

Colin Cause Network Bulletin

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Dear CCN confreres

Hello from Sydney. May this find you happy and well.

Thank you to those able to join in our Zoom session last month. It was a good chance to meet up and share what's happening locally in our Marist worlds. Eight of us managed to connect while Joe Hindelang, packing for the General Chapter, arranged a separate session later.

A back-up for me



I am delighted to advise that **Lauro Arcede** has accepted a request from

the General Administration to assist me in my role of 'spreading the fama' of Jean-Claude Colin and coordinating our Network. Thank you, Lauro, for your availability and enthusiasm.

A bonus is that Lauro lives nearby as a member of the *Omnes Gentes* community in Sydney's west.

New: the Colin App

Thanks to the work of **Ben D'Souza** we now have a phone app! Ben is developing a working draft which will go well especially of the younger generation.

Thank you, Ben, for your initiative and fine use of skills.

Short Life in Portuguese

From Brazil **Paddy O'Neil** has raised the matter of a Portuguese translation of the *Short Life of Jean-Claude Colin*. We are exploring this possibility and will put it to new GA team for their support.

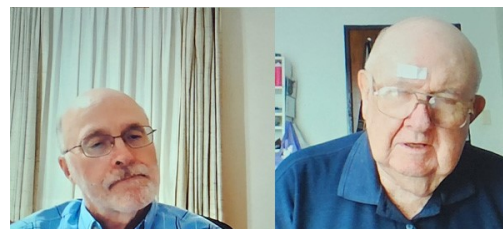
Colin Calendars

This week I am preparing to begin the packing and despatch of 1,200 calendars for 2026. I plan to follow the pattern for last time. If you have any changes to suggest in numbers, sizes, languages or forms of delivery would you please let me know without delay? Thank you.

(Pictured below: that's what's waiting to be sent.)

Colin Pilgrimage

In recent days I received the OK to participate in this event which culminates with celebrations at La Neylière on Nov 15. Whilst the prospect of distant travel is not appealing, I am very much looking forward to being part of this Sesquicentenary moment. Perhaps I will see some of you there.



Next Zoom

At our September session we agreed that **Wed, Oct 22 (10 am Rome time)** would be suitable for our next Zoom meeting when we can share our final plans for Nov 15.

I will send you 2-week and 2-day reminders for this and include our regular link. The same offer stands as last time: anyone can arrange a separate Zoom with me (and perhaps Lauro) if the above day/time is unsuitable for you.

At this Zoom I hope we may be able to meet with the GA's successor to **Ben McKenna**, which leads me to this next important item...

Ben McKenna



Since our Network was established Ben has been an invaluable source of sound

advice, up-to-date information and unfailing encouragement in all that concerns the task of 'spreading the fama'. On your behalf, and from my own experience in personally benefiting from his generous fraternal support, I thank Ben warmly for his contribution to the Cause of Fr Founder and to our Network.

Ideas

If we are still searching for last-minute ideas to help the Sesquicentenary, remember the *Sharing the Story* page on the Colin website.

Oct 29

Coming soon is a favourite anniversary of Fr Colin: *'Today the Society of Mary has begun'*, wrote his brother, Pierre, to Bishop Devie as Etienne Déclas arrived at Cerdon in 1824 to form the first SM community. There are a couple of leaflets on the Colin website's *Resources/Themes* page, ready to download and use...



Blessings on these coming times, and today, as we celebrate St Thérèse, gentle patroness of missionaries...

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