

Day 3

Colin and health



Bedroom window of Fr Colin

Colin had lifelong health issues. Malaria was but one of his conditions (FA 222; 230). He used the available remedies.

Overall, his energy was often interrupted but not paralyzed by illnesses.

Care for one's health

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Venerable Father Founder, at your intercession may God give us the faith to deal with sickness and ageing. We also pray for those who care for our sick confreres and for all doctors and nurses. Amen.

Day 4

Colin shows his feelings



Profession cross of Fr Colin

In many ways Colin was a very emotional and sensitive person and could easily shed tears both of joy and of mourning.

He gesticulated with his hands, his feelings showed on his face. He tried not to be overcome or determined by his feelings.

After allowing his feelings to show he turned to God in prayer and in praise (FA 216).

Emotional balance required

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Venerable Father Founder, at your intercession may God help us to integrate our feelings in our personality. May we be open to how other people feel and show them the compassion you showed the world in sending your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.