

Day 7

Colin has his failings



A book of Fr Colin

Those who lived with Colin saw in him a saint but were also well aware of his little failings.

Those little failings helped to keep pride in check. Colin gave way to his timidity and other weaknesses except when it

was about the Society of Mary. Then he would overcome his limitations (FA 235, 24-28)

Living with my limitations and those of others

In this way, liberated from undue self-concern, they will be useful to others and do great things for God, and so the Society will achieve its goals. They leave it to the Lord to say the healing word that brings inner peace and the freedom to serve their neighbour. (n 220)

Venerable Father Founder, at your intercession may God helps us to accept our limitations and to use them to understand the limitations of others. God may give us the single-mindedness to serve the Society of Mary as you did. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 8

Colin prays constantly



Fr Colin's study, La Neylière

In seeking God's will alone Colin was a person of constant prayer, especially with important matters ahead – of which he had many.

Then he would pray all the time and have others pray a lot in these intentions.

He would study the issue, consult many, but mainly trust in prayer (FA 349, 12).

Prayer to appropriate the Marist spirit

Marist tradition can continue to be a living reality only if it offers an experience of the Gospel similar to that of Jean-Claude Colin and his companions. Successive generations make the tradition their own by praying and reflecting on the events crucial to the foundation of the Society. (n 50)

Venerable Father Founder, at your intercession may God make us all people of prayer, both individually and as a community. May our decision making be guided by prayer. And may we continue to serve others by praying for their intentions. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.