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REOPENING OF THE CAUSE OF THE VENERABLE FR COLIN, LYON, JANUARY 26, 2017

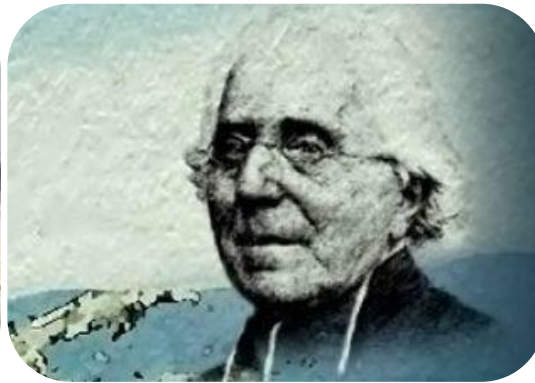
The cause of beatification of Fr Colin was originally introduced at the beginning of the 20th century. However, after the lapse of time between then and now, the Congregation for the Cause of the Saints, considered it was necessary to reopen the diocesan phase of the inquiry. This took place under the presidency of the delegates of the Archdiocese of Lyon, and in the presence of Fr Bernard Thomasset (FR), vice-postulator of the Cause. Paul Loubaresse (FR) and Paul Walsh (IRE) also attended for the province. This phase of the inquiry will gather the reports of

the theologians and historians, experts on the life and work of Fr Jean-Claude Colin. It will also include various contemporary testimonies collected by the tribunal appointed by the Archbishop of Lyon. Fr Thomasset said during the opening session, Fr Colin's "beatification would make it possible to offer more widely the spirituality he received from the Holy Spirit and from Mary for the good of the whole Church ... his reputation for holiness and his intuitions in education are still very much alive, especially in Lyon." Please pray for his cause.

“ To be more closely united, work more creatively, and act in greater solidarity we form one province beyond national limitations...

GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

The cause of beatification of Fr Colin has been reopened and these are important months in the process. We hear of a novel initiative from Ireland, to spread awareness of what Pope Francis calls one of the most brutal and exploitative crimes weighing upon the human race in our time. From Oceania, we are reminded of the importance of the message of Laudato Si, the topic of the annual provincial retreat.



PRAYER INTENTION

Lord, grant us ears to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, and by the power of your Spirit, change our hearts and may our way of life be inspired by their voices.



*Joaquín Fernández and
Martin McAnaney*

“FINDING GOD IN THE SINGING HEART OF THE WORLD: AN ADVENTURE IN CREATION SPIRITUALITY”

**La Neylière, Sunday 9 July 7pm, to
Saturday 15 July 10am:** The theme of the Annual Provincial Retreat echoes Alois Greiler's remarks from Fiji, about the importance of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* in that part of the globe. It stands as one of the most influential documents of recent times and all the more important given the ambivalence that has recently crept into the political debate on ecology. We are privileged to have secured the services of John Feehan to guide us in praying through this document since he is not only as an eminent ecologist but as a very experienced leader of retreats. Tom Kouijzer (NL) will take perpetual vows during the final Eucharist on 14 July. Take this opportunity to enrol immediately! (EN <http://bit.ly/smretreaten> FR <http://bit.ly/smretfr>)

NADI, FIJI: ALOIS GREILER (DE) WRITES

“As part of my sabbatical year, I spent four months in Fiji. The hospitality of both confreres and local people is wonderful, while the intense heat and the very heavy rain for weeks, is quite challenging. Climate change is a burning topic here and *Laudato Si'* is studied with great interest. 60 villages need to be removed because of the rising water level! In Nadi parish, I join the confreres in their work. Otherwise, I am lucky enough to be kept quite busy as a guest speaker – groups of sisters, youth, parishioners, schools! I focus on Marist topics and if possible, the Marist story from a Pacific point of view. I feel already very much enriched by the different experiences. And coming from Europe, I enjoy particularly, the full churches! However, I can also see modernity growing rapidly in the island society.



THE “GIFT BOX” PROJECT, IRELAND, MARCH 2017

Paul Walsh (Ire) writes: “During the London Olympic Games 2012, the UN chose to draw attention to human trafficking and its terrible consequences in the lives of millions of people world-wide. The UN estimates that 21 million people are victims of this modern form of slavery in our world. They created a "Gift Box" - a large metal structure assembled in a public space, decorated in the form of a giant gift box, which has been opened. The idea was to portray the wonderful promises made to vulnerable people to draw them into the traffickers' web - the outside of the box offers examples of such promises. Inside, recounted in different languages, is the story of three young women who had been trafficked, illustrated the horrible reality so far away from the empty promises. Last year the coalition of religious in Ireland ... decided to borrow a gift box from the North of Ireland, and travel through different towns and cities in the Republic of Ireland. Some Irish Marists were involved. The Gift Box visited Drogheda, St Stephen's Green in the centre of Dublin, Limerick, Tralee, Galway, Athlone and Maynooth and Dundalk. In each centre volunteers were trained to engage with the public. A number of the staff of the Marist school, St Mary's Dundalk, actively contributed to the event... In general, there was a very positive response to the initiative. Many hundreds, if not thousands, of members of the general public stopped, asked questions, thanked us for making them

aware of the issue and its prevalence in Ireland, as elsewhere in Europe. It is good to be engaged in doing one's little bit to combat what Pope Francis has referred to as one of the most brutal and exploitative crimes weighing upon the human race in our time.”
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