



CCN memo 1120-1

Zoom summary and updates

Dear CCN confrères

Hello from Sydney.

Our recent Zoom session

- We met on Thu-Fri, **Oct 29-30, 2020**
- Present:
 - Lauro (Asia)
 - Ron (Aust)
 - Yvan (Canada)
 - Ben (GA)
 - Kevin (NZ)
 - Arnaldo (S Amer)
 - Paul Frechette (USA)
 - Justin Taylor, by invitation.
- Apologies:
 - Leon (USA, knee surgery that day)
 - 'Aisake (Oceania, arriving back in Suva to find a Council meeting scheduled at the same time)
 - Alois (Europe, schedule error).
 - David (Mexico) arrived one hour late, following recent daylight-saving time change in Mexico. Ron had not altered the schedule. They continued after the group Zoom for a full briefing.
- Both 'Aisake and Alois subsequently sent reports, included below.
- Lauro was congratulated on the anniversary of his ordination.
- Paul Frechette (substituting for Leon) and Justin Taylor were welcomed.
- Ben opened the meeting in prayer.

Updates from Units: preparations for Nov 15 anniversary

Asia

- A 'Colin corner' has been set up at SPC/MICS formation centre.
- The novena has been translated into Cebuano and printed by the MICS.

- The SPC/MICS community will commence the novena on Nov 6.
- The novena will be used by Chris Ganzon and the Digos parish.

Australia

- Novena translations continue: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese; electronic versions to be uploaded to Colin website: ... Resources/Novena.
- Novena copies will be sent to all province members and laity leaders.
- Colin calendars in appropriate languages now being mailed to CCN members and formation communities; electronic versions on Colin website. (...Resources/calendars)

Canada

- Yvan has distributed various documents from his La Neylière years.
- Some are published in a local journal; some sent to the General Archives and to Ron Nissen.

Europe

- Alois has translated Colin calendar texts into German.
- Nov 15 anniversary included in parish newsletter.
- Item prepared for Euroinfo.
- The new Forum Novum will include the article by Leon on Colin, 'Sainly Educator', and an article by Tom Ryan SM about Colin, confessions and pastoral approach today.
- Planning a second part for Forum Novum about the history of Marist studies and sources for our study of Colin: Colin iconography, Colin and the Spanish mystics.

GA

- Item to appear in SM Bulletin encouraging the novena.
- Suggestion for novena translation into Oceanian languages.
- Novena prayers to be used at next CLOC meeting.
- S-G's November reflection will focus on the Colin Cause.

Mexico

- Ongoing interested in Fr Colin generated amongst the seminarians.
- Novena will be used in the community.

NZ

- Presentations about the Colin Cause have been made in the regions and to gathering of parish priests.
- The novena has not been approved for province-wide promotion but will be used by the Pa Maria community.
- Series of *Marist Messenger* articles on Fr Colin continue.

Oceania

- Promotion suggestions have been distributed to Sector leaders.
- There will be another meeting with them on Nov 04.

S America

- Based on François Drouilly's '15 Days with Fr Colin', a series of 15 video reflections have been prepared by seminarians and laity.
- These will be used from Nov 01 to 15 on YouTube & Facebook.
- Marist singers are also contributing.

USA

- Leon's article, 'Saintly Educator' being featured in 'Irish' magazine.
- Material can be circulated through a large school population.
- Suggestion to check other portrait image/s of Fr Colin.

Justin Taylor

In introducing Justin, Ron explained how they had had recent sessions with Sr Maria Casey RSJ, a key figure in the canonisation of St Mary MacKillop in 2010. He had invited Justin to share insights into the Cause process...

Justin acknowledged the range of biographies of Fr Colin, ranging from the 'maxi' to the smaller leaflets and 'very short life' which has been translated into French and Spanish and will be published in 2021.

Fr Colin is certainly a saint for our times, his spirit resonating with much of Pope Francis' teaching. Hidden and unknown, stepping back, putting others first... an antidote to the modern day egotism of politicians and the spirit of putting oneself first.

Justin commended, amongst Marist authors, Franco Gioanetti's *'A Spirituality of our time: Jean-Claude Colin, founder of the Society of Mary'*.

Further updates

Colin calendars and novenas

- Packs of calendars have been mailed to most CCN confreres. More are being mailed now that work on the novena has been completed.
- Web visitors can order copies of the calendar using the *'Contact Us'* link at the foot of the web pages. You can advise your lay people and associates of this. Otherwise email me directly.
- The calendar in flipbook format and the novena are now on the website in the *'Resources'* section and in multiple languages.

On whatever distant shore

- This 1,500-word biography is now in several languages (thank you, translators!).
- I will soon re-do the web page for these. See: *'His Life/ On whatever distant shore'*.

Founder and Father

- This is the basic, small leaflet produced in 2011. It has the *'official prayer'* and with ecclesiastical approval, 150-word mini-biography and postulator's address.
- It's in 46 languages and is on the website at: *'His Life/Founder and Father'*.

New prayer to Fr Colin

- I will soon be uploading the new prayer in two almost-identical texts, reflecting the intention to pray for graces ***'large and small'***
- The prayer for a miracle will have the words *'miraculous'* and *'exclusive'* included. It's the one on page 3 of the novena booklet.
- The other prayer will not include these words.

- I will soon be asking translation help with these.

Justin Taylor as a consultant

- I have asked Justin if he would be available as a consultant to our CCN and he has agreed.
- Justin is happy to join our Zoom sessions and will contribute if appropriate. Thank you, Justin!

Seeking graces

- There has been an increase in the number of those seeking graces through the intercession of Fr Colin and whose names now (or will soon) appear on the 'Seeking Graces' web page. See 'The Cause/Seeking Graces'.
- Contact me if you have any person to be added to this page.
- Please send a clear, close-up photo and a few sentences about them, including diagnosis, condition and, importantly, ***the graces being sought***.
- If you'd like a prayer card designed, with Colin prayer, let me know. Indicate if you want the '*prayer for a miracle*' option.

Next CCN Zoom: Thu/Fri, Dec 03/04

David	Mexico City	Thu, Dec 03, 4 pm
Yvan, Leon	Quebec, Pontiac	5 pm
Arnaldo	Brazil	6 pm
Alois	Dublin	9 pm
Ben, Christian	Rome, Yaoundé	10 pm
Lauro	Davao	Fri, Dec 04, 5 am
Ron	Sydney	8 am
Aisake	Suva	9 am
Kevin, Justin	Wellington, Auckland	10 am

Agenda

- Review of Nov 15?
- Suggestions for any resources?
- Planning for our next Zoom.

Ron Nissen
Nov 04, 2020