

## Day 1

### Colin in a niche



Villa Santa Maria, Rome

A priest said to Father Poupinel standing in St. Peter, Rome, and looking at the empty niche besides Blessed Alphonse Liguori: “Look, the place reserved for your superior!” (FA 218, 1).

Like many others this priest was struck by the look of holiness and simplicity on Colin’s face.

### Personal holiness

Mary, as their first and perpetual Superior, inspires them with courage to pursue the aims of the Society: to grow in personal holiness, to work for the salvation of their neighbour, and to keep the faith of the Catholic Church and defend it with all their strength. It is in pursuing these aims in the spirit of Mary that they will help to renew the Church in her image, a servant and pilgrim Church. (n 10)

*Venerable Father Founder, at your intercession may God help us to be of the same holiness and simplicity. May we find our niche where God wants us to proclaim the Good News today. Amen.*

## Day 2

### Colin on ice



Bugey snow

In his time, people walked a lot and travelled even great distances on foot.

Colin walked the Bugey Mountains. He went on regular walks, and did not mind even trying a sledge on a frozen pond in winter to get exercise (FA 295).

### Follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ

By vowing poverty Marists put their trust in a Father who knows their every need. They choose to be poor to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Like the first believers, they bring what they have to their brothers, and hold everything in common with them (Cf. Acts, 4:32). (n 106)

*Venerable Father Founder, may God at your intercession help us to appreciate our body as temple of the Holy Spirit. May we care for our body, and may we walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Amen.*