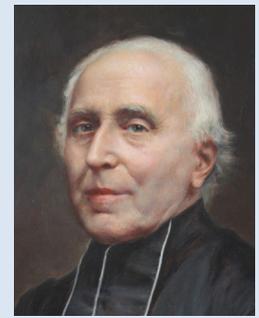


SPREADING THE FAMA FOR THE BEATIFICATION CAUSE OF JEAN-CLAUDE COLIN REPORT FOR 2025

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This report summarises my activity and that of other Marists in spreading the fama of Jean-Claude Colin during 2025.

Colin Cause Network

Membership of this group is drawn from each Unit of the Society and an *Omnis Gentes* community.

Current members are

- Africa: Clinton Kube
- Asia: Chris Ganzon
- Australia: Ron Nissen
- Australia *Omnis Gentes*: Lauro Arcede
- Canada: Mario Beland
- Europe: Alois Greiler
- General Admin: Albert Kabala
- Mexico: t.b.a.
- New Zealand: Ben D'Souza
- Oceania: Lutoviko Manu, Petero Matairatu (*Knights of Fr Colin*, Tutu)
- South America: Paddy O'Neil
- USA: Joe Hindelang

Cause updates, summaries of local initiatives, new resources, suggestions for anniversaries, etc. were shared in occasional bulletins and Zoom sessions with Network members.

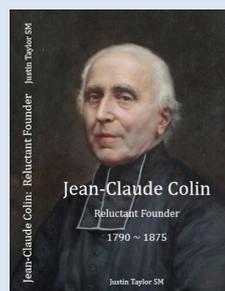


Justin Taylor

The Network lost a much-respected member, confrere and friend with the death of Justin Taylor on Jan 6th, 2026 as this report was being prepared.

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. May he rest in well-deserved peace.



General Administration

Zoom and email contact with **Ben McKenna** continued to be of special value with practical ideas, encouragement and updates on the Cause process and periodic feedback from the General Council.

Following the General Chapter we are fortunate to have two members of the Council with special interest in the Cause: **Juan-Carlos Piña** (reference person for the Cause) and **Albert Kabala** (Founder's Cause, incl spreading the fama).

Sesquicentenary events

In preparation for the 150th anniversary of the death of Jean-Claude Colin on Nov 15, a number of initiatives were taken, thanks to the fine work of **Jean-Marie Bloqueau** and other European confreres. These included:

- daily videos with testimonies from around the world, distributed by email, YouTube and other social media
- composition of Colin-related songs, attracting contributions from various parts of the Society including formation communities
- Novena prayers leading to Nov 15
- five-day Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Fr Colin culminating at La Neylière
- pilgrim booklet: *'That works for me'* recording the places and presentations

I was privileged to participate in the pilgrimage which attracted Marists from many Units.



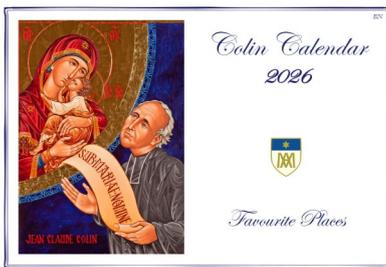
During the Sesquicentenary celebrations, the blessing of a portrait of Jean-Claude Colin at his grave, La Neylière.

The Colin website: www.jeanclaudocolin.org

Feedback from confreres suggests that the Colin website is being well used as a source of resources to promote awareness of Jean-Claude Colin in our various Units

Content from the site is often seen on social media postings by confreres, especially younger Marists, and on formation and vocation pages and in a range of languages.

Technical advice and in-services were provided by web consultant, Justin Lynch, in Brisbane, Qld, and *Fantel*, Penrith, NSW. Work continues on platform upgrades and security enhancement.



Calendars

The Colin calendar for 2026, the thirteenth annual issue, featured illustrations of 'Favourite Places' of Fr Colin accompanied

by monthly quotations from the Founder. 1,300 copies were prepared and distributed.

Language-specific copies were available for each member of the Society and sent to Unit centres and formation communities, General Administration & staff, Australian Lay Marist groups and professed Marist Family members and others on request.

The calendar continues to be a useful reference for Marist anniversaries and *Kalendarium* Mass intention reminders as well as principal liturgical dates. It is particularly well-received in formation communities.



Casa di Maria community with 2026 Colin calendars.

Despite increases in postage and courier fees the distribution cost per unit remains modest.

Difficulties in delivery in several countries have prompted the sending of pdf files to facilitate local production as necessary. One Network member sought templates to personalise monthly dates for his local community.



Lauro Arcede was appointed towards the end of 2025 to support the work of spreading of the fama of Fr Colin. Through monthly sessions we are exploring new ways of connecting with Network members and the wider Society including through a

regular Colin-related newsletter.

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A priority will be the extended distribution of prayers cards seeking graces through the intercession of Jean-Claude Colin: 'A prayer for graces' and 'A prayer for a miracle' in, of course, a variety of languages.

We will begin considering options for the 2027 Colin calendar including content, production and distribution.



Translations

The valued work of translators continues to be key in spreading the fama and production of the calendar and other resources. In 2025 I once again called on the help of Ad Blommerde, François Chauvet, Renato Frappi, Alois Greiler and Paddy O'Neil.

Finances and cost sharing

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, international mailing and software licences were once again amongst the costs for the year, as well as website upgrading and interstate travel for web consultations and in-services.

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

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