

SMBulletin

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

This week the members of the General Administration held a council meeting, and for the first time it was in the format of a ZOOM-meeting, which enables all members of the council to be connected from where they are. Amongst other things they discussed the building of a District Chapel in Davao, Philippines and the organization of the Marist Studies Summer School.

This week the Bursar General, Fr John Harhager, participated in the European workshop for administrators.

MARIST STUDIES SUMMER SCHOOL

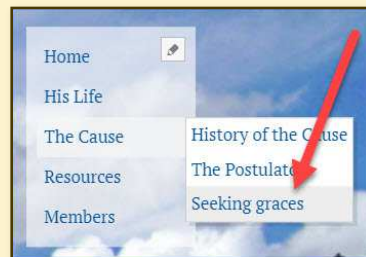
During the Northern Hemisphere Summer, from 20 July to 30 August of this year the first *Marist Studies Summer School* will take place in La Neylière. The proposal for the program was made during the last ARC meeting. Fr Larry Duffy will be the director of the program this year.

Some of the goals of the program are:

- To broaden the exposure of confreres to the world of our Colinian charism and spirit through guided study and reflection on Marist sources
- to actually produce some material – in whatever form - on “things Marist” for the wider Society.
- Where appropriate, participants will be asked to present to the wider world the fruit of their study. The hope would also be to discover confreres who have the desire and the capacity to carry this discipline forward in the Society.

Ideally the program will be held on a regular basis.

Praying to Fr Colin



The new website for Jean-Claude Colin has a page containing a small but growing list of people in various

parts of the world for whom graces are being sought through Fr Colin's intercession. Go to:

<https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/biography-2/seeking-graces>.

Fr Ron Nissen, who manages the page and who is working for many years to spread the *fama* of the founder adds: “A key dimension to the Cause of Fr Colin is evidence of the efficacy of his intercession in seeking graces. I sense a groundswell of energy and interest in such prayer. We don't need to pray for miracles, for but graces for those in special need”.

FR JIM DUFFY AWARDED



Our confrere Fr Jim Duffy, who is pastor at Our Lady of the Assumption in Atlanta, Georgia, US, will be receiving the “Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award” from the *National Catholic Educational Association* (NCEA) for “outstanding efforts, contributions and achievements on behalf of Catholic school education and in particular in the Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) school”. The Society assumed pastoral care of the school in 1965. Jim Duffy was installed as pastor to the school in 2006.