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French Bishops' Conference approves reopening of cause of Venerable Jean-Claude Colin

During their plenary session which took place from **4 to 9 November 2016** in the sanctuary of Lourdes, France, the French Bishops' Conference approved with a massive vote the reopening of the cause of beatification of Fr Jean-Claude Colin. His Eminence Philippe Cardinal Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyons, who is in charge at the diocesan level of the cause of beatification, asked the approval of the French bishops. Marist bishops Ghislain de Rasilly (Wallis and Futuna) and Michel Calvet (New Caledonia) were present at the vote.



Plenary Assembly - November 2016



Fr Jean-Claude Colin, SM



*Philippe Cardinal Barbarin,
Archbishop of Lyons*

If you receive any grace through the intercession of Venerable Jean-Claude Colin, please communicate the information to:

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God our Father,
in your servant Jean-Claude Colin
you gave your people
a zealous founder
dedicated to serving the Church
in the spirit of Mary.

We ask you
for the glorification
of your faithful servant
in the midst of your Church
and grant us the favour
(.....)
which we ask
through his intercession.

This we ask through Christ Our Lord.

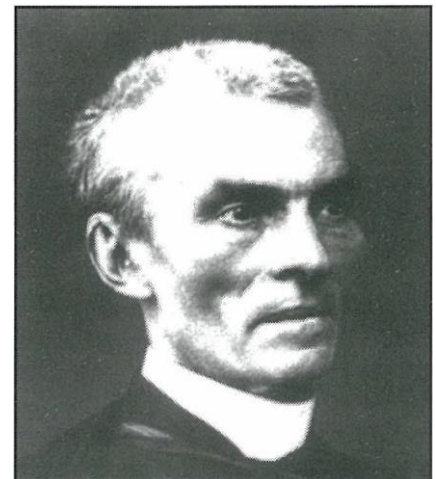
Man of the spirit

Mayet reported that Jean-Claude Colin was waiting for someone to promote the Third Order throughout the whole world. "Ah gentlemen", he said to us one day, wrote Mayet, "please ask God to send someone to spread the Third Order all over the world. I want this with all my heart. I ask God for this. Indeed someone with an apostolic enthusiasm, someone filled with the Spirit of God, someone who can preach like the apostles".

This prayer seemed to have been answered in Peter Julian Eymard, a Marist priest whom Colin appointed in 1845 as director of a small group of laywomen who called themselves the "Christian Maidens". Mayet did not hesitate to call this moment "the beginning of the Third Order", and Eymard "the founder" of the Third Order.

Peter Julian Eymard was a man of extraordinary energy, zeal and holiness, and is recognised by the Church as a Saint. When he took over the direction of the "Christian Maidens" in 1845, they numbered 14. Within a year Eymard had begun to form other groups: a group for mothers, a group for married men, a group for young men, and a group for young women.

By June 1850 there were more than three hundred members in the various groups. Eymard said to Mayet: "Things have reached such a point that if they let me loose now, I would soon cover France with members of the Third Order". In 1856 Peter Julian Eymard left the Society of Mary to become the founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.



From the beginning the Marist project envisaged a branch open to lay men and women. In Father Colin's mind it was to be a broadly-based association available to all people, whatever their situation, age, or condition. It could assume many forms, and, where appropriate, might even be given another name.

Marist Fathers' Constitutions n.31



Re-Launching of the Blessed Sacrament Vocation Club Auxiliaries

For so long a time, the Blessed Sacrament Vocation Club Auxiliaries (BSVCA) was out of the picture. Thus, in the POLA Chapter of 2014, it was decided to revive the BSVCA.

The initial attempt at realizing this desire happened on **November 20, 2016**, during the 5:00 p.m. solemn celebration of the Eucharist, wherein nine BSVCA's from San Vicente Ferrer Parish (Taguig) were inducted by Fr Marlon Reyes sss, National Vocation Director. To witness this historical parochial event and to express their gratitude and support were the members of the Blessed Sacrament Vocation Club.



Just a day before the induction, these Auxiliaries to the Blessed Sacrament Vocation Club were given orientation by Fr Joseph Matitu sss and Bro Leo Ayuyao sss. The inputs dealt on God's call, Saint Peter Julian Eymard, the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Sacrament Vocation Club. Then, the main topic was on the Blessed Sacrament Vocation Club itself – the aim, the membership and the works.

The following day, the first batch of members inducted had a meeting and reached consensus to pray together before the Blessed Sacrament for the sanctification of Priests and Religious, for the perseverance of the Seminarians and for the increase of Priestly and Religious vocation. The Good Shepherd Sunday was considered as the day for Prayer for Vocations.

The group is now preparing materials to help in the vocation promotion of the Congregation especially to recruit members of the Blessed Sacrament Vocation

Club who will be the potential people who will occupy the Province's seminaries.



Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament successfully launched at Saint John Marie Vianney Parish

The members of the Ostiarette Ministry and of the Lectors and Commentators Ministry of St. John Marie Vianney Parish in San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija, had their renewal on **November 30, 2016**. Rev. Fr. Nelson Roque, sss, gave formation before proceeding with the rite of renewal of commitment of the members in their ministry.

He also took this opportune time to launch the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament (ABS). Rev. Fr. Jon Sison, sss, the Assistant In-Charge for ABS and who attended the event gave a short input regarding "The Real Presence" preparatory to introducing the ABS. After the launching, there were 29 parishioners who signified their interest by completing and submitting their membership application form. And to date, their number is still increasing as efforts are being made to invite others to join the ABS.



Thank you to the all-out support of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Grogee de Guzman, sss, and to the rest of the San Leonardo SSS Community, namely, Rev. Fr. Manuelino Maamo, sss and Br. Gary Manansala, sss.

Let us continue praying for the growth of the ABS and for more launchings in our local communities.

FR JON SISON, SSS



A day at the Emmaus Scholasticate

The “*scholasticate is a time to integrate spiritual values, academic or professional activities and pastoral ministry*” (cf. RL n. 58 §2). Thus, following *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, the formation of candidates for the priesthood reflects several aspects united in one and the same objective: the salvation of people. And among these aspects we have: the human formation, intellectual formation and spiritual formation. These three aspects are not absent from the Inter-African Scholasticate “Emmaus”. The daily timetable is organized in a way that enables us to live these aspects on a day to day basis, in harmony with the SSS lifestyle and following a single reality.

The Eucharistic celebration begins our day at 5:30 a.m., followed by adoration, except on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, days on which we join the community of the parish of Blessed Anuarite. At 7 a.m. after breakfast, the first group of students sets off towards the Institute St Eugene de Mazenod (ISEM) and at 8 a.m. those attending the Catholic University of Congo (UCC), because of the distance separating the scholasticate from the Institute, to begin courses at 8:30. At 1 p.m. the religious meet in the refectory for lunch together.

In the afternoon, the activities resume for those who are in the community, in this case the confreres of ISEM students, sometimes also those of the UCC when these do not have courses. After the siesta personal tasks are carried out. Here the scholastics devote themselves to manual labour, sport and pastoral activities for some.

However, Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. for confreres of ISEM and Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. for the students of UCC, are set aside for manual work. On Wednesday and Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. the scholastics enjoy time in sport (we play football, and we form a team of 11 players for external matches with other congregations). On Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Sunday after Mass at 6:30 a.m. the scholastics of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year learn to put into practice the charism through pastoral ministry. Our pastoral activity is carried out in the following groups: catechesis, acolyte (children of the choir), vocation apostolate, choirs, kisito-anuarite, babateli, youth of light, Legion of Mary, scouts.

After all these activities, we meet at 7:15 p.m. to sing Evening Prayer. In addition, the Rosary, Marian devotion to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament has a prominent place in the spiritual life of SSS religious and future priests, who are convinced that she is the special mother of priests and the Mother of the Church. These devotions take place on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the parish grotto. On Thursday the scholastics animate adoration at 5 p.m. in the parish with the participation of the faithful and members of the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a way of fostering our charism. On Saturday at 6 p.m. we organize the sharing of the Sunday Gospel.

At 7:30 p.m. the religious go to the refectory to strengthen their fraternal bonds by sharing a meal, followed by washing the dishes and then recreation with the possibility for some of them to follow the news on TV, while others exchange views about political, ecclesial, sport, cultural items, and even about the Congregation.



The day always ends with Compline (Night Prayer) at 9 p.m. – an important moment for the scholastics insofar as they submit themselves entirely into the hand of the Father in the words of Simeon’s canticle, intoned by the cantor with the melody of a meditative air accompanied by the kora: “*At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people*” (Lk 2:29-32). After that each one retires to work in silence on their studies, some going to the library, others to their rooms, in order to deepen their scientific knowledge.

BR EPHREM ULGARIC MABIKA, SSS



Meeting of Adorers in Rio de Janeiro

In the Shrine of Perpetual Adoration – at the church of St Ann in Rio de Janeiro, on **20th November 2016** we ended the celebrations commemorating the 90th anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration and the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament coming to Brazil.



These celebrations began in May of this year with a large gathering of the nocturnal adorers and the Guard of Honour of the Blessed Sacrament.

The theme of the meeting was “Year of Mercy in the thought of St Peter-Julian Eymard”, attended by about 400 people.

During this event, Father José Laudares sss, the parish priest and rector of the Shrine of St Ann, emphasized the importance of this occasion in his community. “The arrival of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in Brazil coincides with the Foundation of the Work of Perpetual Adoration of Rio de Janeiro on 3 May 1926 by the Archbishop, Cardinal Sebastião Leme. St Ann is the first Blessed Sacrament Community in Brazil.”

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The death of a brother will be celebrated as a Paschal event filled with hope. We shall faithfully carry out the prescribed prayers for our deceased (RL 13).

N. 1505 - Brother Martinus DUIJKERS

Province: St Peter Julian Eymard
Community: Nijmegen, Holland
Death: 28 December 2016
Age: 86
Profession: 66

Research

The General Secretariat got this photo of Eymard's sculpture, but we do not know who did it, at what date, and the place where it is now. Please check in your archives and forward us any information you will find about it. Thank you.

