

Colin Cause Network Bulletin

02/2022 - February



Dear CCN confrères: 'Aisake, Alois, Arnaldo, Ben, Ben, Christian, David, Justin, Lauro, Leon and Yvan...

Hello from Brisbane, Australia. The relaxation of COVID restrictions has enabled me to take a few weeks' holiday break. Lucky me.

Kev Head / Ben D'Souza

After over six years as *Marist Messenger* editor, Kev has been posted to work for six months in Sydney on the staff of our city-centre shrine of St Patrick's. In welcoming Kev to these shores I thank him most heartily for his enthusiastic presence on our Network. His CCN successor for New Zealand is **Ben D'Souza**, whom I warmly welcome on your behalf.

Two-week Zoom reminder

As you know, our first Zoom session for the year is set for **Thu/Fri, March 03/04, at 8 am (Mar 04) Sydney time**. I leave it to each of you to check what your local time will be... probably the same as the last Zoom. As ever, it will be good to log on to the Zoom 5 to 10 minutes early to say 'Hi' and allow a smooth start.

The link is at the foot of our Network page on the Colin website.

Agenda

- Welcome, especially to Ben D'Souza
- Short Marist reflection and prayer
- Updates from each Unit (not necessarily Cause-related; perhaps how the pandemic has affected your ministry/Unit); Cause-related activities or

planning, if any).

- Cause update (Ben McKenna)
- Anniversaries and their focus for 2022 (*see Bulletin item below*).
- Possible Network changes esp Canada and Mexico (if not already mentioned in Unit reports)
- (Time permitting) Further ideas for 2022
- Next Zoom date
- Closing prayer

Anniversaries

- ◇ Mar 09: Pius VII's letter
- ◇ Apr 28: St Peter Chanel
- ◇ Jul 23: Fourvière
- ◇ Aug 07: Birthday of Colin
- ◇ Sep 12: Holy Name of Mary
- ◇ Oct 29: 'Society of Mary has begun'
- ◇ Nov 15: Death of Colin

In our role to spread the story of Jean-Claude Colin, we can consider, for each of these anniversaries:

- The history of the event
- The role of Fr Colin
- His influence on the person/s, event
- His responses
- Available resources
- Local resource preparation

Mar 09 anniversary: 'encouragement'

In this **Marist Vocation Year**, one of the key goals is 'encouragement'. Pius VII's letter to Courveille and the Colin brothers has been described as a 'brief of praise' or 'a letter of

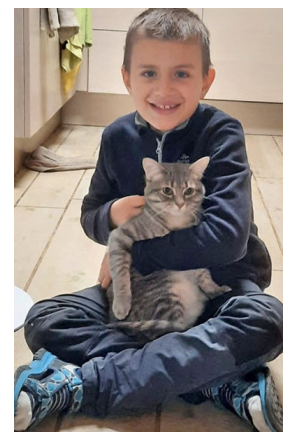
cautious encouragement'. It was, indeed, a much-needed source of encouragement to Fr Colin.

Let us make 'encouragement' a theme for this anniversary, indeed inviting confreres and laity to look to our Founder as a source of inspiration and encouragement.

I will append to the Bulletin email some short texts, references and images you may wish to use in advertising Mar 09.

Maël Faucon-Mouton

From Lyon, our confrere, **Roger Lordong**, has presented 9-yr-old



Maël, recently diagnosed with leukemia, as someone for whom we can seek the exclusive intercession of J-C Colin for a

miraculous healing.

Maël now has a place on the 'Seeking Graces' page on the Colin website where there is a short description of his background and condition. I commend him to your prayerful attention.

So much for the moment, dear confreres...

Ken Nissen Sm.

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