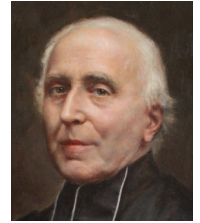


THE COLIN YEAR, 2012-13 - WEEKLY REFLECTION  
'FROM THE LIPS OF THE FOUNDER'



Week 41

'Let those who want to take a vow of obedience so that they can follow their own will stay where they are. As for us, we come here to do God's will, not our own. Like soft wax we must take on all the forms our superiors wish to impress upon us.' (FS 172:26)

Week 42

'A society must have its own spirit. The spirit of a society is like the soul that gives life to the body: if the spirit is good all goes well. The spirit of the Society of Mary is essentially a spirit of modesty. The name we bear alone is an indication of that. It should be a spirit of charity, of humility, of modesty. And so in the Society we must be *as it were hidden and unknown in the world*. That, Messieurs, is an important point for us. We must let ourselves be forgotten by men. Our spirit prompts us not to rely on men.' (FS 174:1-3)

Week 43

'Meditation! It is so important that if I could not both make my meditation and say Mass, I would rather miss saying Mass than making my meditation. What sort of Mass is one that is not preceded by prayer?' (FS 182:20)

Week 44

'Nowadays, faith and prayer alone can convince people's minds, enlighten their intellect and touch their hearts. Let us set to, therefore, to have this spirit of faith and of union with our good Lord. Let there be no love of show among us, no seeking after reputations... Let us imitate her who is our Queen; what a model Mary is for us! She bears the title Queen of Apostles and rightly, and yet she is more hidden than any of the apostles. (FS 161:5)