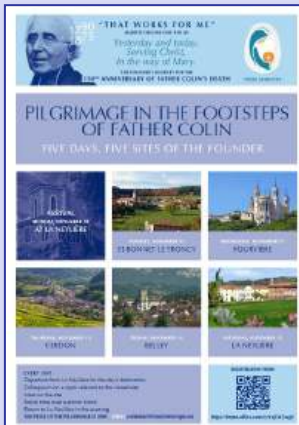


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“IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FATHER COLIN”



At the request of the Superior General a coordination team has been set up to offer proposals for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the death of our founder, Father Jean Claude Colin.

One of the highlights on the program will be a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Father Colin to the Marist Places of Origin from 10 to 15 November 2025. The pilgrims will

reside at La Neylière and visit every day a significant place for our common Marist History: St Bonnet-le-Troncy, Fourvière, Cerdon, Belley. The Pilgrimage will conclude with a significant celebration at La Neylière on 15 November.

In the hope that there will be representatives from all Marist units, confreres who are interested to participate, are invited to contact their Major Superior. A form is attached to this SMbulletin.

SUPERIOR OF SOUTH AMERICA

In May when Pope Leo announced the appointment of Miguel Angel Contreras as Auxiliary Bishop of Callao, Fr Renivaldo Rodrigues de Souza became immediately the “acting”

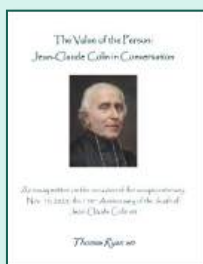


District Superior of South America.

After having consulted the members of the District, the Superior General has now appointed Fr Renivaldo for an initial term of three years, starting on 23 July, as Major Superior of the District of South America.

Bishop Miguel Angel had been due to represent the District of South America as capitulant at the General Chapter in Rome. Now his “substitute”, Fr. Jose Maria da Silva, will attend the Chapter in his place.

THE VALUE OF THE PERSON: JEAN-CLAUDE COLIN IN CONVERSATION



On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Father Colin's death, Fr Tom Ryan (Australia) has published an essay

which builds on the word ‘precious’—used by the Founder for each human being—developing the Marist Founder's insights along with those of the recent Popes and some classic commentators. To download the essay, click [here](#).

BISHOP VISITS THE MISSION IN RANONG



On 25 June Bishop Paul Trairong Multree of Surat Thani diocese visited the Marist Asia Foundation (MAF) in Ranong, Thailand, accompanied by a delegation from Catholic Mission-Australia. The group received a warm welcome from staff and students. Fr. Arnold Garferio provided an overview of the Marist Education and Health Projects, highlighting the Marist commitment to offering quality education and healthcare services to marginalized groups, with a particular focus on the Myanmar migrant community. Both Bishop Paul and Mr Sum from the Catholic Mission Australia expressed their appreciation for the work of the Marists in Ranong and were impressed by the high quality of the services provided by the staff and volunteers.