Notes from CCN Zoom Mar 08/09, 2023

The session opened at 6.00 am Sydney DST, Thu, Mar 09

Welcome and prayer

Alois Greiler welcomed 'new faces', Stephen Ihejirika (Africa), Lutoviko Manu (Oceania) and Renan Valencia (South America) and led an opening prayer.

Units represented

- Africa (Stephen Ihejirika)
- Australia (Ron Nissen)
- Canada (Br Mario Béland)
- Europe (Alois Greiler)
- Oceania (Viko Manu)
- South America (Arnaldo da Silva and Renan Valencia)

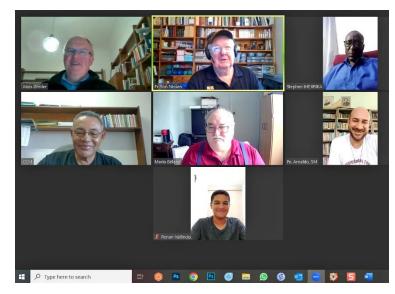
Apologies

- Lauro Arcede (Asia)
- Ben D'Souza (NZ)
- Justin Taylor (NZ)
- Leon Olszamowski (USA)
- o Later from Ben McKenna (GA)

Hannah Bennett



Updates from Hannah have been posted on the Colin website, 'Seeking Graces' page since 2017. Her latest message (Feb 10, 2023) is: 'I wanted to let you know, I spoke to my neurologist earlier this week (about my recent MRI scans completed last Friday) and he said, and I quote, "if someone were to look at the images of your spine not knowing your medical history they would have no idea you have MS"!!! So wonderfully exciting!! '



According to Carlo-Maria Schianchi, this would not constitute a satisfactory 'miracle' according to present Vatican norms (eg, instant, unrelated to drugs, lasting, etc.). As well as being posted on the Colin website, Hannah's news has been offered to *SM Bulletin* for wider distribution.

Sharings from Units

- What is the awareness of the Cause of Jean-Claude Colin in my Unit?
- What is one step I am hoping to take to spread his story?

Africa

- Lay Marists are very much part of the Cause enterprise.
- Prayer resources are distributed amongst them
- $\circ~$ No plans yet for 2023

Australia

- Setting up a small Network support group with two Marists and three lay persons, incl one Lay Marist/married couple
- Planning for several 'Colinian' functions at Villa Maria monastery
- Marist (esp Colinian) anniversaries featured on the District website
- Resources provided for communities and individuals: prayer cards, incl praying for a miracle; canvas prints of Colin icon

Canada

- Not a great awareness of the Cause in the province
- The new community is 500 km distant from Quebec where most Marists reside.
- Soon, links will be sent to confreres for the Colin website, esp Hannah Bennett's reports.
- Need to keep repeating items/news about the Cause

Europe

- In Germany, the Cause is not a central issue.
- Information to be supplied to Euroinfo in April.
- German translation of the *Short Life of Jean-Claude Colin* has been completed; publication soon.

- One page resources distributed to the Marist school for use at morning prayers for anniversaries (eg Feb 28, Mar 09).
- Agreement about the need for to repeat, recall, remind...
- Colin website is a 'treasure' of resources for telling the Colin story.

New Zealand

Ben D'Souza sent the following report:

- I've printed new Fr Colin Novena prayer cards, with the canonisation prayer.
- Also working on a booklet about marist spirituality and Fr Colin for men in accompaniment/ discerning Marist life, and another for parishioners. It's based on your article "on whatever distant shore"
- I will be talking about the founder to younger men and see what energy they can bring to the CCN. There is one seminarian who has written a lot of work and is presently compiling an animation series.
- Also consulting a local artist regarding a statue of Fr Colin.

Oceania

- Province-wide prayers for the sick (eg Sr Nanise) through the intercession of Fr Colin.
- Nov 15 anniversary celebrations encouraged
- Feedback on the Cause from Superior-General during recent visitation.
- One of St John's College houses named after Fr Colin; students learn about the life of Fr Colin; enthusiastic interest in Marist Fijian history by ex-student.
- Future planning to start before long after consultation with 'Aisake Vaisima and Provincial Council.

South America

- Cause prayer used daily at night prayer in formation community; also praying for graces.
- Other communities encouraged to follow this pattern; some do at various intervals.
- New community at Bahia named after Jean-Claude Colin.
- Knowledge of Fr Colin and the Cause will be spread in the new mission areas.

- 2023: students studying the Short Life of Jean-Claude Colin; the Marist Brothers will be translating this into Portuguese; this will be used in the formation community and amongst Lay groups.
- Brazilian novice (Mauro) has left novitiate.
- Novena for vocations to be used leading to Nov 15 anniversary.

International

- Ron has begun establishing further Network groups throughout the Society, esp amongst younger Marists.
- o Present plans are to invite small groups in
 - Africa
 - Asia (Formation community/MICS)
 - Australia (Marists and Laity)
 - NZ (Ben & seminary community)
 - Oceania (Marist College, Suva, students)
 - Rome (student-priests)
 - Rome (theology students)
 - South America (Brazil formation community & other Marists)
- Planning has begun for the 2024 Colin calendar.
- Further development of Colin website.
- Ron encouraged distribution of *both* hard copies *and* electronic links/copies for selected resources.

Next Zoom

No date set, but possibly in two or three months' time.

The meeting closed in prayer at 7.10 am Sydney DST, Thu, Mar 09.