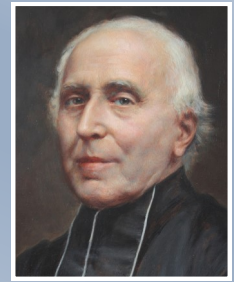


# Spreading the Fama for the Beatification Cause of Jean-Claude Colin

## Report for 2022

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This report...

- ◇ ... summarises my activity and that of the Colin Cause Network in spreading the fama of Jean-Claude Colin during 2022.
- ◇ It complements the videoed report prepared for CS2022.
- ◇ Features of the year include the continued development of Colinian resources, the growing interest in the Cause by younger Marists and the impact of Covid-19.

### Colin Cause Network

Some changes occurred in the Network throughout the year. Current membership is:

- ◇ Africa (t.b.a., replacing Christian Abongbung)
- ◇ Asia (Lauro Arcede)
- ◇ Australia (Ron Nissen)
- ◇ Canada (Br Mario Béland, replacing Yvan Carré)
- ◇ Europe (Alois Greiler)
- ◇ General Council (Ben McKenna)
- ◇ Mexico (Rubén Meija, replacing David Sanchez)
- ◇ New Zealand (Ben D'Souza, replacing Kevin Head)
- ◇ Oceania (?Aisake Vaisima)
- ◇ South America (Arnaldo da Silva)
- ◇ USA (Leon Olszamowski)
- ◇ Justin Taylor (consultant and advisor)

- ◇ Links to the Bulletins are at the foot of the Colin website's Network page.

### Members' initiatives

- ◇ In my report for 2021 I summarised activities of the various CCN members. For this current report I refer readers instead to the Bulletins.
- ◇ Each Bulletin is forwarded to the General Administration. CCN members are encouraged to make them available to their unit leadership.



### Zoom sessions

The Network met by Zoom in March and December, with two further sessions for interested younger Marists.

Conferees shared

news of local initiatives, mostly re Marist/Colin anniversaries. The young men have ideas for multimedia and youth-oriented resources.

### Bulletins

- ◇ Six of these were prepared for network members during 2022, containing Zoom agenda and summaries, Cause updates, advice of local initiatives and new resources, etc.



### Colin website [www.jeanclaudecolin.org]

- ◇ The site continues to be a key repository for resources for the Cause.
- ◇ More printable resources were added and in a range of languages, thanks to the help of translators, mostly CCN members.
- ◇ The relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions allowed resumption of travel to Brisbane, Qld, for technical sessions with our web host.
- ◇ Some development and simplification of the site took place during 2022 to be continued in 2023.

## Other resources

- ◇ Liturgical resources to support Colinian and other Marist Anniversaries were upgraded and further translations made.
- ◇ The '*Short Life of Jean-Claude Colin*' has been translated into German by Alois Greiler. Plans are under way for a Portuguese version.

## Resource enquiries

- ◇ There have been a small number of requests to which I have responded by sending packs of language-specific material, and advising of the present protocols forbidding distribution of relics pre-Beatification.
- ◇ A copy of *A Short Life of J-C Colin* and the Colin Calendar are now included in the packs, as well as updated *Prayers for Graces through the intercession of J-C Colin* and *Praying for a miracle*.



## Colin Calendars

- ◇ 700 copies of the 2022 calendar were produced although distribution was impacted to some extent by Covid.
- ◇ The calendar for 2023 is the tenth annual issue.
- ◇ It's theme of *Jean-Claude Colin and Prayer* features texts chosen by Marists, young and older, throughout the Society.
- ◇ Work started earlier than in previous years, in anticipation of Covid-related international mailing issues.
- ◇ Over 1,000 copies were distributed in seven languages (English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish & Portuguese) and in two sizes.
- ◇ Copies were sent to:
  - \* Each member of the Society (language-specific, mostly through Unit centres)
  - \* CCN members
  - \* Formation communities
  - \* General Administration
  - \* Australian Lay Marist leaders and other Marist Family members
  - \* Others on request

- ◇ The calendar features illustrations of places in the life of Jean-Claude Colin where he is likely to have prayed, each with a monthly quotation on prayer.
- ◇ It now contains weekly and principal liturgical dates and continues to highlight various Marist anniversaries.
- ◇ Even with express international postage the distribution cost per unit remains modest.

## Liaison with Unit leaders & General Administration

- ◇ There appears to be good support from most Unit leaders for CCN members and their work.
- ◇ At the request of the Superior-General, a video report on '*Spreading the Fama*' was prepared for CS 2022.
- ◇ Regular Zoom and email contact with Ben McKenna has been of special help, as has periodic feedback from the General Council. I am grateful for the ongoing support of the Council and the ready availability of Ben with practical ideas and encouragement. He has provided updates on the advancement of the Cause in our Zoom sessions, including a summary report from Fr Carlo-Maria's Postulator's report to CS 2022.

## Cost sharing & finances

Expenses of Colin Cause work continue to be shared with local ministry budgets in Australia, including:

- ◇ Internet & phone
- ◇ hardware & software
- ◇ stationery & consumables
- ◇ networking and other administrative services
- ◇ web consultation & professional in-services
- ◇ Colin calendar production and international mailing were amongst the main costs for 2022, as well as interstate travel for web consultations and in-services.

A separate expenditure summary with commentary has been prepared for the General Bursar.

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