



## CCN memo 0920-2

- From Zoom session of Sep 18, 2020

Dear CCN confrères

Hello from Sydney... and thank you for your contributions during our recent Zoom – or for your inability advice.

### **Zoom session (Sep 18, 2020)**

We started with prayer led by Ben. **Present:** 'Aisake, Alois, Arnaldo, Ben, Christian, David, Lauro, Ron, Yvan. **Apologies...** from Leon and Kevin, and Lauro (arriving a little late). **Welcome:** Alois was warmly welcomed.

### **Updates/sharing of ideas and initiatives**

A lot has been happening and much was shared re current practices, future plans and ideas for communities, units and the SM. Many have Nov 15 as a target for JCC\* initiatives. (\*Forgive the abbreviation for our Venerable Founder... I expect we'll be using this a lot.)

Here's my summary of the topics we covered. I've listed them alphabetically/topically, rather than geographically....

### **Beatification prayer:**

- Use of the official prayer daily, weekly.
- It is included in 'Founder & Father' leaflet, on the JCC website, *His Life/Founder and Father*.
- In 46 languages.
- Possibility of a revised prayer; Ron will be following up on this.

### **Colin Calendars for 2021**

- Already prepared, in five languages (EN, ES, FR, IT, PO) (possibly DE & NL later) and available in electronic 'flipbook' form online.
- Links at the foot of the *Network* page, JCC website.
- Hard copies: multiple packs of 5 copies (possibly in 2 formats) will be mailed to each CCN man (possibly in time for Nov 15 although international mail services are currently unpredictably).
- Ron is working on D.I.Y. instructions for printing calendars locally.

- Parish, school, community personnel could handle production.

**Community prayers:** Invocation of JCC at Morning, Evening Office; midday prayer, visits to Blessed Sacrament, prayers after meals.

**Formation communities and laity groups:**

- Appropriate focus for education about JCC, history and spirituality.
- Provision of resources for these groups.
- Recollection days, weekends focused on JCC.

**Icon:**

- As a source of devotion, inspiration.
- Leaflet explanation is on the JCC website, *Resources/Images and Icon/ Icon explained* (EN, FR, ES)

**Images:**

- Print/handout various images (photos) of JCC (1866 photo, Tollet painting, icon)
- All on the JCC website, *Resources/Images & icon*

**Liturgies:**

- Use of paraliturgies
- Mass liturgy (unofficial)
- Both are (or will soon be) on the JCC website, *Resources/Liturgy*

**Novena:**

- Need for one focused on JCC.
- Request for Alois and Ron to work on this, to be ready for use this year before the Founder's Anniversary, Nov 15
- The CCN was fully supportive of this.
- Ben to propose this to the SG and Council for their approval.

**Colin publication:**

- Perhaps twice a year, suggested by Yvan.
- invite Marist authors to contribute.
- *Forum Novum* already has a wealth of Marist theme material, accessed easily from GA website.

**Seeking graces:** (through the intercession of JCC).

- Updates (eg, re Hannah Bennett) published on the JCC website, *Cause/Seeking graces*.
- Consider others for whom we could seek graces, and other intentions as well.
- These can be easily included on the JCC website.

### **Short biography**

- Updated 1,500 word, '*On whatever distant shore*' will be available in at least five languages (EN, DE, ES, FR, PO) on the JCC website, *His Life/On whatever distant shore*.

### **Statuette:**

- Suggestion that one should one be produced.
- Modelled on the large one at the General House.
- The CCN was very supportive of this.
- Ben was asked to propose this to the GA and check costs & logistics.

## **Other information**

**Kevin** emailed: Information from Aotearoa New Zealand:

- *fama* information has been presented at 3 of the four regional meetings by Kev Conroy (Christchurch & Hawke's Bay) and by me (Wellington).
- Auckland presentation has yet to take place because of Covid-19 travel restrictions.
- On Wednesday this week, I did a presentation for the SM parish priests' meeting here in Wellington, where the 6 PPs from our SM parishes were present.
- Each received a hard-copy sample pack of the material on the Jean-Claude Colin website, and an order form for the pamphlets and booklets for their parishes.
- They will send the order forms to the province secretary, who will send them the material they have asked for.
- First part of "On whatever distant shore" will be published in the November Marist Messenger.

**Lauro** sent a page of ideas in case he couldn't get to the Zoom on time., appended to this memo.

## Our next Zoom

- Scheduled for Thu-Fri, **Oct 29-30**
- I will email two reminders:
  - 2-week reminder (with agenda) on or about Oct 16
  - 2-day reminder on or about Oct 27
 Zoom link will be included (same as usual)  
**Re-check** your scheduled time against Sydney (Daylight Saving Time)
- Agenda items welcomed - to reach me before Oct 16.
- Time slots have been 'reversed' (see table below).
- Do what you can to adjust your pastoral schedule to allow for our Zoom.
- Zoom will be open 5-10 minutes before the start time to settle in.

<b>Zoom times</b>		
Lauro	Davao	<b>Fri, Oct 30, 5 am</b>
Ron	Sydney	8 am
Aisake	Suva	9 am
Kevin	Wellington	10 am
David	Mexico City	<b>Thu, Oct 29, 4 pm</b>
Yvan, Leon	Quebec, Pontiac	5 pm
Arnaldo	Brazil	6 pm
Alois, Christian	Dublin, Yaoundé	10 pm
Ben	Rome	11 pm

I wish each of you blessings of enthusiasm and confidence as we mark the anniversary of profession of our pioneer confrères in 1836.

**Ron Nissen**  
**Sep 24, 2020**

## **Appendix:**

From **Lauro**

Society of Mary  
Marists  
District of Asia

Some initiatives in the District of Asia for the promotion of devotion to the Venerable Father Jean Claude Colin.

1. **Colin's corner.** Communities will be asked to devote a space/spot visible for those entering the house where materials about Fr. Colin are placed and easy to be grabbed.

2. **Promotion of devotion with the Marist laity.** Some Marist laity took interest in praying the novena to the Ven. Jean Claude Colin. We will provide more printed materials for those laity who are interested in promoting devotion to Fr. Colin.

3. **Introducing devotion** to JCC with people in our ministry. This could be done in two ways.

a.) Regular monthly group session on JCC, and b.) one time talk to the Basic Ecclesial Community leaders about JCC focusing on his virtues and character as a founder and leader, this is intended to promote patient discernment in Christian community leadership.

B. Regarding the request of Christian Julag-ay (Enquiry re JCC through JCC website) We find it surprising that somebody from Central Philippines discovered about the Venerable Jean Claude Colin and also interested about St. Peter Chanel. There is no Marist presence in that area. The four branches of the Marist family work in Northern and Southern Philippines only and in the Island of Palawan. We decided that we will send him some of our printed materials once they are printed.

C. Preparation for the Anniversary of the Death of the Ven. Jean Claude Colin  
We are suggesting if somebody credible in the work of making nine (9) short (1 page) reflections about the insights and virtues of Father Colin. I wonder if the content of this material can be drawn from Justin Taylor's A Marist Reset and other reflections. We hope that it will be simple which most laity can easily read to help them know and understand Father Colin. We can use these materials as aids to prepare for the celebration of JCC Anniversary.