

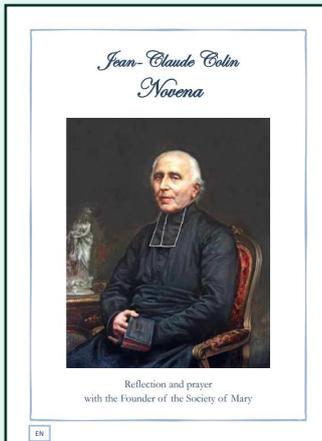
# SMbulletin

Friday, 30 October 2020

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

In its recent meetings the General Council has discussed matters related to first and ongoing formation, the recommendations of the ecological commission, budgets and governance structures throughout the Society. On 3 November (Roman time) there will be CLOC meeting with the Major Superiors.

## NOVENA TO FATHER COLIN



On 6 November all Marists are invited to start a special novena to Fr Colin, prior to the anniversary of his death on 15 November. Daily themes will help to focus on the virtues of the founders' life, enabling us to grow in our affection for him. Extracts are from "A Founder Acts" and our Marist Constitutions.

To guide the novena, a special booklet has been made available as a resource on Colin's website <https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/resources/novena/>. The booklet can easily be downloaded and is available in several languages.

There are two ways to pray the novena: either to pray for a special grace; or secondly – to pray for a miraculous grace through the exclusive intercession of Fr Colin. For us to be able to proceed with the cause of beatification of our Founder, a miracle through his exclusive intercession is needed.

## A NEW WEBSITE

The international Society's website, [www.maristsm.org](http://www.maristsm.org) has been restyled recently. The aim is to give basic information on the Society's spirit and mission for those who want to know more about us.

In the section "Publications" recent issues of the SMbulletin, Reflections from the Superior General and the annual edition of "Forum Novum" are published.

In the members section you can find all sorts of documents, for those who don't remember the login and password you can contact the General Secretariat [secretariat@maristsm.org](mailto:secretariat@maristsm.org).

## MEXICO: A COURSE FOR CATECHISTS

Despite the pandemic, the first weeks in the new Parish in Mexico have been intense, and our confreres have been warmly welcomed by the parishioners. There is a lot of grieving among the people as many have lost family and friends because of the violence and of the pandemic. The catechesis is not yet allowed, but the pastoral teams have held courses to prepare for the resuming of the pastoral care of children and adults.

Our Marist team has started to know the reality of this new area and its people, trusting that our Marist spirit will bring mercy and light in these difficult times.

