



Colin Cause Network Bulletin

03/2022 - March



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

[I have included David and Yvan, pending their replacements for Mexico and Canada, and in view of their possible participation in an expanded network - see below, 'Network groups'.]

Greetings from Sydney. It was good to be on Zoom with most of you recently. Thank you for your participation and reports, including those sent afterwards.

Network groups

Now that our CCN is under way exploring/establishing ways of spreading the fama of Jean-Claude Colin in our Units, it seems timely to consider expanding with other groups. I will suggest to the GA that we set up:

- a **formation** group, comprised of formators &/or senior students from our various formation communities
- **laity** groups wherever they can be established

This will be a major focus for me in 2022 and I will keep you updated.

As such groups emerge, there is likely to be less need for our main group to meet with such frequency.

Report on our Zoom

Below, I have made a short summary of the ideas and initiatives shared at and after our Zoom. I won't be re-hashing the agenda after the fashion of 'minutes'.

- Reports came from Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, GA, NZ, Oceania and S. America; these included comments on the local COVID situation

- Year of Vocations focus on Fr Colin
- Possible development of 'Colin app'
- Continued involvement of aspirants/students in Colinian studies/prayers
- Use of 'Short Life of JCC' with students and lay groups
- Spanish-to-Portuguese translations of *Founder Speaks* quotations
- Use of Colin calendar and planner
- Displays in church, schools
- Retreat and school 'religious education' content and prayer
- 'Encouragement' theme pursued
- Positive steps in Rome re decree of validity of acts of the Cause
- Impending appointment of 'relatore' and writer of the 'positio'
- Resource distribution in parishes, mission stations, lay groups
- Promotion of prayers 'seeking graces'
- Update on statuette production possibilities; 'space' being built to house a statue
- Discussion of Colin-related dates (see below 'Anniversaries')
- Video clips (cf Vocation Year animations)

Anniversaries

The following list of Colin-related anniversaries was discussed. Some additions have been made*.

- ◇ *Feb 28/Mar 01: Approval of Constitutions/Telegram from Rome (1873)
- ◇ 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
- ◇ *Sep 24: First professions and election of Colin as Superior-General (1836)
- ◇ Oct 29: 'Society of Mary has begun'
- ◇ Nov 15: Death of Colin

Anniversary resources

In addition to those on the Colin website, you may wish to check the previous years/months of the 'News' pages of the Australian province website: www.maristfathers.org.au. They are fairly easy to find.

Over recent years I have posted quite a number of anniversary items. Feel free to contact me if you would like images, texts, etc to accompany any material you may be preparing.

Next Zoom

We agreed to meet again between Apr 28 and Jul 23 anniversaries. So let's gather during the **week starting Mon, Jun 27**. But before then could you let me know **if** some days/times are more suitable than others **or if** you are OK to fall in with what is suggested. I'll do my best to accommodate, and advertise a day/time a month in advance. Thanks in anticipation of your cooperation.

So much for the moment, confreres. Blessings on these coming times...

John Nissen S.M.

Mar 11, 2022
(Happy birthday to Chris!)