

# SM bulletin



Friday, 12 June 2015

## General Administration

Fr John Hannan is at present in *La Neylière* with the Colinian Renewal Group as they complete their time together. Next week he continues his visitation of the Province of Europe in the Region of Germany.

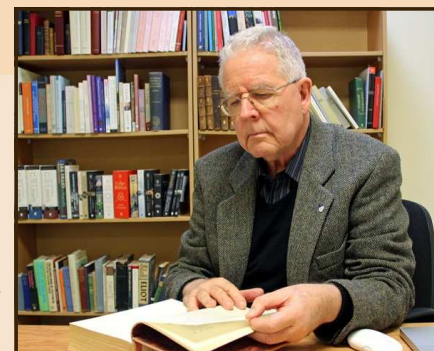
Fr Larry Duffy - in Suva, Fiji - has been meeting with formators and the provincial council. On Monday he will be attending the meeting of MAP.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz returns to Rome at the weekend after accompanying the Marist Brothers renewal groups (English and Spanish speakers) on their visit to France.

The remaining members of the GA joined with members of the Marist Family to celebrate the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat on 6 June at the Brothers' General House.

## Colin Biography—Work in Progress

In 2012 the Superior General asked Fr Justin Taylor (New Zealand) to write a new biography our Founder, Jean-Claude Colin. In the past year the first six chapters of the book have been available on the Society's website. Now Fr Justin has provided us with the draft of six more chapters, covering the years 1834 to 1845, when Fr Colin was Superior General of the Society of Mary. The new available material gives the reader more insight in the complex situation Colin was facing while he was laying the first stones of the Society of Mary in France, while the first missionaries left for the Pacific.



**Chapter 13:** From Central superior to Superior general (1834-1836)

**Chapter 14:** The Challenges of a Superior general (1836-1838)

**Chapter 15:** The end of the beginning (1839-1840)

**Chapter 16:** Not so pacific (1840-1842)

**Chapter 17:** The Watershed (April-September 1842)

**Chapter 18:** Oceania from 1842 to 1845

Because it is still in a provisional state, the available chapters can be used *for private circulation only. No part of it may be quoted or reproduced in any way without the express permission of the author.*

The chapters can be viewed and downloaded through the Society's website: <http://www.maristism.org/en/founder.aspx>; and they are also available on the website dedicated to the founder: <http://www.jeanclaudocolin.org/resources/biographies-resources/official-biography-j-taylor>.

## MEA Pilgrimage to Marist Places of Origin



A group of 20 members of MEA (Marist Education Authority), including 3 Irish confreres and staff members of 4 Irish Marist Colleges went on a five days pilgrimage to the Marist Places in France. On the rich program were visits to significant places of origin of all the branches of the Marist Family (La Neylière, Le Puy, L'Hermitage, Cerdon, Fourvière,...), but also reflection, prayer and delightful fraternal meals. This was the 8<sup>th</sup> pilgrimage to France organized for people involved in the Irish Marist Schools. More on [European Marist Education Blog](#).