

Colin Cause Network

Bulletin 03/2021 - May



Dear Confreres

Hello from Sydney. I hope this finds each of you happy and well, and free from the pestilence of the virus.

This bulletin is planned to obviate the need for a Zoom session in May.

Condolence

Our sincere condolences go to **Lauro Arcede** on the passing of his father. Lauro was called on to play a key role in family events at this time.

Congratulations

... to **Christian Abongbung** on his call to serve as an Assistant-General, while continuing his important role in formation.

... and also to **David Sanchez** on his appointment as the novice master of the next International Novitiate.

Thanks...

.... to those of you able to contribute your 'dot points' of what has been or will be happening in your Unit. Editing has been minimal.

From the Units

Australia (Ron)

- St Joseph project: litany was completed in time for the feast of St Joseph, Mar 19.
- Marist Litany: with continuing sessions with Ben and Alois, the Marist Litany has reached a third draft. It is turning out to be a more significant project than first anticipated.
- Colin website: work continues on updating and adding to the site. (See 'Colin website' below)
- Tom Ryan will soon be publishing a book: 'Fr Colin - his moral theology and pastoral practice'.

Canada (Yvan)

- Fr Jean Martel has proposed a five year formation program about Spirituality, Tradition and Marist Heritage to the students of the Marist Fathers Seminary in Quebec.
- I would like to write few articles about our Founder about several topics I am interested in.

Europe (Alois)

- Working with Ben and Ron to develop a Marist litany. Fr Colin inspired Marists then and continues to inspire Marists today. In our tradition we have a number of Marists canonized and we have others regarded as exemplary. We are compiling some into a Marist litany - a traditional form of intercessory prayer applied to our charism.
- After a successful beatification, Nov 15 would be a likely feast day in the liturgical calendar. Our CCN has already prepared a novena focusing on Colin's personality for that day. The various units in the SM celebrated St Peter Chanel. This helps to keep alive the idea of sainthood and Marist sainthood approved by the Church.

General Administration (Ben)

- The Superior-General and Council in Rome are waiting for Fr Peyret to bring the approved dossier for the Founders Cause from Lyon to Rome. It seems that Covid concerns have been the main reason for delaying movement and travel between France and Italy.
- Once the dossier is delivered to the Congregation for Saints, the first

steps is the 'canonical verification'. This may take some days. At this stage the Congregation check and verify that the process has been accomplished properly, the check if the dossier is complete and that no required document is missing.

- Once this process is over, we shall make the request for a 'relatore' (supervisor) – our link person with the Congregation for Saints.
- The *relatore* is the person from the Congregation for Saints who will be guiding the person whom will write the 'positio'.
- Discussions and discernment are ongoing as to who will be working with Fr Carlo Maria, the Postulator of the Cause, to take up the role of writing the 'Positio'.

New Zealand (Kev)

- Series of Marist Messenger articles on the Cause continues:
 - ◇ June: the work of Fr Jean Coste
 - ◇ July: Fr Jean Coste speaks to Fr Colin — both from Colin website material; an article about Fourvière Day

Statue of St Joseph and Child at Montbel, near Toulon, France. Now overgrown in the neglected garden and grounds, the statue was probably erected by Jean-Claude Colin towards the end of his generalate, ca 1852-53.



- 1,000 copies of 'OWDS' printed for distribution to SM-staffed parishes and SM-owned colleges (St Pat's Wellington, St Pat's Silverstream and St Bede's College)
- 2,000 book mark / prayer cards printed for distribution as above
- article in Friday Flash — SMNZ weekly newsletter — about CCN

Oceania ('Aisake)

- The various province sectors will be presenting update reports by Zoom shortly.
- Communities continue to pray for graces through Colin's intercession.
- Soon to be included on the Colin website's 'Seeking Graces' page will be Fr Seluini 'Akau'ola who is fighting cancer of the liver. He is currently in Sydney for medications etc. We are praying for him now for Fr Colin's intercession.
- We have a program of giving talks to Lay Marist groups on the Colinian cause, though this is on hold until we are free from COVID 19 restrictions.

South America (Arnaldo)

- Nov 15 events. Last November in preparation for our Founder's feast we produced 15 videos that were published each day from 1 to 15 of November. The different branches of the Marist family participated. Each community celebrated the novena and the celebration of the mass with online transmission for the laity.
- Spreading the story of the Founder. We decided to spread more about the history of our Founder in the works in which we work through leaflets and the prayer for asking grace.
- Monument in Palmas de Monte Alto. We are preparing to introduce into our ecological project, a monument dedicated to Jean-Claude Colin. The church is in the process of becoming a sanctuary. This space will be prepared for the prayer of the faithful in the future shrine.
- Reflections in videos on themes

inspired by the Colinian thought. Since this May, we are producing a video every week dealing with topics related to our founder. This project will continue until November. We started this May with the theme of mystical identification with Mary. But we will have other varied themes, including in July, the theme will be the Fourvière promise.

- The name of our community in Vespasiano. At our last community meeting we changed the name of our community's name to *Comunidade Marista João Cláudio Colin*.

USA (Leon)

- I am working on something for our school here on the origins of Fr. Colin's approach to education. He borrow a lot from others but had his distinct approach.

Other news

- **Justin Taylor** reports that discussions are under way to publish the short life of Fr Colin in four languages - English, French, Italian, and Spanish.
- **Ray Chapman** is developing an 11-day **Bugey Camino**, for early or late summer when it becomes available.
- In view of the above, the **Colin calendar for 2022** will feature the Bugey in summer.
- **Marist Litany** (mentioned above): several options will soon be presented to the General Council for their comment.

Colin website



Cause / Seeking Graces: updated and simplified; Prayers for Graces now uploaded in language, size and intention options.

- **Cause / Network:** our CCN section at the foot of the page, simplified, with Bulletin and Zoom links only.
- **Resources:** several pages added or revised, incl *Fourvière*, *Prayers for*

Graces, Themes, Year of St Joseph.

- **Security:** Joomla updates installed periodically securing access to the 'back end' of the site.

Fourvière

- This will be upon us before long - another opportunity to focus on Jean-Claude Colin's part in the Marist vision.
- There will be more translations of resources for *Fourvière*.
- Some are already on the website: Resources / Fourvière
- It's worth checking what's available.



Our next Zoom

- Late June or early July (suggested dates coming soon)
- Main agenda: preparing for Fourvière; plans, ideas; engaging our Laity

Thanks to each of you for your part in the Network and advancing the Cause of Fr Founder.

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