

Aug 15, 2023

Dear CCN confreres

Warm greetings from Sydney on this, Our Ladys' solemnity.

Welcome...

.... to **Fr Joaquin Fernandez** who has undertaken to represent the District of Mexico on our Network. Thank you, Joaquin!

Another big thank you ...

... to those confreres who responded to my requests some months ago for reflections on 'Who is Jean-Claude Colin to me?' and images of Marists at work, prayer, study and in community for use on the 2024 Colin Calendar.

And, once again, thank you to those who have assisted with translations.

Manziana

In recent times I have been given approval to participate in the Marist Brothers' *Third Age* program at Manziana, near Rome. The course runs from Sep 22 to Nov 18, before and after which I hope to conclude the work I have begun on documentation and imaging of Fr Colin's generalate. I am very grateful for this opportunity.

2024 Colin Calendar

With a departure date from Australia on Sep 04, I have been busy preparing next year's Colin calendar.

In the next few days I hope to be sending out packages to Unit centres and some CCN members, based on last year's pattern. If you wish to advise of any change you will need to do so immediately.

Over 1,000 calendars have been produced, mostly in A5 format, although A4 is also available. And each is in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

If opportunity permits, I will include other Colinian material with the calendars.

A Nov 15 event?

My suggestion is that the calendars be distributed on or about Fr Founder's anniversary, Nov 15, perhaps with a special gathering or ceremony. There are resources on the Colin website which may help this along.

Prayers

I value and will appreciate your prayers for God's blessing on the Manziana experience, and, indeed, over these coming days of preparation for travel and despatch of the Colin calendar. Thank you!

Blessings on these coming times...

Non Nissen Sm.

Coming anniversaries

- Sep 12, Sep 24, Nov 15
- Each is an opportunity to focus on Jean-Claude Colin
- 2025: the sesquicentenary year of Fr Colin's death