

## Day 5

### Colin in a joyful spirit



Fr Colin in 1866

Colin said to the students in Belley: 'Servite Domino in laetitia et exultatione' – Serve the Lord with gladness and in exultation.

He quoted Saint Francis of Sales who said 'Les saints tristes sont de tristes saints' – Saints who are sad are pitiful Saints (FA 395, 2).

### Marist spirit a joyful spirit

Marists prefer to be known by their life and their work with the poor and abandoned rather than through publicity. Their joy in belonging to Mary's family and the generosity with which they do her work will attract candidates to join them. (n. 37)

*Venerable Father Founder, at your intercession may God give us the holy joy and holy freedom that characterized your life so that we can proclaim the Good News in gladness and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Day 6

### Colin makes decisions



Desk of Fr Colin

Colin was well-known for being very slow in making up his mind.

The reason? He wanted to be as certain as possible to do God's will and so gave it time (*Dare Locum Dei*).

But once he came to a decision he implemented it promptly (FA 307).

### Spiritual decision making

Unity in the Society and effective action require that its members be consulted and participate in decision-making, and that superiors have a well-defined authority. In this way decisions will be based on accurate information and reflect the needs of the people they serve, and at the same time decisions can be taken with flexibility and promptness. (n. 161)

*Venerable Father Founder, at your intercession may God help us to discern and follow the divine will and to put it into practice in our daily life as Jesus did, our Lord. Amen.*