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To all members of the Society of Mary

- Special Notice -

Rome, 18 March 2020

Dear Confreres.

Greetings from Villa Santa Maria, Rome.

These are anxious days. We are called to take many measures to confront the spread of the Virus Covid-19. We are challenged to respond prudently, generously and faithfully.

As Marists, this is also a time of renewed faith-filled prayer together in our communities.

We remember especially our senior confreres and those who are most vulnerable to the virus. We want you to know we are united as one family.

I invite each community to come together for the next nine days to pray before the icon of Mary and Ven. Jean-Claude. We pray for everyone affected in any way by this virus. If we cannot come together as a community we can pray individually, knowing that we are united in Spirit as one Society.

Ideally, we would begin this novena of prayer on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19. However, we could start whenever we can.

I propose we pray the prayer attached to his letter.

As our early missionaries used to write: "oremus pro invicem"... let us pray for and with each other.



John Larsen s.m.
Superior General

Healing Lord,
we pray through the intercession of our Founder,
Father Jean-Claude Colin,
and Mary, Mother of Mercy,
for all people affected by the new coronavirus,
that everyone may know your love and protection.

We pray for all Marists throughout the world,
especially for our senior and vulnerable brothers and sisters.
May we know your special protection and care.

We also pray for all those with whom we share the Work of Mary
and for all whom we serve in our different ministries.

May all people experience your healing and protective grace in all that is happening
among us.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Despise not our payers and our necessities
But in your mercy hear and answer us.

Venerable Jean Claude Colin – pray for us.
Mary, Queen of the Apostles – pray for us.

