



Colin Cause Network Bulletin



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Dear Network confreres
Greetings from Sydney.

Updates

I hope this finds each of you happy and well and that this Bulletin will be a helpful update for you along with a copy of my **Annual Report for 2025** on *'Spreading the Fama for the Beatification Cause of Jean-Claude Colin'* recently submitted to the General Council. There have been several significant happenings in recent months...

Justin Taylor

The Network lost a much-respected member, confrere and friend with the death of Justin Taylor on Jan 6th. His masterful biography of Fr Colin will continue as foundational to the progress of the Cause of the Founder. It was a privilege to work with him on the illustration of the book. Justin's support of my work and ever-ready assistance as a consultant I acknowledge with deep gratitude.



Lutoviko Manu

We were saddened also by the death of Oceania's Network member, Lutoviko Manu, on Feb 4th. During our Zooms and at other times I was always edified by Viko's interest and enthusiasm.



May both these confreres rest in peace and in the company of Our Blessed Mother and Fr Founder.

General Administration

Following the recent General Chapter two of the Councillors were asked to take on portfolios concerned with the Colin Cause.

Juan-Carlos Piña has a special role in the process of the Cause and relationships with the relevant Vatican dicastery and with the Postulator.

Albert Kabala is 'our man on the GA' connected with spreading the fama of Fr Colin. He succeeds **Ben McKenna** in that role and has already been the source of encouragement in a recent Zoom session.



Noting the Chapter's statement *'The Chapter supports continuing to develop the fama of our Founder... and working towards his beatification and canonization'* (n.66), Albert suggests that we see our Network role as a true mission and envisages a coming-together of the Network in due course to collaborate more in the work of spreading the fama of Fr Founder.

Colin Sesquicentenary

This has been well publicised in various media so I won't go into unnecessary detail here.

It was a privilege to be able to participate in the pilgrim event culminating at La Neylière on Nov 15, its five presentations being highlights of the week with visits to significant places of Jean-Claude Colin's life. The European Province has done a fine job of making these available on its website. I have written to each of the presenters, thanking them for their contribution.

During the Sesquicentenary Year a number of new resources were developed which include a collection of quotes, composition of songs and a novena, much of which was contributed by the young men in our formation communities.

Working with Lauro Arcede

Closer to home and since we were last in touch I have enjoyed working with Lauro who has been appointed as an international support for spreading the fama of Fr Founder. Since we both live in Sydney it is easy to meet, which we have done several times in recent months.

'Imprints of Jean-Claude Colin'

One of Lauro's initiatives has been to draft what we hope will become a regular newsletter tapping into the legacy of Fr Colin and how this continues in our ministries today. Each issue of *'Imprints'* will carry pictorial and text of a Marist work with an emphasis on how it is influenced by the spirit of Jean-Claude Colin.

There will be quotes from Fr Colin and the two prayers which we hope will soon be widely available for our people *'A prayer for graces'* and *'Prayer for a miracle'*. [See also

below 'The Intercession of Fr Colin'] 'Imprints' will be added to the Colin website on a new page possibly entitled 'The legacy of Jean-Claude Colin'. It may well find further use on the various social media platforms used by Marists for vocation promotion and other sites.

'Imprints' will be sent digitally but will be easy to produce in hard copy in a double-sided, single page format for distribution amongst the people we know.

Colin Prayer app

Thanks to the initiative of Ben D'Souza (NZ) the phone app continues to be developed which will enable pocket-friendly access to Fr Founder. Thank you, Ben!

The Intercession of Fr Colin

For the Cause to progress there needs to be a groundswell of devotion to Jean-Claude Colin, including a link for prayers of intercession.

Our two bookmark prayers make this easily possible.

These are available on the Colin website in seven languages and a large print option . They are easy to print and have at hand to distribute to our people in bulk or individually and to include with Unit newsletters and publications.

It's helpful to explain to people the small but significant difference between the two prayers. The 'Prayer for a miracle' contains two extra words: 'miraculous' (... grace) and 'exclusive' (... intercession).

Let us encourage the use of both and make 2026 a year to distribute these widely, digitally and in hard copies.

Accessibility of Colin material

Since the moves in 2010 to re-introduce the Beatification Cause of Fr Colin there have been many resources developed and which are now available for use throughout the Marist world.

These include leaflets, booklets, prayer cards, pilgrim resources,

photographic images, historical summaries, quotations and many other texts related to Jean-Claude Colin. Most of these can be downloaded from the Colin website.

Photographic images

Over fifteen years I have accumulated a comprehensive collection of images of the places, esp in France, related to the life of Fr Colin. In all, photos of over eighty towns, villages, places of Marist ministry established and mostly visited by Fr Colin are available.

During 2026 I hope to use Cloud accessibility for a selection of these, otherwise available by USB storage devices. Some are already in the General Archives

Helpful reading re the Cause

As a member of our Network I hope you can be a resource person for anyone wishing to know more about the Cause of Fr Colin. Some resources are already at your disposal on the Colin website and which I commend for your attention. They are reader-friendly and include:

- 'A Chronology of the Cause' (first produced for the General Chapter of 2017 and updated from time to time since then)
- 'Jean-Claude Colin, Reluctant Founder' (a short article in the Marist Messenger, March 2018, summarising the above Chronology)
- 'Selected comments from Fr Jean Coste' (including his remarks at the Chapter of 1993 and comments during the Colin Bicentenary of 1990)

All these are on the 'Cause' page of the Colin website, in English only.

Our next Zoom

Suggested dates/times will be available before long. I look forward to being with you then.

Thank you for the efforts you continue to make at the local level.

Blessings on these coming times....

Ken Nissen Sm.

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<p>A prayer for grace</p> <p>Loving God, you inspire Jean-Claude Colin to live a life faithful to the Gospel and in the spirit of Mary.</p> <p>If it is your will that he be honoured as a saint to the glory of your name, please show us the favour he enjoys in your sight by granting the grace we now ask through his exclusive intercession:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen</p>	<p>Prayer for a miracle</p> <p>Loving God, you inspired Jean-Claude Colin to live a life faithful to the Gospel and in the spirit of Mary.</p> <p>If it is your will that he be honoured as a saint to the glory of your name, please show us the favour he enjoys in your sight by granting the miraculous grace we now ask through his exclusive intercession:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen</p>