



SM bulletin

FOURVIÈRE 1816 - 2016

Friday, 19 August 2016

General Administration

Frs John Hannan, Kevin Duffy and Lote Raiwalui continue their vacations. The rest of the GA wonder why anyone would want to leave Rome at this time—the weather has been delightful!

PROGRESS IN THE BEATIFICATION PROCESS OF FR. COLIN.



This week saw a significant step forward in the formal process of Fr. Colin's beatification. Almost two years ago, in October of 2014 a petition from Cardinal Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyons, to reopen the Cause at the diocesan level was submitted to the Congregation of the Cause of Saints. This and three other Roman dicasteries were required to give their approval. Our Postulator, Fr Carlo Maria Schianchi, monitored the matter at regular intervals with the Vatican. Finally, in a document dated 8 July, 2016, Cardinal Amato, the Prefect of the Congregation of Saints, has sent the *nihil obstat* to Cardinal Barbarin, permitting the cause to move forward at the diocesan level. An accompanying letter also mentioned that the writings of Fr. Colin should be studied by two theological censors, and

that a historical commission should study well the difficulties that Fr. Colin had with the Vicars Apostolic and Propaganda Fide, some questions concerning the writing of the constitutions, and any other difficulties that might arise.

This is an opportunity for us to renew our efforts to spread devotion to Fr. Colin and to pray for a miracle.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION IN BRAZIL

On August 6th in Santa Luzia - Minas Gerais, Luiz Antonio Maciel was ordained priest by Mons. João Justino, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Bel Horizonte. Confreres, members of the Marist Family and friends accompanied him at the ordination and the following day when Fr Luiz celebrated his mass of thanksgiving in San Sebastian, the community in which he spent part of his life. Previously, Fr Luiz Antonio had been ordained deacon in Peru where he made his pastoral experience. Since his return to Brazil he has been ministering at Bahia mission where he will continue in his service of God's people.

