

Who is Jean-Claude Colin ?



Barbery forest, near the birthplace
of Jean-Claude Colin

Jean-Claude Colin was the founder of the Marist Fathers – priests and brothers of the Society of Mary

Born at the close of the 18th century in revolution-torn France, Jean-Claude was convinced that the Blessed Virgin wanted a group of men and women to do her work in the world at a time of turmoil and challenge.

With this inspiration he forged the way for a new

family of consecrated religious and laity in the Church - the Marist family.

Under his leadership, as founder and father, Marist missionaries would proclaim Christ's message in Mary's gentle spirit 'on whatever distant shore' to which they were sent.

Today Marists throughout the world pray that he will become better known and revered. As the Cause for his Beatification is pursued, they seek graces through his intercession for themselves and the people they serve.

Devotion to Jean-Claude Colin

Many who know the person of Jean-Claude Colin sense in him a closeness to God and a desire for the kingdom be proclaimed in the gentle spirit of Mary. They ask his intercession for the graces they seek, large and small, from our loving God.

This Novena

Daily themes drawn from '*A Founder Acts*' help us know Jean-Claude Colin better. Extracts from the 1988 Marist Constitutions resonate with these themes and are followed by a prayer to Jean-Claude requesting a particular grace. To this may be added any other prayer or, indeed, a prayer for a miraculous grace.

Miraculous Graces

Miracles are clearly beyond the course of natural events. For the Cause of Jean-Claude Colin to be advanced, a miracle through his exclusive intercession is needed. This novena offers the following prayer for such a miraculous grace:

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:

(*name the person and grace being sought*)

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen