



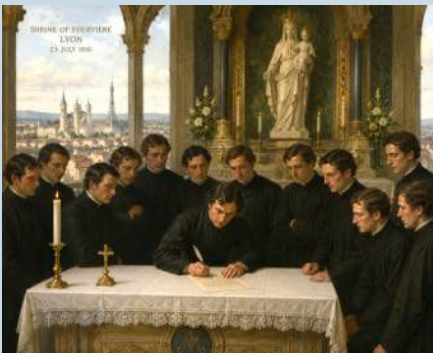
Imprints of Venerable Jean-Claude Colin

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A publication about the mission of the Society of Mary-Marists around the world inspired by the Venerable Founder.

The Commitment at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fourviere

23 July 1816



Before their ordination on 22 July 1816, both Frs Colin and Champagnat with several others had been recruited to a group aspiring to found a Society of Mary and who were to be called Marists.

The following day, twelve young Marist aspirants, one of them is Jean-Claude Colin, gathered at the Marian shrine of Fourvière.

During the Mass, they placed a signed pledge beneath the corporal, promising to do everything in their power to establish the Society of Mary, inspired by their deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An excerpt from
A Short Life of Colin
by Fr Justin Taylor
(cf *A Short Life of Colin* Ch.2)

See the pledge: <https://www.jeanclaudocolin.org/resources/fourviere#fourviere-pledge>

Hidden in the World

The Marist Spirit in Nkoloman

Fr Clinton Kube SM

Venerable Jean Claude Colin envisioned a Society that would be “hidden and as if were unknown in the world,” [FS 85§1] acting as instruments of Mary’s quiet but profound mercy. He famously stated: “Our aim is nothing less than to make the whole world Marist” [FS 1§1]. This vision finds a contemporary heartbeat in the Nkoloman Laudato Si’ Project in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Just as Colin saw the Society as a “little tree which has grown in the shadows,” [FS 60§3] the Nkoloman project began as a modest plantation, now blossoming into a model of integral ecology. Colin’s spirituality of humble service is mirrored in the project’s commitment to the marginalised, reflecting the Founder’s sentiment: “I love the abandoned works, hidden and secret, I love the

poor” [FS 23]. In Nkoloman, this translates to empowering local families to become financially independent and self-sustaining through sustainable farming.

The project faces significant trials, financial scarcity and livestock diseases, yet it persists through a “spirit of faith” and tireless manual labour. This embodies Colin’s conviction that Marists are for “doing what the others cannot do,” working in silence for the salvation of the world. Ultimately, the mission is entrusted to “Mary, the Virgin Soil,” recalling Colin’s belief that she was the “support of the new-born Church” and remains the guide for Marists in the most difficult times [FS 4§1]. Through such “hidden” works, the Marist spirit continues to transform the world from its very roots. [FS 172§19].



The Photo above: Some Marist Fathers and collaborators at Nkoloman Laudato Si’ Project in Yaoundé, gather the harvest from the land, celebrating the fruits of sustainable farming, care for creation, and the shared labour of the community.



A prayer for graces

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 we now ask
through his intercession:

.....
We ask this through Christ,
Our Lord. Amen



Prayer for a miracle

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 miraculous grace we
now ask through his exclusive
intercession:

.....
We ask this through Christ,
Our Lord. Amen

Seeking Graces

... through the intercession of
Venerable Jean-Claude Colin

The Church teaches that the saints in heaven lovingly intercede for us on earth. As we journey toward the beatification and canonisation of a holy person, we confidently ask God for His graces through that person's intercession. Around the world, many people seek God's help through the intercession of Venerable Jean-Claude Colin. Here you will find some of their prayer intentions. Let us unite in prayer, asking God to hear these petitions through Father Colin's intercession.



France

Maël Faucon-Mouton *(Photo above at the left)*

Young Maël lives near Lyon, France, aged 9 at the time of diagnosis with leukemia. His parents, friends and the Marists seek healing for Maël through the exclusive intercession of Jean-Claude Colin.

Bangladesh

Sr Jhorna Gomes SMSM *(Photo above in the middle)*

Sr Jhorna is the first Bengali woman to become a Missionary Sister of the Society of Mary. In recent times she has been on mission in Jamaica. She has been diagnosed with lung cancer that has metastasized. Her Sisters invite you to join them in praying for healing through the intercession of Jean-Claude Colin.

Australia

Anthony de Salis *(Photo above at the right)*

Anthony lives in Canberra, A.C.T., Australia, the nephew of Fr Michael Rego SM. In September 2019, in his final year of biochemistry studies at Australian National University, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Since then he has graduated - and is now in full remission from his illness. Anthony and his family are grateful for the prayers of many who have sought the grace of healing for him through the intercession of Jean-Claude Colin.



"The Fourvière Pledge became a powerful symbol for Jean-Claude Colin because it represented for him two realities: first, that the Marist project was where his deepest desires lay; second, that it would become real only if he made it real. The Marist project was not something outside of him, which he joined. It was an interior driving force which inspired him. For Marists today, the same is true. Fourvière represents not only that Mary wants the Society, but that she wants Marists in order to make it exist."

Craig Larkin sm
Rome, 1991

If you or someone you know would like prayers offered through the intercession of the Venerable Jean-Claude Colin, please feel free to contact a member of our network near you. Please check for further details at

<https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/cause/network>