



Colin Cause Network Bulletin May 2024



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Dear CCN confreres

Warm greetings from Sydney as we celebrate Our Lady, Help of Christians.

A new face

The District of South America will shortly have another confrere to be with us on the Colin Cause Network as Leandro Martins da Silva moves to new responsibilities in Brazil.

Thank you, Leandro, for your initial availability and for the many 'hidden and unknown' translation tasks with which you have helped me.

Local support

Recently I met with the small CCN group which supports my work here in Australia. It comprises a Marist Lay married couple, a lay single, a Marist confrere and myself.

Since some live interstate, our group meets on Zoom as well as together in person if we can manage from time to time.

If you have not already done so, I urge you to call together a similar group for yourself and so tap into the wisdom, creativity and enthusiasm of local folk with a love for the Society.

2025 planning

As you know, 2025 will be a Jubilee Year with an SM General Chapter and election of new leadership.

It also marks the 150th anniversary of the death of Jean-Claude Colin.

In Australia our support group has begun to ask how we might prepare.

We have looked at the links we have with Marist schools, parishes and lay

groups, considering opportunities we could use to 'spread the fama' in view of the sesquicentenary year.

One example is the blessing and opening of the *Colin Learning Centre* of a nearby Marist-founded school.

Our Unit superior suggested a portrait of Fr Founder for the new centre, eagerly accepted by the school authorities.

I am planning to offer community packs of Colin-related material for the day of the blessing.

A personal project of mine will be to create, in a number of media, a full pictorial life of Fr Founder who staffed, established &/or ministered at over eighty places in France during his lifetime, as well as Rome..

Let's hope we can share ideas for 2025 in our next Zoom before long.



Hannah Bennett

As mentioned in our last Bulletin, pending test results in August, Hannah is hoping to volunteer later this year for some months with the Redemptorist mission in northern Thailand. We continue to pray through Fr Founder's intercession that this may be blessed.

Web links

A reminder that all CCN Bulletins and annual reports are linked to the foot of the Network page of the Colin website.

<https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/cause/network#ccn-memos>

Blessings on these coming times...

Coming anniversaries

Jean-Claude Colin influenced the lives of Marist Founders and Saints. Let us celebrate their anniversaries, not just those of Fr Colin...

- **Jun 06**
Death of Marcellin Champagnat (1840)
- **Jun 30**
Death of Jeanne-Marie Chavoin (1858)
- **Jul 12**
Birth of Peter Chanel (1803)
- **Jul 15**
Ordination of Peter Chanel (1827)
- **Jul 22**
Ordination of Jean-Claude Colin, Marcellin Champagnat, Etienne Déclas
- **Jul 23**
Fourvière pledge
- **Aug 07**
Birth of Jean-Claude Colin