

Colin Cause Network Bulletin

January 2023

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

Hello from Australia. I hope this finds each of you happy and well.

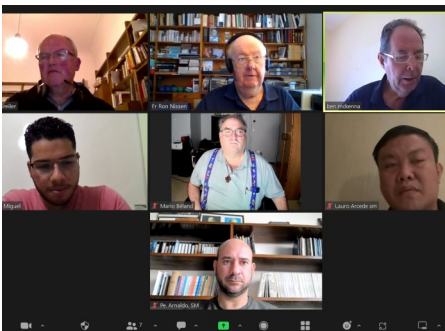
Reporting on our ministry

In recent days I have completed an annual report for 'fama' activities for 2022 which I will attach to this Bulletin email. You will also find it at the foot of our Network page on the Colin website. Feel free to share this with your Unit leadership team and other confreres.

You may even wish to prepare a short report on your own Colin Cause activities for 2022 for the interest of your local leaders and confreres. It will answer the question before it is asked: 'What has (your name) been doing in this ministry for the past year?'

Zooms

Notes from our December Zoom will accompany this Bulletin. Our next Zoom will be **Mar 08-09**, details to follow. Please alert your diary.



In other Zooms I been impressed with the interest and enthusiasm of our younger confreres.

Hannah Bennett

When this young Sydney woman was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2017 I sent a personal invitation to every member of the



SM to pray for healing for Hannah through the intercession of Fr Colin. Since then many confreres and their

communities have faithfully kept Hannah in their prayers.

From time to time I have received updates from Hannah which have been posted on the Colin website's 'Seeking Graces' page. Recently I asked that an update on Hannah be included in the SM Bulletin. I invite you to familiarise yourself with the 'Seeking Graces' web page (which I am in the process of updating and simplifying at the present time.)

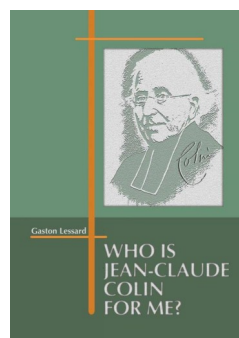
Indeed, there may be people in your Unit who would be grateful for prayers through the intercession of our Founder. With their permission, send a brief description and a photo and I will do the rest.

'Who is Jean-Claude Colin to me?'

Recently I revisited this short work of Gaston Lessard. It is already in at least three languages and is worthy of further translation.

In 2023 I hope to tap into the experiences of Marists

worldwide in answers to Gaston's question. Indeed, why canonise a person unless he/she has deeply touched the lives of many?



At CS 2022 our Postulator, Carlo-Maria Schianchi, reported how the Vatican Dicastery for Causes of Saints is now stressing **heroic virtues** over miracles. We do well to reflect on how the qualities of our Founder have affected us personally.

Colin calendars

Over 1,000 were distributed for 2023 and I thank several of you for assisting with this in your Unit. Every member of the SM was sent a copy with supplies sent to formation communities and other groups.



Coming anniversaries

- Feb 28: the 150th anniversary of the approval of SM Constitutions by Pope Pius IX in 1873.
- Mar 09: the encouraging brief of Pius VII in 1822 to the Colin brothers in Cerdon.

I will email you before long with some images and texts which you may wish to use to mark these anniversaries.

- Nov 15, **2025**: 150th anniversary of the death of Jean-Claude Colin. Surely a special year for us.

Blessings on these coming times...

Ken Nissen Sm.

Jan 27, 2023