



Colin Cause Network Bulletin

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Dear CCN confreres

Warm greetings from Sydney. I hope this finds you happy and well.

Good news

Since my last contact with you I have had the joy of meeting up with two young people for whom many of us have been praying through the intercession of Jean-Claude Colin.

For the past two years **Hannah Bennett**, now 27, has no longer had any symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis with which she was diagnosed at age 20. Indeed, as I write, she is engaged in six weeks of volunteer work at the Redemptorists' *Sarnelli Mission* in Northern Thailand. Hannah is a speech therapist, specialising in work for disabled youngsters.

Anthony De Salis (nephew of our Fr Michael Rego SM) is in his third year of remission from Hodgkinson's Lymphoma and back into his favoured sport of long-distance running. He now participates in interstate marathon events.

As opportunity presents itself, please pass on the sincere thanks of these two young people to our confreres and friends who have held them in prayer with Fr Colin.

2025 Colin calendars

In recent weeks I have finished the task of mailing next year's Colin calendar to all units overseas. Here in Australia we are distributing them on Marist anniversaries. Earlier this week our Brisbane confreres received them on an event commemorating the Oct 29 arrival of Etienne Déclas in Cerdon. And at a soirée planned for Nov 15, our Sydney-based confreres will receive their calendars.

My hope is that our Units worldwide will be able to use similar opportunities.

Please contact me if you'd like extra copies for Laity or other groups.

Nov 15

Yes, this date will soon be upon us as we remember the death of Fr Colin in 1875.

The anniversary of death is usually the day the Church celebrates a person beatified or canonised, something we hope for our Founder to happen. As one CCN confrere remarked: 'It's an occasion to recall his precious gift, the Marist spirit, and to promote his Cause.'

Novena

Three novena formats, in various languages, leading to Nov 15 are available and ready to print from the Colin website (*Resources/Novena*). Intentions may include the advance of the Cause, vocations to the Society or any other need.

Sesquicentenary

As you will see on the cover of the 2025 Colin calendar, next year will be the 150th anniversary of the death of Fr Founder.

In our Zooms some months ago we shared ideas for telling the story of Fr Colin in our Units in 2025. Before long a page of these ideas will be uploaded to the Colin website. It will be under 'The Cause' menu.

CCN membership

With several changes of appointments throughout 2024, it has not been feasible to arrange more frequent Zooms. I hope to advise of a date in early December.

Warm regards for All Saints!

John Nissen Sm.



From left: Coffee with Hannah Bennett. | Anthony de Sales (2nd from right) with his family in Canberra. | Back into marathon running.

