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Provincial's Letter

Dear Confreres

On 15th November we begin 'The Colin Year' reflecting on the life of our Founder as we seek to live our Marist mission today.

As you are aware, since the 2009 General Chapter, the Society has taken up anew the promotion of the cause of the Founder. In order to deepen our knowledge of Jean Claude Colin, I encourage you to make the most of this 'Colin Year'.

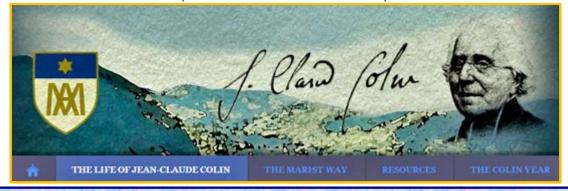
Ron Nissen has been working hard, at the request of the superior general, to do some specific tasks in promoting the Founder's cause. Among these has been to oversee a wonderful new website **jeanclaudecolin.org** which holds many resources to help the Founder become better known and understood.

One of the ideas for us all to take up in this year is a Weekly Reflection which ideally we can do as a community or small group, reflecting and sharing together on some of the Founder's words. Both the suggested process and the quote for each week can be found in the resources section of the new website.

The quote for week 1 is from A Founder Speaks 120:1: 'Let us take courage and work hard, but always hidden and unknown. Let us keep away from those who rely on a merely human eloquence. The Society must begin a new Church over again. I do not mean that in a literal sense, that would be blasphemy. But still, in a certain sense, yes, we must begin a new Church.' Please do all you can to promote the Founder's cause and to deepen your own understanding of his insights.

A few weeks ago, Bob Barber and I were in Rome to meet with the Superior General, the General Administration and all the major superiors in the Society for the Annual Review Consultation (ARC). Michael Mullins and Jim Christie SJ facilitated the meeting and John Honner was present for the 'Review of Governance' part of the meeting.

John Hannan has recently circulated a letter giving the major outcomes of the meeting. It is entitled 'Regeneration for Mission in Uncertain Times' and a copy has been sent to each confrere. Please read it through and talk it over with other



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Ray has been appointed for a further three-year term as parish priest of St Patrick's Parish, Church Hill from 1st January 2013.

Paul Mahony



Paul has been appointed for a further three-year term as parish priest of Gladstone Parish from 1st January 2013.

Kevin Stewart



Kevin has been appointed for a further three-year term as Director of the Marist Mission Centre from 1st January 2013.

Peter McMurrich



Peter has been appointed Superior of the Villa Maria Community, Hunters Hill for a three-year term from 1st January 2013.

Bernie McFadyen



Bernie has been appointed assistant priest and member of the community at St Patrick's, Church Hill from 1st January 2013.

Province News

New Zealand & Oceania Provincial Chapters

Kevin Bates is an observer on behalf of the province at the

New Zealand Provincial Chapter from 11 to 16 November.

Gerard Hall will be an observer on behalf of the province at the Oceania Provincial Chapter from 6-18 January 2013.

Thanks to Kevin and Gerard for doing this on our behalf.

MAP Ongoing Formation Spirituality & Lifestyle Program

The second program began at Hunters Hill on 7th October and will continue until 12th December. There are eleven participants, ten from Oceania and one from the Philippines, with the team being Paul Sullivan and Setefano Mataele (Oceania).

So far everything is going well. As well as the serious work, there was a recent outing by car to a misty Blue Mountains, and an enjoyable flutter on the Melbourne Cup sweep.

Visitation by Superior General

At the time of the ARC meeting in Rome, John Hannan spoke with Paul Cooney and Bob Barber about his visitation of the Australian province. John is keen to come in the first half of 2013.

The dates decided on are

from 23rd March to 16th		
April. John will attend the		
Provincial Council meeting		
on 16th April.		

The dates for next year's Marist Asia Pacific meeting, to be held in Wellington, New Zealand, have been changed to 18th—20th April to enable John Hannan to be present at that meeting.

Kevin Kerley

Those who live at Hunters Hill are aware of the years of dedicated research and writing that Kevin has been undertaking on the years of the crisis in Bougainville. We honour Kevin for his tireless work, the fruit of which has been warmly received by those seeking a fuller understanding of Bougainville's history at that troubled time. We wish Kevin well as he continues his research.

Commissioning of new Provincial and Vicar Provincial

On the evening of Tuesday, 29th January, there will be a ritual of commissioning for Bob Barber and Peter McMurrich as they take up their roles as Provincial and Vicar. The event will take place at Hunters Hill and all confreres are invited. It will be followed by a celebratory meal. More details will be given later.

Sick

Frank Callanan

Frank was recently in Concord Hospital for surgery to improve circulation in his leg. He is recovering at home at Villa Maria.

John V Walsh

John recently had a procedure to assist with his vascular system. He is recovering well at Montbel.

Death

Fr Toma'akino Lakai



Toma, a Marist Father from Tonga, aged 38 and only 3 years ordained, died on 7th November when the vehicle he was driving overturned near Hanahan, the parish he was ministering in Bougainville.

Chris Ulena, a former Marist

seminarian who was living in the parish house with Toma, also died in the accident.

May Toma and Chris rest in peace.

Advertisements

Currumbin & Bilgola Flats

The self-contained flat at **Currumbin** is available for bookings for Marists and their families. Bookings are made through Judy Saliba at the Provincial Office. Current bookings are:

8-19 Nov T Ryan
20-30 Nov P McMurrich
8-17 Dec T Ryan
26 Dec—7 Jan M Carroll

2013 8-16 Jan J Worthington 17 Jan—7 Feb T Ryan 17 Feb-3 Mar J Hargrave

The self-contained flat at **Bilgola** is available for Marists to book for an extended holiday, a retreat or an extended period of study. Bookings are made through the Vicar-Provincial. Current bookings are:

2013

17-24 Jan M Mullins3-9 Feb K Redmond

Enclosures

1. Colin Prayer Cards

2. Stipend Rates (NSW) Bishops Conference & CLRI

3. Recommended Ministerial Stipends for Religious

4. Stipends: Catholic Religious Australia Qld

5. Death Notices: Fr Gunther Koller sm Fr Jacques Riberolles sm Fr Jerome Rawa sm Fr Toma'akino sm

Anniversaries

November

1 Fr Arthur Keane 1975 3 Fr Frank Miltrup 1996 8 Br Peter Jeanneau 1903 9 Fr Auguste Guillemin 1905 9 Fr Sidney Mitchell 1984 9 Fr John Smith 1998 11 Br Matthew Howard 1894 13 Fr James Roche

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9	Br Anthony Burke 1991	
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13	Br Bede Downey 1962	
16	Br Alphonsus Donaghy 1994	
17	Fr James Harcombe 2009	
19	Fr Thomas McGovern 1993	
21	Fr Victor Couderc 1960	
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25	Fr Hisagi Koyama 1985	
29	Fr Patrick McGuinness 1884	
29	Fr Karl Flaus 1920	
29	Fr James Monaghan 1955	