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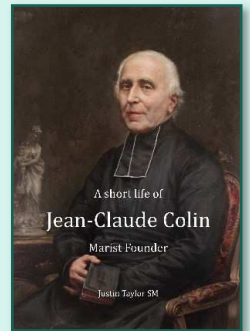
Friday, 15 July 2022

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

All members of the General Administration are in Rome now, and began this week the plenary session of the General Council. Agenda items include: preparations for CS2022, which will take place in Rome in October; the report of the visitation and District Chapter in Brazil; the future mission of the Society, planning for the next novitiate; ongoing formation; financial matters; and Implementation of the Sustainability Covenant.

A TALK ON FR COLIN IN AUCKLAND

Why should you be interested in Jean-Claude Colin? That was the question that Fr Justin Taylor put to those attending the presentation of his Short Life of the Founder in Auckland, New Zealand, on Sunday 3 July. What relevance does he have to you or to the Church today? Justin suggested four ways in which Fr Colin is relevant: 1. The role he played in the origin of the Catholic Church in Western Oceania, including New Zealand; 2. His ideas on education; 3. His profile as a 'reluctant founder'; 4. His spiritual teaching, especially the *Ignoti et occulti*. A second presentation is scheduled to be held in Wellington on 11 September.



BRAZIL: VISITATION AND DISTRICT CHAPTER

For the past weeks Frs. John Larsen and Juan Carlos Piña have been visiting Brazil. They also attended the District Chapter of South America.

In Belo Horizonte they visited the formation house, St. Peter Chanel community, where there are currently 4 postulants. The students study Philosophy and do some pastoral work at Nossa Senhora Aparecida Parish where our confreres minister. From Belo Horizonte they went to the mission in Bahia, Palmas de Monte Alto, where our confreres serve about 65 rural communities. While in Bahia, Frs John and Juan Carlos met with the bishop of the Diocese of Caetité, Rev. Jose Roberto Silva Carvalho, who expressed his warm gratitude for the Marist presence and ministry in the Diocese over many years.



After many delays because of Covid, the Chapter was finally able to meet near Belo Horizonte. Two young Lay Marists attended along with all the confreres from Peru and Brazil as well as Frs John and Juan Carlos. The Chapter proposed several new initiatives including re-grouping in a thriving regional centre in Bahia in order to prioritize Marist community-for-mission, looking towards developing a pastoral programme for those suffering from various addictions and researching an “omnes gentes” community elsewhere in the Americas.