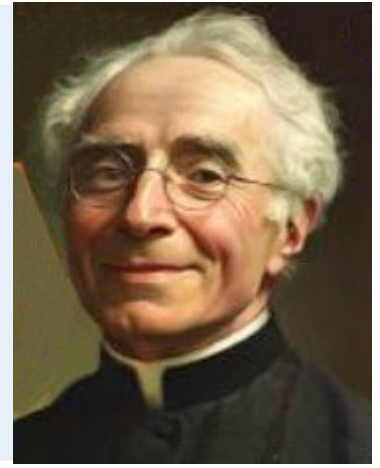




Colin Cause Network Bulletin

Mar 2024



Mar 18, 2024

Dear CCN confreres

Warm greetings from Sydney as we celebrate St Patrick and all missionaries.

Surprised ...

... by the new image (above) of Fr Founder? This was created by co-leader of Marist Laity Australia, Andrew Dumas, using new techniques in photo editing which open the door to more imaginative, and hopefully faithful and realistic, images of Jean-Claude Colin.

Welcome...

...to Leandro Martins da Silva who becomes our man in the District of South America replacing Arnaldo da Silva, now in Turkey. Welcome, Leandro, and *muito obrigado*, Arnaldo!

'So wonderfully exciting' ... news from Hannah Bennett



You will have read in *SM Bulletin* of Mar 15 the great news from Hannah, best expressed in her own words to me recently from her home in Longueville, Sydney.

Following her neurologist's report on Mar 05, Hannah writes: 'I just wanted to update you on my MS (or lack of!). I saw my neurologist this morning who let me know that there are zero signs of disease activity (my spine looks like a typical healthy 27 year old's spine!) and am in complete remission in my brain.

'It's so wonderfully exciting. Pending my MRIs in August my neurologist thinks I may no longer need any more medications!'

'I just wanted to pass on my thanks for all your prayers and support. Please, please pass on my thanks to the Marists across the globe who have been praying for me. I'm forever grateful.'

After Hannah's Multiple Sclerosis diagnosis in 2017 a worldwide campaign of prayer* commenced to seek the grace of healing from the Lord through the intercession of Jean-Claude Colin.

*(*For your interest I have included, at right, the letter sent individually to each member of the SM in 2017.)*

The Vatican Dicastery for the Causes of Saints has strict protocols and guidelines for discernment of miraculous graces. Their preference, it seems, is for 'overnight' miracles. But for Hannah, her family and so many of us her 'so wonderfully exciting' news is surely a miracle. Or if not, then an extraordinary grace.

My letter of Nov 15, 2017:

'This invites you to join Marists and friends across the world in prayer for healing for Hannah Bennett, through the intercession of our Founder, Jean-Claude Colin.'

'In August, 2017, Hannah was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a progressive disease of the nervous system, for which there is no cure yet. Hannah (20) and her family for many years have attended our city-centre church of St Patrick's, Sydney, and are supporters of the Marist Mission Centre.'

'A card is enclosed, in the hope of your joining this prayer. We know that all graces come from our loving God, yet our tradition sees intercessory prayer as giving further glory to God.'

Faternally

Ron Nissen SM ... on behalf of Hannah Bennett and her family.

Many Marists and communities have been faithful to this prayer since 2017.

In another recent message Hannah has told me of her plans to do volunteer work later this year at Sarnelli House, Thailand, a Redemptorist mission for AIDS orphans, long supported by her family through the Marist Mission Centre in Sydney.

As a graduate in Speech Therapy, Hannah is likely to be a welcome member of the Sarnelli team.

Calendar apology

Thanks to a change in E.U. customs regulations (and my ignorance thereof) a box of 160 calendars in six languages destined for European confreres was returned to Sydney during my absence at Manziana. It has since been delivered to Paris and distributed through the province. I apologise for this delay.

Project in France

Following the *Third Age* program at Manziana last year I was able to complete a project of imaging the places associated with the generalate of Fr Colin.

My hope is that a full pictorial life of Fr Founder would be available in various media in time for the 150th anniversary of his death in 2025...

Sesquicentenary

... speaking of which, it is not too early to start planning for this year. I have already alerted the General Administration in the hope of their leading the way in making the most

of the sesquicentenary and General Chapter year in focussing on the person of Fr Founder.

Supplies & website

Remember that I would be glad to send you hard copies of materials from the Colin website in preferred languages. These include laminated copies of the two prayer cards for the intercession of Fr Founder, 'Prayer for Graces' and 'Prayer for a miracle'.

Commercial quantities, though, are best produced locally.

Web links

All CCN Bulletins and annual reports are linked to the foot of the Network page of the Colin website.

<https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/cause/network#ccn-memos>

Blessings on the coming days of Easter...



Coming anniversaries

Jean-Claude Colin influenced the lives of Marist Founders and Saints. Let us celebrate their anniversaries, not just those of Fr Colin...

- **Apr 28**
Martyrdom of Peter Chanel (1841)
- **Apr 29**
Approbation of SM (1836)
- **May 20**
Birth of Marcellin Champagnat (1879)
- **Jun 06**
Death of Marcellin Champagnat (1840)
- **Jun 30**
Death of Jeanne-Marie Chavoïn (1858)
- **2025**
Sesquicentenary year of Fr Colin's death