

Colin Cause Network Bulletin

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

Greetings from a cool but sunny Sydney. I hope this finds each of you happy, well and free from the virus.

Welcome...

... to Fr Rubén Mejia and Br Mario Béland who are our new CCN members for Mexico and Canada, respectively. Thank you, Rubén and Mario, for accepting this position.

Synodality?

As mentioned in the last Bulletin, I have been exploring ways of furthering our listening to others in the SM and amongst those with whom we minister.

One of COVID's mixed blessings is the emergence of Zoom. On the one hand, it calls for more time and inconvenience; on the other, it is an opening to engage others in our ministry, especially for us to listen and learn.

Pope Francis' encourages a listening church, highlighting synodality at all levels. Our CCN is part of this, and we can go further.

Younger confreres

Inspired by the above and with the permission, indeed encouragement, of their formators, I recently gathered several young confrères on Zoom to listen to their ideas for spreading the fama of Fr Colin.

This was a most fruitful experience and I have decided to defer our next CCN Zoom until the practical thoughts of these men take shape. This, then, can be relayed to us all perhaps by inviting one or two of the young men to join our next session.

Fourvière

In the meantime we have Fourvière on the horizon and, with it, opportunities to remind our fellow Marists and Laity of Fr Colin and his quiet vision on Jul 23, 1816.

There is a variety of Fourvière resources in different languages on the Colin website, including liturgies and paraliturgies. I will be sending copies of some of these to my confrères in Australia before long.

<https://www.jeanclaudocolin.org/resources/fourviere>

2023 Colin Calendar

Thanks to the help of loyal translators, work on next year's calendar is well under way.

It's theme is 'Jean-Claude Colin and Prayer' and features favourite quotes from Fr Founder offered by a number of our confrères including some in formation.

The illustrations are places where Fr Colin is likely to have prayed.

In addition to the usual selection of Marist anniversaries, there will be a full range of liturgical dates making the calendar more usable.

My hope is to produce a copy for everyone in the Society and to have stocks for others as well. Language options are Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

So much for the moment. Feel free to share this Bulletin with your Unit leaders and other confrères.

Blessings on these coming times...

Fr Ron Nissen S.M.

Jun 29, 2022

Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul

