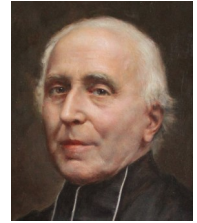


THE COLIN YEAR, 2012-13 - WEEKLY REFLECTION

'FROM THE LIPS OF THE FOUNDER'



Week 49

'We must hold fast to the spirit which presided over the birth of the Society. Enquire further into it every day; you will only be good Marists in so far as you really put it into practice. And what is this spirit? It is the spirit of the Blessed Virgin, a spirit of modesty, of humility, of prudence, of simplicity, of discretion.' (FS 190:1)

Week 50

'My dear confrères, now is the time for putting our souls in order, for adopting a line of conduct. The line we need to take does not entail a great deal, it is simple, it is easy. It can be summed up in a few words: meditation, particular examen, spiritual reading. I will guarantee the salvation of anyone who is faithful in making his meditation, his particular examen and his spiritual reading every day. The man who neglects them will be lost' (FS 182:2)

Week 51

'You are young priests, and before you there lies such a fine career, not only in Oceania, but in France and in the countries around us, for the Society does not confine itself to any place in particular. May God raise up from our midst apostolic men who are dead to themselves and filled with the spirit of God, who see only his glory and who hold themselves in contempt.' (FS 110:2)

Week 52

'We are now in the age of Mary. Yes, indeed, for this is an age of indifference, unbelief, an age of crime, of false learning, of this earth... That is why in these last days she has appeared with her hands stretched out towards the earth, with her hands full of rays, which stand for graces, being poured forth upon men. What gratitude we show to Mary for having chosen us to spread her Society comprising the three branches, because Mary intends to cover the whole earth with her mantle.' (FS 78:2)