

‘Let them always keep in mind that they belong by gracious choice to the family of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, from whose name they are called Marists, and whom they have chosen from the beginning as their model and their first and perpetual superior.’

[1872 Constitutions, n.49]



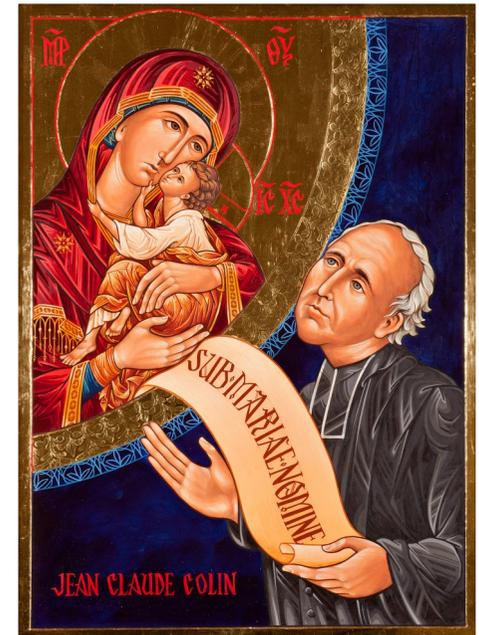
Prayer for the Beatification of Jean-Claude Colin

Loving God, you inspired Jean-Claude Colin to live a life faithful to the Gospel and in the spirit of Mary.

If it is your will that he be honoured as a saint to the glory of your name, please show us the favour he enjoys in your sight by granting the grace(s) we now ask through his intercession:

This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen

A moment of prayer with Jean-Claude Colin



Nov 15

*Anniversary of the death of
Jean-Claude Colin
La Neylière, 1875*

Prayer *(from the Colin Year, 2011-12)*

God our Father, in the joy of the Spirit we give you thanks for Jean-Claude Colin, our founder.

By a gracious choice we have been called to share in that life and mission he strove to implant in the Church.

Desiring to live in fidelity to the spirit of Mary and the charism that he left us, we pray for the renewal of our little Society and the conversion of heart that it requires.

We pray also for Fr Colin's beatification if that be your will.

This we ask through Christ our Lord and the intercession of Mary, our first and perpetual superior. **Amen.**

Gospel *[John 19: 25-27]*

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and her sister, as well as Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' So from that hour, this disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord...

Intercessions

Let us pray confidently with Jesus who promised to be always in our midst and with Mary, our Mother and perpetual superior.

1. We give thanks for the gracious call we have received to bear the name of Mary, and we ask her guidance as we continue the shaping of our little Society. We pray to the Lord...

2. We remember those who support us in our Marist life. May God's delight be revealed to our benefactors and to all who walk with us on our journey. We pray to the Lord...

3. We hold up to you our aspiring young men in their time of formation. May they have enthusiasm and generosity for their part in the mission of our Church. We pray to the Lord...

4. We pray for our senior confreres, the aged and frail. Fill them, and indeed each of us, with confidence and a continuing missionary spirit. We pray to the Lord...

5. We pray in thanks for the witness of our holy Founders: Jean-Claude Colin, whom we honour this day, Jeanne-Marie Chavoïn, Marcellin Champagnat, Françoise Perroton and those whose Marist lives have touched and inspired us. We pray to the Lord...

[Any other prayers...]

Our Father...

For the celebration to follow...

We thank you God for the gifts of food and drink, and for the fellowship to which you call us as members of the Society of Mary.

May our sharing bring memories of our Founder and of those with whom we have lived our Marist life.

We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. *Amen.*

May the Lord bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen*