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Friday, 22 October 2021

NOVENA FOR VOCATIONS



From 6 to 14 November all members of the Society are being invited to pray a Novena through the

Intercession of our Founder, in preparation for the *Marist Vocation Year* which will start on 15 November.

The Colin-Cause Network has worked with the vocation directors to produce a simple prayer card to accompany the Novena. All Marists, and all associated with the Marist Project, are invited to join in prayer.

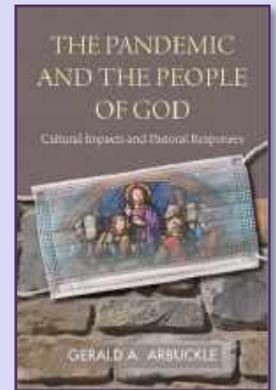
You can find the prayer card in several languages on the Jean Claude Colin Website:

<https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/resources/novena>

“THE PANDEMIC

AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD”

While the Pandemic continues with ups and downs throughout the world, New Zealand confrere Gerard Arbuckle has published a book: “The Pandemic and the People of God, cultural impacts and pastoral responses” on the crisis of Covid-19, its diverse impacts on people and communities, and how the Catholic



Church might respond. He offers a concise summary of the social, political, and economic impact of the pandemic, and goes on to craft an anthropological model of the global crisis and its consequences for the Church and for ministry. He then clarifies the Gospel’s pastoral responses that must guide the way forward for societies and the Church. In one of the many reviews was stated that “the book is a summons to radical, active, transformative hope among those who have the wits and the courage to ‘refund’ viable community”. Those interested can purchase the book [here](#).

MARISTS FAREWELL THE SANCTUAIRE DU SACRÉ-CŒUR IN CANADA



The outgoing Marist team and, in front of them, the new diocesan team

In October 1996, the Canadian Marists took under their wings the Shrine of Beauvoir (Sherbrooke) dedicated to the Sacred Heart. In October 2021, after 25 years of presence, they entrusted the Shrine to a new team of one diocesan priest and two lay women. The whole Society joins the Canadian confreres in their thanksgiving to the Lord for the work accomplished by the Marists during those years. During the official outdoor farewell celebration on 3 October, the Marists expressed their gratitude to the Sacred Heart and to the Diocese for the continuation of the care and mission of the Shrine.