



General Administration

This week the General Administration has been busy with the preparation of the various meetings taking place in the General House in Rome in the next weeks:

- Meeting of the International Formation Committee
- Meeting of the General Finance Committee
- Meeting of the North-American provincials
- The ARC meeting
- Workshop on Administration

The Founder's Cause handed over to the Archdiocese of Lyons

On 24 September seven boxes containing the documentation necessary for the reopening of the cause of beatification of Fr Colin have been sent to the Archdiocese of Lyons in France. With this significant event, the first important phase of the process comes to an end. The general



postulator, Fr Carlo-Mario Schianchi, has spent the past years in overseeing the preparatory work and in putting together the required documents. He says: *"The boxes pictured here contain the patient and precise work of some of our confreres: Frs Coste, Lessard, Fagan, Bourtot and Greiler, whom I thank wholeheartedly. The books which we send out today have been produced from the '50s till today, and have titles we know very well: 'Origines Maristes', 'Colin sup.', 'Colin Fondateur', 'Conférences et discours du p. Colin', 'Autour de la Règle', 'Jean-Claude Colin - Descriptive Chronology of his life', 'Antiquiores Textus', 'Quelques souvenirs' et 'Entretiens Spirituels'. Each of the seven boxes contains the same material. One is for the diocese of Lyons, three for the committee of theologians, and three for the committee of historians. Each of these will study the documentation and formulate a judgment from their field of expertise. Now it's up to the diocese of Lyon to activate all necessary procedures for the further development of the cause. The only work which remains entrusted to us Marists, is to accompany this moment with a special prayer to Fr Colin."*

Letter from the Four Superiors General

In occasion of the upcoming celebration of the bicentenary of the Fourvière Pledge, a letter signed by the Four Superiors General of the four religious branches of the Marist Family has been sent out to the membership of the respective Marist congregations.

With the letter the superiors general express their desire to provoke "a sense of curiosity and awe" at the significance of the Fourvière Pledge; to foster an enhanced sense of Marist identity as "Marist Family" and to boost a renewal of energy, hope, joy, motivation and commitment to the "work of Mary".

To receive a copy of the letter please contact your Major Superior.