

SMBulletin

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Colinian Renewal Program

While most of the participants were able to reach their home countries, we wish to highlight some extracts from a report by Fr Ray Chapman, the director of the Colinian Renewal Program in La Neylière:

“The program came to a fitting conclusion on 26th June with a number of special activities. The participants of the Renewal, with Frs John Larsen, Jan Hulshof and Jimmy McElroy undertook a 'meditation walk' up the 800 steps of Fourvière in order to spend some time in reflection and prayer in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin prior to renewing their vows. Each of those present received their own Marist Mission Cross. It was a wonderful moment and a fitting climax to five months of study, contemplation and prayerful reflection.

As we look back over the period of the renewal, we are deeply aware that despite the extreme challenges posed by Covid-19 and its potential to disrupt the program, the renewal has been a wonderful experience. Among other things, each of the participants has grown in his understanding of the "gracious choice" of his Marist vocation, developed a deeper relationship with



Jean-Claude Colin, come to a deeper understanding of his personal gifts, is more committed to the mission of the Society, enjoyed the company of his confreres and experienced the pleasure of living an intense community life. Throughout the entire Renewal, a spirit of energy, enthusiasm and fraternal concern was always evident.”

MARIST STUDIES SUMMER SCHOOL



The 6 week Marist Studies Summer School ends today. It was planned to take place in La Neylière with a larger group of participants, but because of Covid-19 restrictions it was decided to run the program in Casa di Maria, Rome, with a smaller group. The participants were deacons Stev Youm and Samu Tukidia, and Frs Sione Hamala, Kelekolio Misiloj, Xavier Sariman and Lutoviko ‘Olie. Fr Larry Duffy

coordinated the program which consisted of some resource inputs and individual research and study. Daily sharing helped the participants to develop their projects and contribute to our Marist Heritage material.