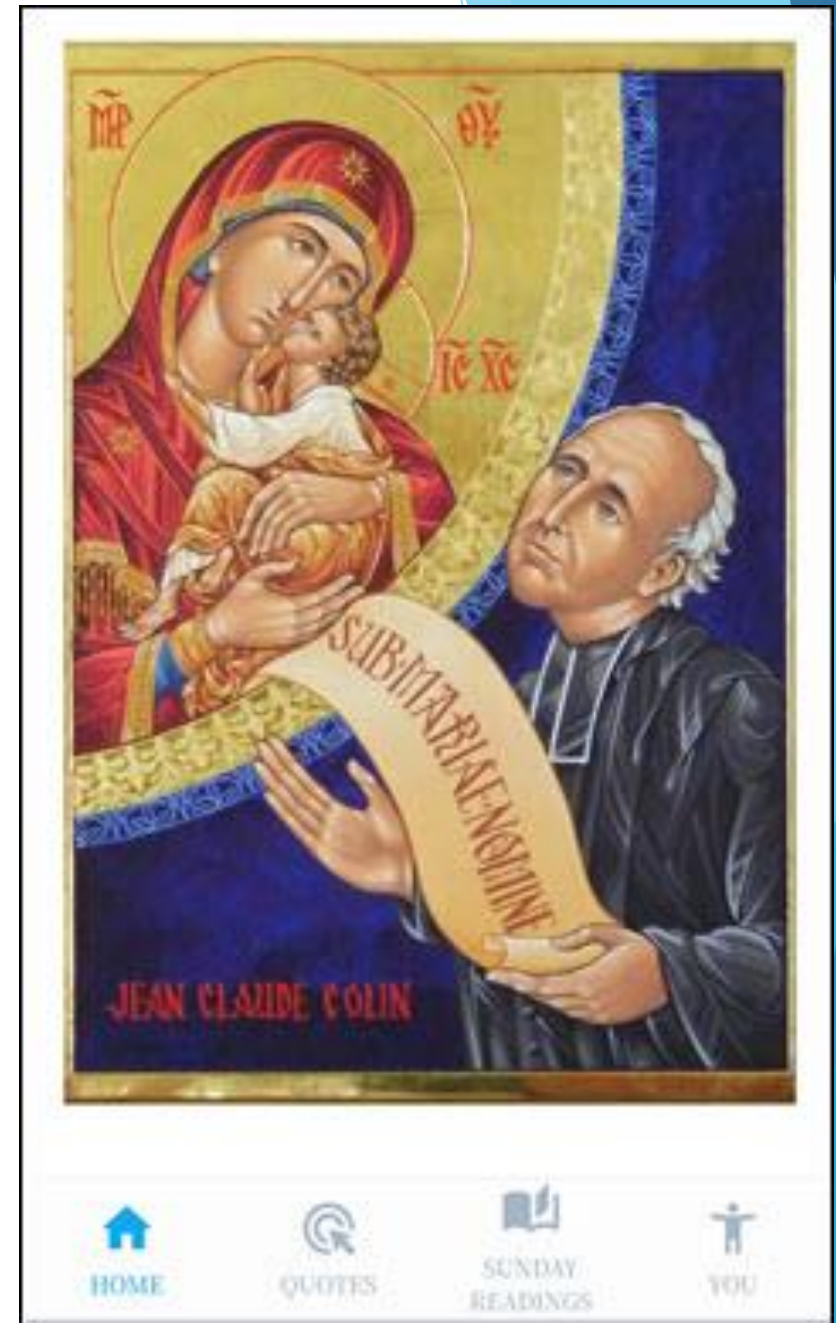
In four languages, assisted by Marist translators

Short article of a Colin-inspired Marist ministry

Quotes from Marist sources

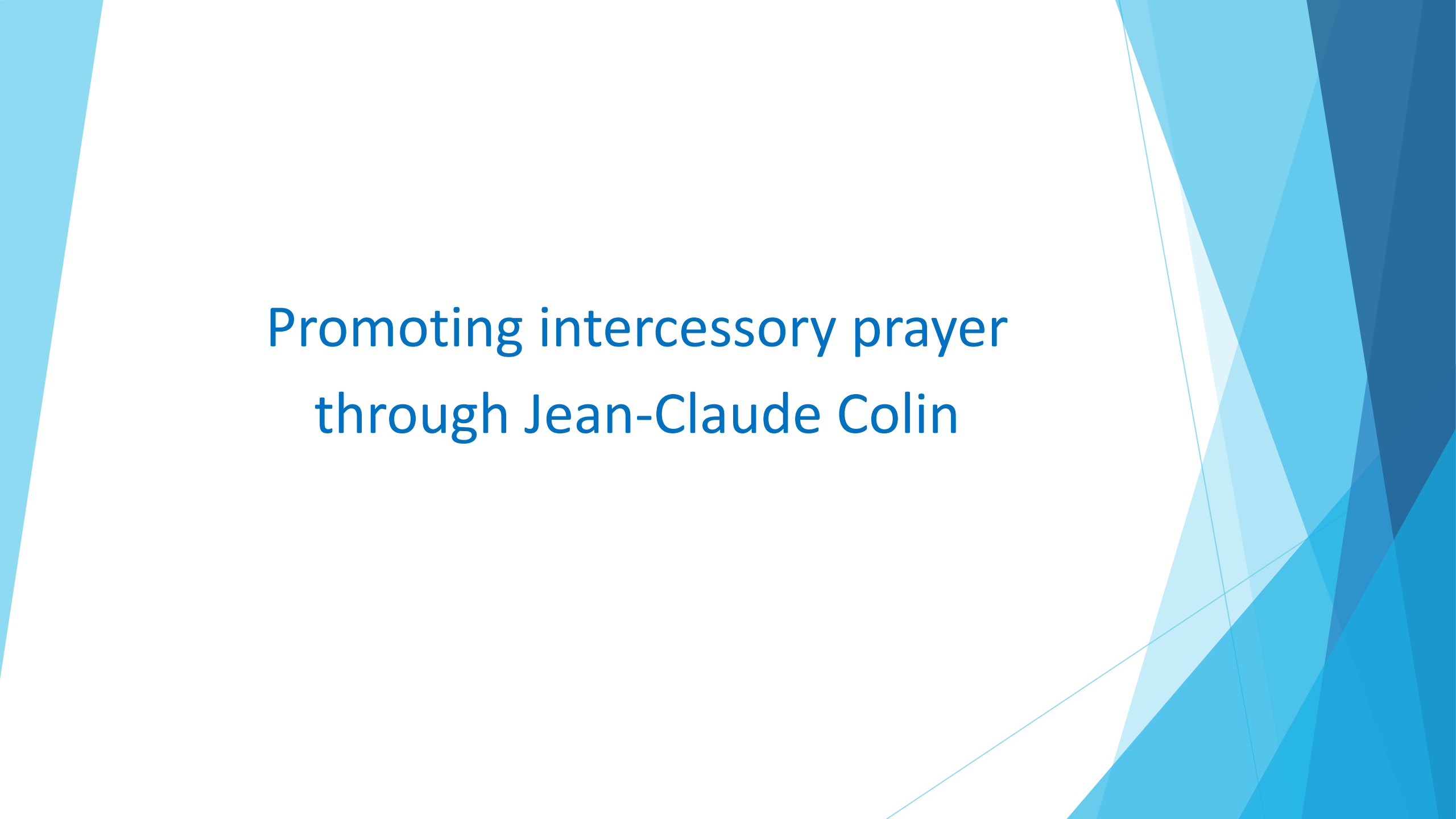
Seeking intercession for graces

Colin phone app
Professionally developed in
New Zealand by Ben D'Souza

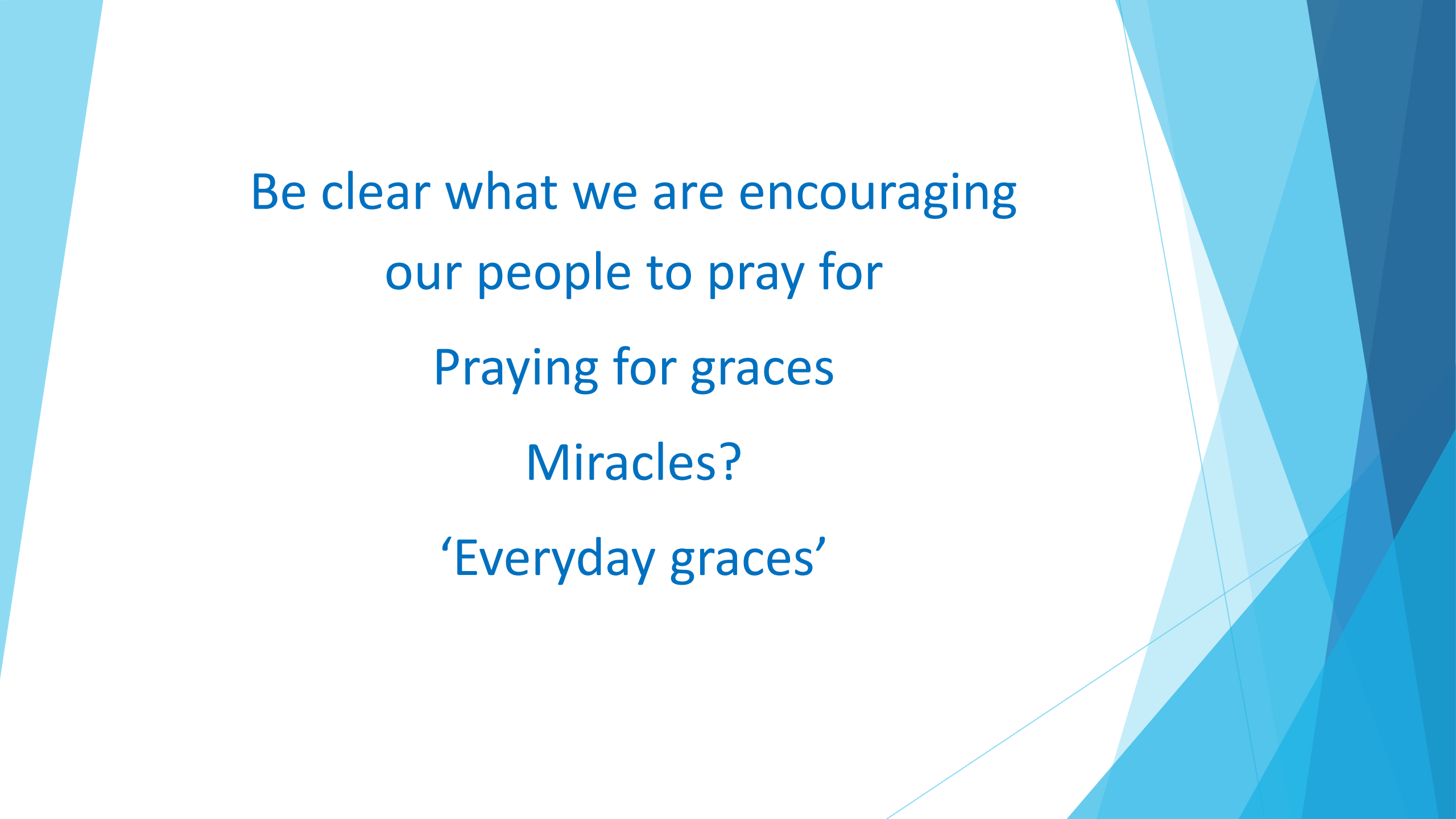


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Daily liturgical readings
Quotations from Fr Colin
Prayers and novenas
Marist spirituality and history
resources
....and more

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Promoting intercessory prayer through Jean-Claude Colin

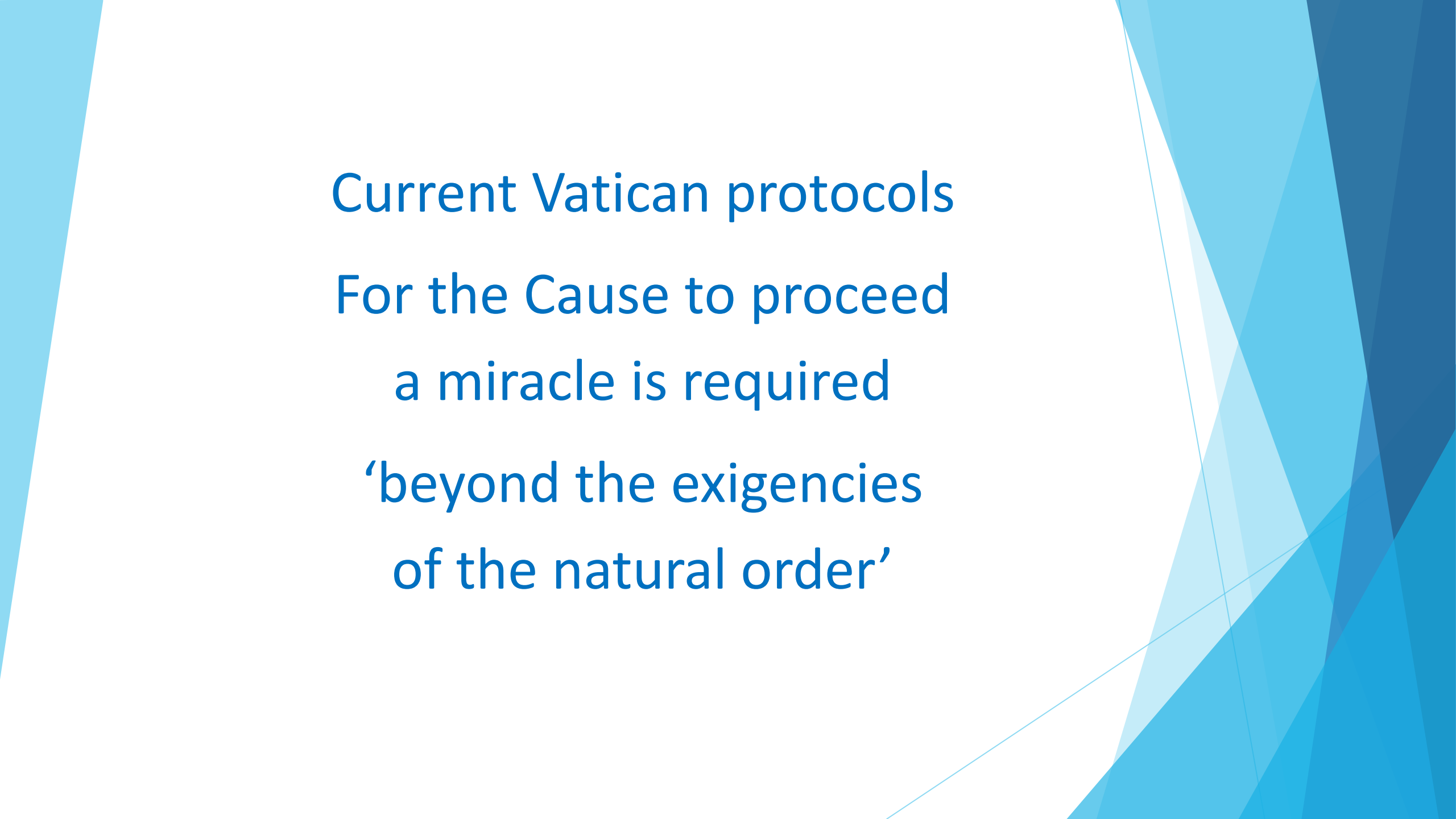
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Be clear what we are encouraging
our people to pray for

Praying for graces

Miracles?

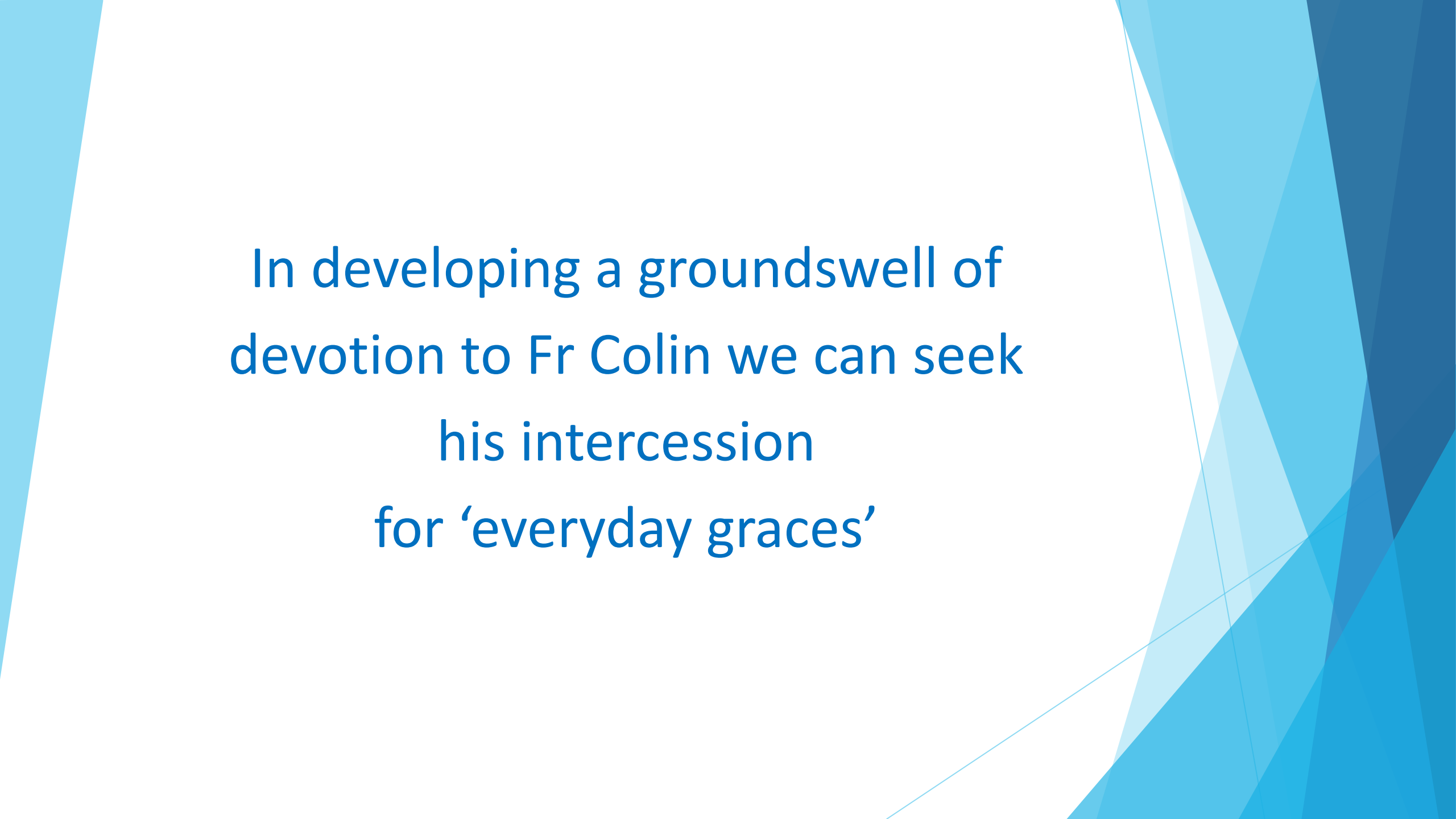
‘Everyday graces’

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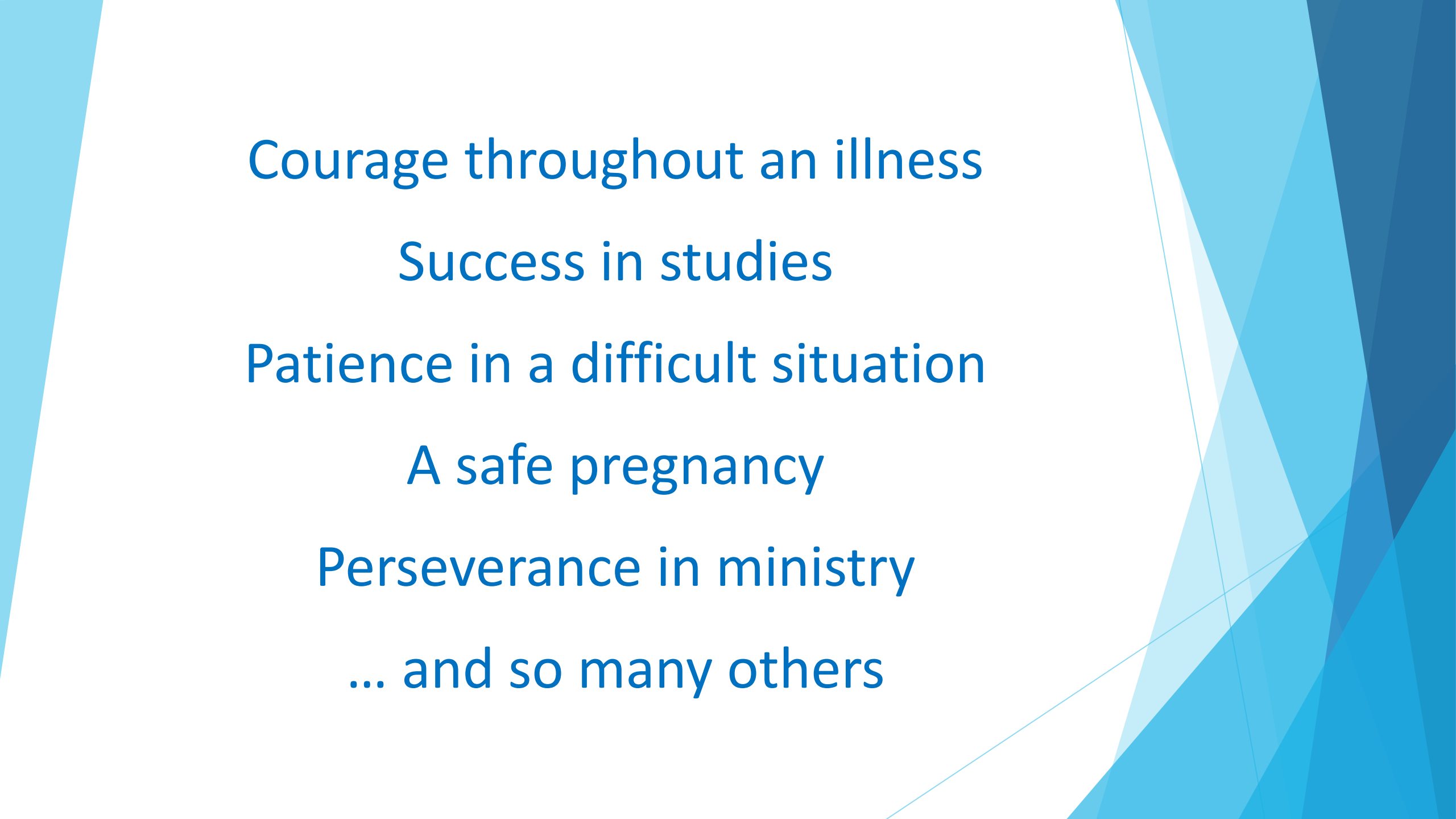
Current Vatican protocols
For the Cause to proceed
a miracle is required
‘beyond the exigencies
of the natural order’

For example, the healing of a
young person,
or someone in the prime of life,
from a debilitating or terminal
illness

Our prayer seeks a **miraculous**
grace through Fr Colin's
exclusive intercession.

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In developing a groundswell of
devotion to Fr Colin we can seek
his intercession
for ‘everyday graces’

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Courage throughout an illness

Success in studies

Patience in a difficult situation

A safe pregnancy

Perseverance in ministry

... and so many others



Prayer for a miracle

Loving God, you inspired
Jean-Claude Colin
to live a life faithful to the
Gospel and in the spirit of Mary.

If it is your will that he be
honoured as a saint to the glory
of your name, please show us the
favour he enjoys in your sight by
granting the miraculous grace we
now ask through his exclusive
intercession:

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We ask this through Christ,
Our Lord. Amen



A prayer for graces

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Resources to assist
in 'spreading the fama'
of Fr Colin

Many have been
developed in recent years



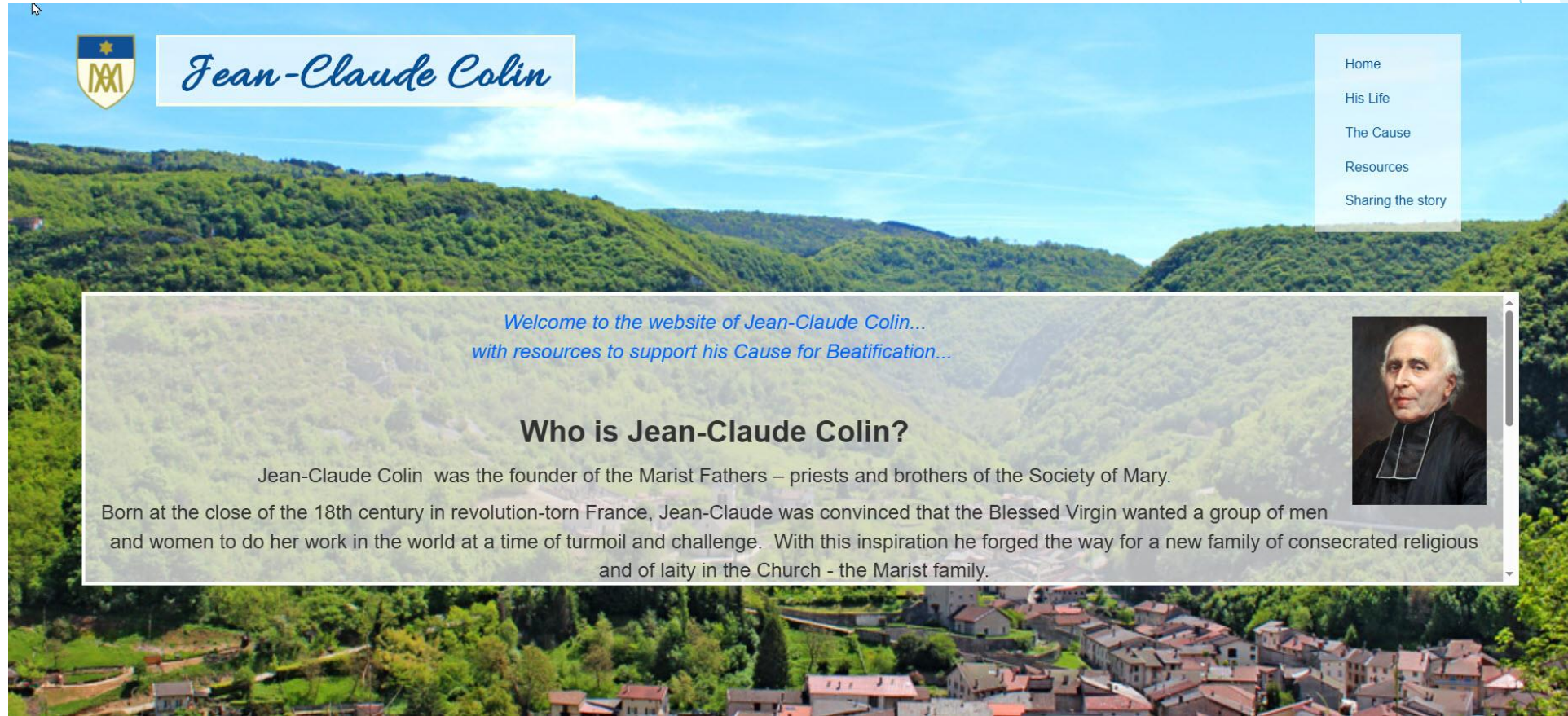
Fr Justin Taylor's biography of Fr Colin

Abbreviated versions of this in four
languages

Fr Alois Greiler's Chronology of the life
of Fr Colin



Resources on the Colin website



‘prayer for graces’ cards

Life of Fr Colin in different booklets,
leaflets, children’s editions...

Liturgy resources

Novenas



Quotations from Fr Colin

Bookmarks

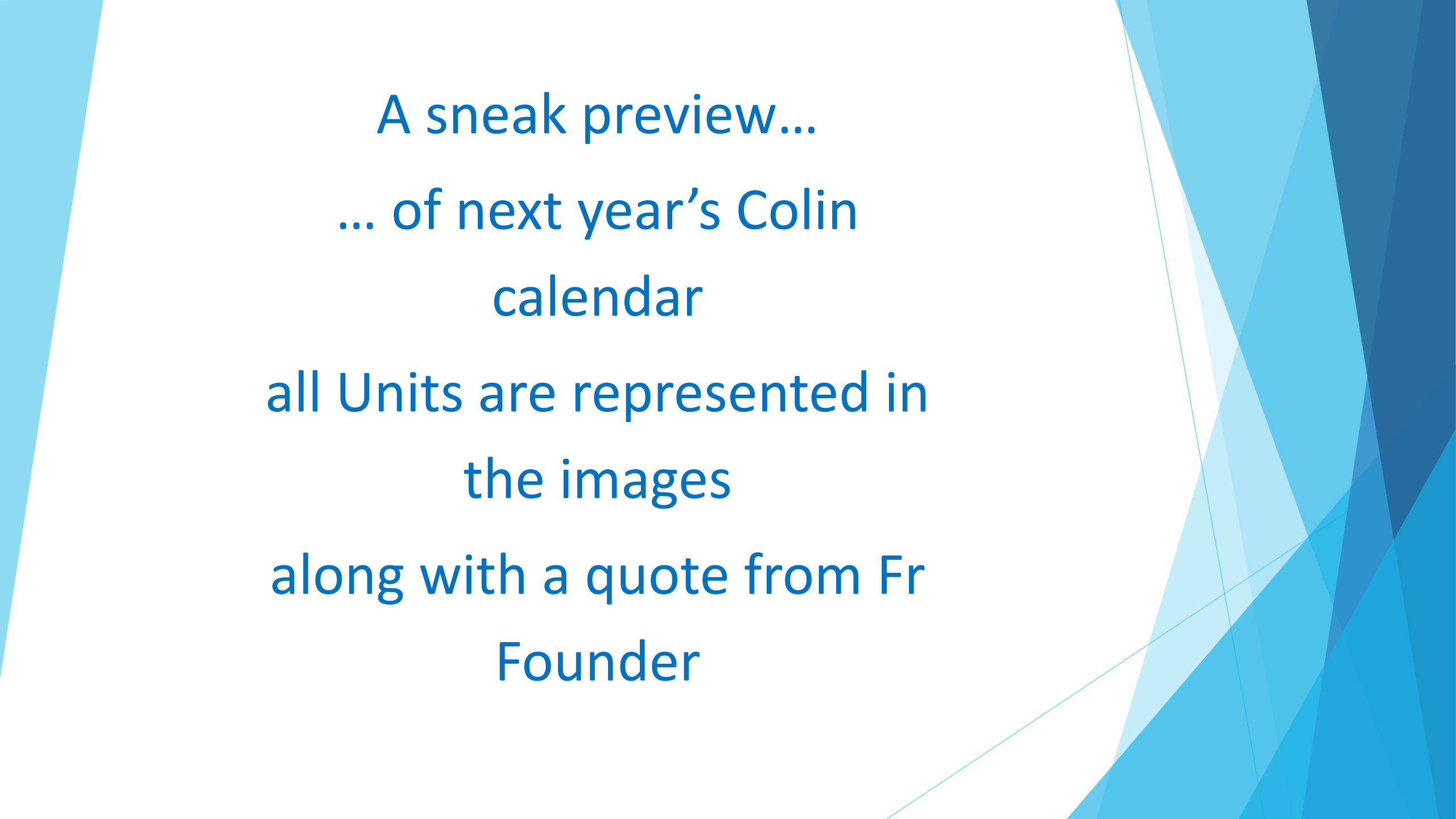
Images, icons

Anniversary reminders



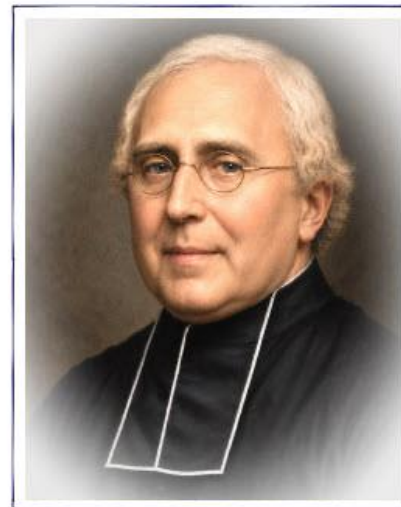
Over 500 of them
Many in multiple languages



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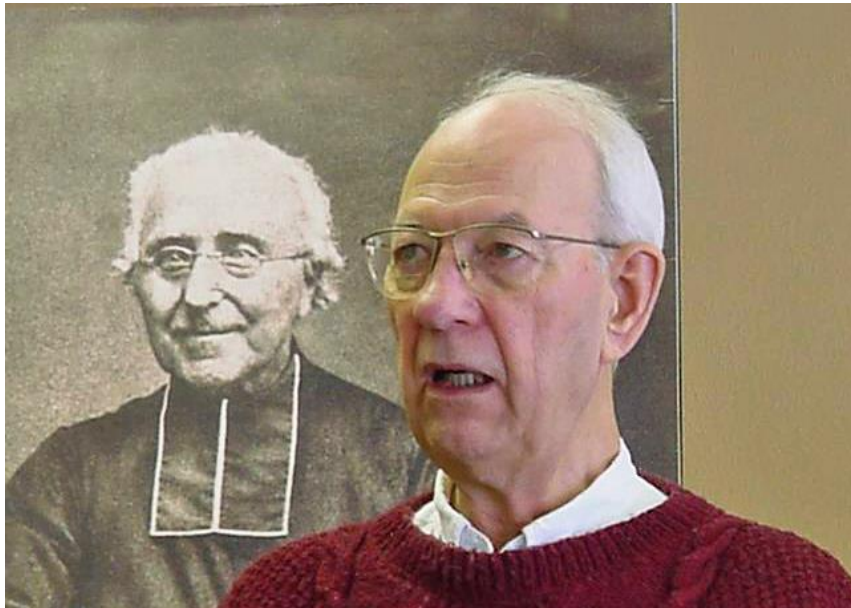
A sneak preview...
... of next year's Colin
calendar
all Units are represented in
the images
along with a quote from Fr
Founder

*Colin
Calendar
2027*









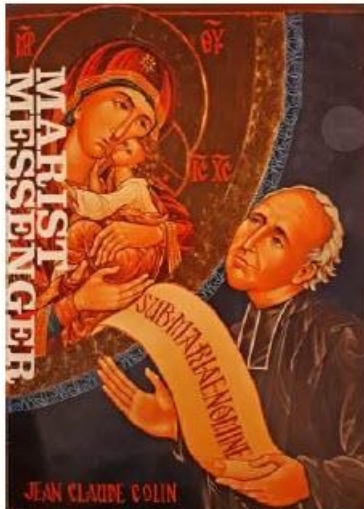
Recommended reading...

... to keep abreast of the history and
progress of the Cause...

Both on the Colin website
'Cause/History of the Cause'

Reluctant Saint?

*The Cause for Beatification of
Marist Founder,
Fr Jean-Claude Colin*



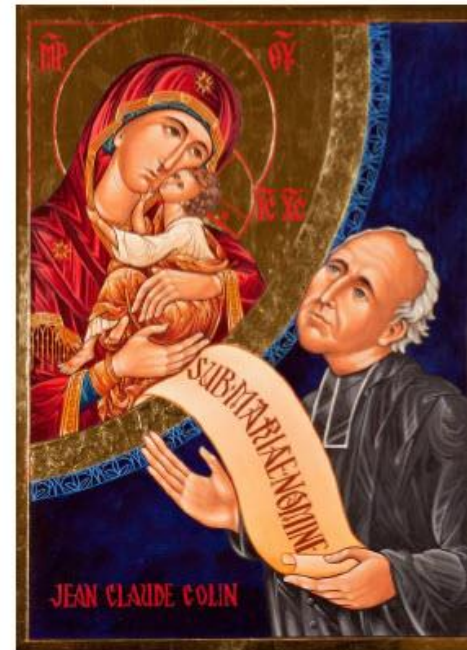
*An article published in the
Marist Messenger (NZ)
March 2018*

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CHRONOLOGY

(1875 ~ 2022)

OF THE CAUSE FOR BEATIFICATION OF JEAN-CLAUDE COLIN



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A final word about you
as Marist leaders
and 'spreading the fama' of Fr Colin



Look for opportunities to support the
work of your Colin Cause Network
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Encourage members of your Unit to
engage with his initiatives

Share your ideas with him

Take him out for dinner !



Thank you for your attention.



