

2024 CALENDAR

# Society of Mary

THE MARISTS IN THE UNITED STATES



All for the greater glory of God and the greater honour of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus.

We the undersigned, striving to work together for the greater glory of God and the honour of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus, assert and declare our sincere intention and firm will of consecrating ourselves at the first opportunity to founding the pious congregation of Mary-ists. That is why by the present act and our signatures, in so far as we can, we irrevocably dedicate ourselves and all our goods to the Society of the Blessed Virgin.

We do this not childishly or lightly or for some human motive or the hope of material benefit, but seriously, maturely, having taken advice, having weighed everything before God, solely for the greater Glory of God and the honor of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus.

We pledge ourselves to accept all sufferings, trials, inconveniences, and if needs be, torture, because we can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens us and to whom we hereby promise fidelity in the bosom of our holy mother the Roman Catholic Church, cleaving with all our strength to its supreme head the Roman Pontiff and to our most reverend bishop,

the ordinary, that we may be good ministers of Jesus Christ, nourished by the words of faith and by the wholesome teaching which by his grace we have received.

We trust that under the reign of our most Christian King, the friend of peace and religion, this institute will shortly come to light and we solemnly promise that we shall spend ourselves and all we have in saving souls in every way under the very august name of the Virgin Mary and with her help. And may the holy and immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary be praised. Amen.

# A Year of Reflection on the Core Fundamentals of a Marist Approach to Life in Our World

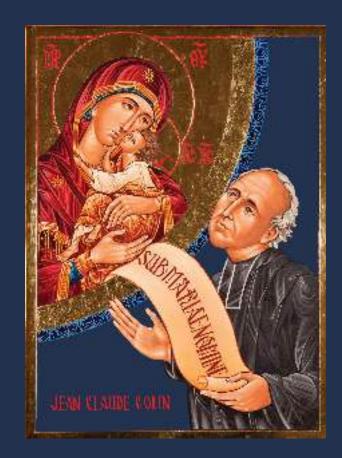
by Ted Keating, SM

David Kennerley, SM, is a Marist priest from the New Zealand Province of the Society of Mary. Among his many ministries and Marist projects for the Society, he was the Novice Master for several years for Marists who came from a number of Provinces around the world. When Fr. David began his formation work with the novices, the Novitiate was located near Boston, Massachusetts. The Novitiate later relocated to Sydney, Australia.

Prior to the novitiate year, there would be a preparation period, known as the postulancy period, usually lasting six months, which would give the men a significant amount of time to discern whether they were ready to begin their Novitiate year. During the Novitiate year they would begin to live out an intense year of immersion into the Marist way of life, especially the call to be faithful to the spiritual teachings of Fr. Jean-Claude Colin, the Founder, and his sense of mission. One can readily see the role of the novice master during this time. The novice master must already be intensely immersed in the spirituality and mission of the Society and live a deep love for communicating it and bringing that life to the novices. In turn this enables the novices to subsequently live out their lives in the spirit of the Society while sharing the Marist Spirit with others.

David Kennerley, SM was asked by the editor of a New Zealand publication, *The Marist Messenger*, to reflect on his position as novice master, and write a short series of 12 articles, meant for Marist Laity, on the core principles of Marist life in the world. The format of each article begins with a prayer followed by a topic of Marist spirituality within the framework of Marist history. A reflection/insight is shared on the topic and the article closes with a set of questions for an individual or group using the materials.

During the Society of Mary Year of Vocation (2021-2022), the U.S. Province was given permission by David Kennerley, SM to re-print this series of 12 articles in the vocation corner of our monthly electronic newsletter. The Marist Laity group in the U.S. holds a monthly Zoom meeting for faith sharing and reflection on Marist topics. The group has decided to use Fr. David's articles to deepen their understanding of Marist Spirituality in the coming year. This calendar goes to the core of David Kennerley's work and tries to set out a year of reflection in selected quotes from his articles shared each calendar month. We are grateful for Fr. David's work and hope you will find this material useful and meaningful for your own reflection during the coming year. David Kennerley's complete articles from the series can be read at www.societyofmaryusa.org.



#### COVER

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... Marist spirituality took root in very changing, challenging times, in the soil of the Enlightenment, a wide-ranging movement promoting science and reason with no reference to the Scriptures and to God. One incredible expression of this movement was the French Revolution seeking mainly to promote personal rights and freedoms, and to give the 'common man-woman' justice and protection against the crushing taxes imposed not only by the Crown but also by the Catholic Church which had become so powerful and dominating in France.

One effect of this reaction to the Ancient Regime, the 'old order,' was that from 1789–1851, just when the Society of Mary was 'taking shape,' some seven revolutions or coups erupted in France embroiling the country and the Church. Hence the question arose: How was the Church to engage with this people, in such a turbulent time when men and women were so determined to forgo the old, including the Church as they had come to know it?

The answer that came to a small group of insignificant diocesan-oriented seminarians in the city of Lyon was that the person of Mary, mother of Christ and Mother of the Church, modelled precisely a very different way to be with people and to reach out to others across the whole spectrum of faith in such turbulent times. ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, Spirituality: The Gospel Applied to a Time and Place

Photo: Marist Women Build, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day					
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Epiphany of The Lord	Baptism of The Lord		Acceptance of Missions of Oceania, 1836 Mass and Prayers for the Society of Mary			
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	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day					
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		St. Marianne Cope	St. Francis de Sales Secondary Patron of the Society of Mary			
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## January 2024

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... On his annual pilgrimage back to the cathedral [of Le Puy] in 1812, [one of the 12 seminarians, Jean-Claude] Courveille heard interiorly, but distinctly: *This is what I want... I follow my Son in the work he does for his church on earth... In this age of unbelief... it is my wish and the wish of my Son, that there be a Society consecrated to me, which bears my name and calls itself the Society of Mary and its members Marists.* 

What struck the seminarians with whom Courveille shared his story was the fact that in the long history of the Church, no congregation had ever chosen the name 'Society of Mary' until then. ... What stayed most with them, however, was the image of Mary intervening, drawing them into doing her work of being a 'support of the Church.' With this inspiration then, Mary as it were, emerged from the background in one person's story to reveal a mission for anyone who similarly came to have a deep attraction to Mary and the work of outreach at a time when faith was being undermined, lost. ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, Fourvière: July 23, 1816 – Responding to a Deep Attraction

Photo: Bas relief carving "Our Lady of Mercy" (1953) by Georges-Laurent Saupique, Notre Dame de France, London, England

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Feast of the Presentation of The Lord Marists Renew Their Vows	
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			Ash Wednesday St. Valentine's Day			
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First Sunday of Lent	Presidents' Day					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Second Sunday of Lent			Approbation of Fr. Colin's, SM, Constitutions, 1873 Mass and Prayers for the Society of Mary			
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... Following their ordinations, the superiors of the young men of the Fourvière Pledge, deliberately scattered them far and wide throughout the diocese of Lyon to frustrate their efforts to connect and so fulfil the commitment they had made to Mary.... Laity and priests met regularly around the kitchen table in the Cerdon presbytery, praying and sharing ideas together. ... Jean Claude Colin then began to commit to paper "the early ideas" of a spirituality and a Religious Rule for the group, envisaging them living and working together under Mary's inspiration, .... To do all this effectively, Marists need to create space within themselves for God by saying NO to pride, greed and power. In this way too, their lives alone are to be a real witness to Christ and to the power of the Gospel. ...

> ~ David Kennerley, SM, Cerdon, Rural France 1816-1822

Photo: The young Fr. Colin prayed often before this statue of the Blessed Virgin and Child in the church of St John the Baptist, Cerdon, France seeking inspiration as he drew up the first rules of the Society of Mary.

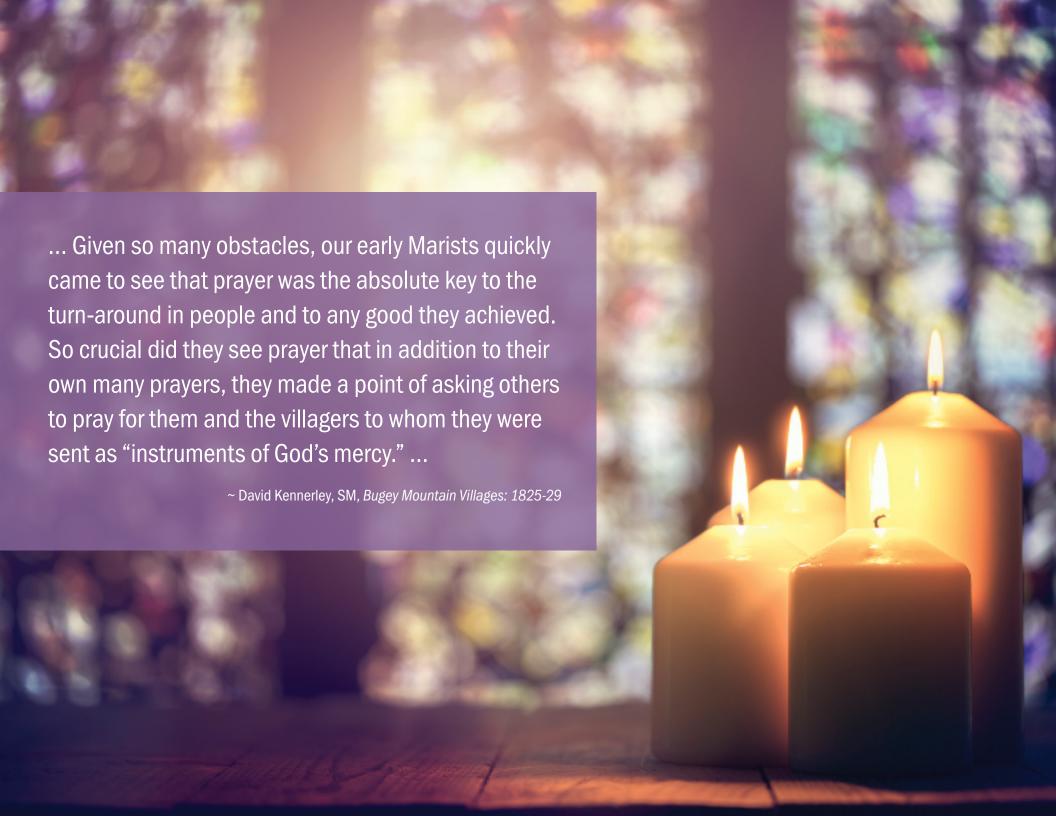


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Third Sunday of Lent						Laudatory Brief of Pope Pius VII Mass and and Prayers for the Society of Mary
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Fourth Sunday of Lent						
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Fifth Sunday of Lent		St. Joseph Patron of the Society of Mary				
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Palm Sunday	Monday of Holy Week	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Holy Thursday	Passion of The Lord Good Friday	Holy Saturday
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Easter Sunday Resurrection of The Lord						
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	Easter Monday					
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Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy	Annunciation of The Lord					
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Third Sunday of Easter						
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Fifth Sunday of Easter St. Peter Chanel, SM, Martyred 1841 Mass and Prayers for Vocations to the Society	Pontifical Approbation of the Society of Mary by Pope Gregory XVI, 1836 Mass and Prayers for the Society of Mary					
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Photo: "Pentecost" by Sulpician Father Peter W. Gray

... Of all our Colinian themes, none is older, nor as significant for us, than Mary in the Church. Mary, present alongside us, wanting something. In a sense, it is the sun in our spiritual galaxy, around which all the other themes revolve and thereby receive their own particular light and significance. Listen out then for the echo of this theme, its telling reverberations in Colin's thoughts and words.

"Yes, [his tone became very solemn] I do not mind repeating once more: the words, 'I was the support of the new-born Church; I shall be again at the end of time", served us, in the very earliest days, as a foundation and an encouragement." (A Founder Speaks, 152)

Our Marist existence and spirituality begins then with the acknowledgment that Mary has intervened saying that she "wants a Society of Mary," men and women who are "Marists" (her name for us!), in order to do her work of supporting and building up the Church in our time! There is here, the sense of a call, a "gracious choice." ...

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Sixth Sunday of Easter						
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Ascension of The Lord Mother's Day						
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Pentecost Sunday	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
The Most Holy Trinity	Memorial Day Mass and Prayers for the Living Benefactors		Pope St. Paul VI		Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary	
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... As Colin perceived it, Mary ignored taking any personal advantage, favor, from this unique position and simply blended in amongst *the women...* and the brothers. She freely chose to be "hidden and unknown" so as to all the better support and encourage the apostles to assume and fulfill their role. ...

Particularly for ourselves today, Marists give weight to being hidden and unknown in the world. The image here is of Mary still being ever active and always in relationship, but not simply in the Church. Marists are to have a 'missionary'

attitude in all their encounters with others but especially amongst people on the periphery of the Church and those outside it, the disaffected, the indifferent. Indeed, the interior self-forgetful stance of hidden and unknown is to be the chief characteristic of Marists in all their relationships and in all we do. In practice it means avoiding all negative, controlling actions and authoritarian antics whereby I assert myself and 'my way' over and against another person or group. ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, Hidden and Unknown

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Corpus Christi				St. Marcellin Champagnat, FMS, Died 1840	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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Father's Day			Juneteenth			
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	Nativity of St. John the Baptist					Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
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As Marists, we are to become ever more thoroughly Gospel-people in our relationships – just like Mary herself. This also implies being bearers of Christ to others, 'missionary'. ... we need a place where we learn to process and integrate all that is happening within us ... For Marists, Nazareth is that place. ...

... Nazareth, then, represents our need for God, of being "alone with God," and of taking time to sift and discern our plans and actions together with God. ...

... Nazareth means learning to be 'a servant of the Lord.' As we grow in such an openness to God we will certainly also come to see just how close God is to us personally. ...

... Nazareth primarily means growing in the profound consciousness of God that filled that house and family at Nazareth. ...

... Nazareth then, is about making space to be formed by God, and our heavenly partners. The point behind making time to ponder on things as Mary herself did at Nazareth, is not merely to promote a sense of interior calm or confidence. It is about centering ourselves and what we are doing on God. ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, Nazareth



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		Pledge at Fourvière to found the Society of Mary, 1816 Mass and Prayers for the Society of Mary				
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			St. Ignatius of Loyola			
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... What stands out regarding Colin and the first Marists, however, is their utter conviction that Mary herself undertook an initiative with them saying, "This is what I want..." ... Marists especially were now to say 'Yes' to this emerging more Marian Church, a Church characterized by a mothers sensitive, very active concern for her most struggling, lost children. ...

... Marists, because they were to be so mindful of Mary, had to practice a truly vigorous NO to any thought or action that even hinted at one of these three forms [greed, pride and power] of self-seeking within them. In Colin's mind greed, pride and power were the very antipathy of who Mary was both as a person and as a disciple of Jesus her son. To be a Marist, really does mean letting Mary 'get under our skin' and into our everyday less redeemed attitudes and behaviors. We do this so that the world will see what hope the Church, and the Gospel can have, when embodied in a person or a people taking on Mary's dispositions and likeness. ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, One Yes; "Three No's."

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				St. Alphonsus de Liguori Secondary Patron of the Society of Mary	St. Peter Julian Eymard, For- mer Marist, Founder Blessed Sacrament Congregation	
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		Transfiguration of The Lord	Fr. Jean-Claude Colin, SM, Born 1790			
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				Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary Marists Renew Their Vows		
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... For all concerned in a Marist work, Colin stressed that Mary in fact was their leader, their "first, perpetual superior." Marcellin Champagnat had a very similar stress but referred quite beautifully to Mary as "our first, ordinary resource." As Marists, in the spirit of Fourvière, we take to heart that Mary is that close, that involved with us – indeed, with me! ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, One in Mind and Heart



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	Labor Day			St. Teresa of Calcutta	First Vows of Marist Sisters, 1826	
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				Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Mary Marist Patronal Feast Mass and Prayers for the Society of Mary		
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22	23	Election of First Superior General of Society of Mary, 1836 First Profession of Marists Mass and Prayers for the Society of Mary 24	25	26	St. Vincent de Paul Secondary Patron of the Society of Mary	28
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... This theme of instruments of mercy is one of Colin's earliest insights into the Marist way. ... he declared that Marists "must accommodate themselves to the times... we have to win people over by submitting ourselves to them" (A Founder Speaks, 158:1; 102.33). ...

Essentially, our Marist 'mission' is to help people wavering in faith to persevere, and to sensitively encourage even the tiniest seeds of belief in those who have lost their faith or who have never known Christ. Mary, as the mother of all, not only wants this, but also helps us in this work of mercy. ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, *Instruments of Mercy* 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus		St. MotherThéodore Guérin	St. Francis of Assisi	
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	Our Lady of the Rosary				Pope St. John XXIII	
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	Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day					
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		Pope St. John Paul II				
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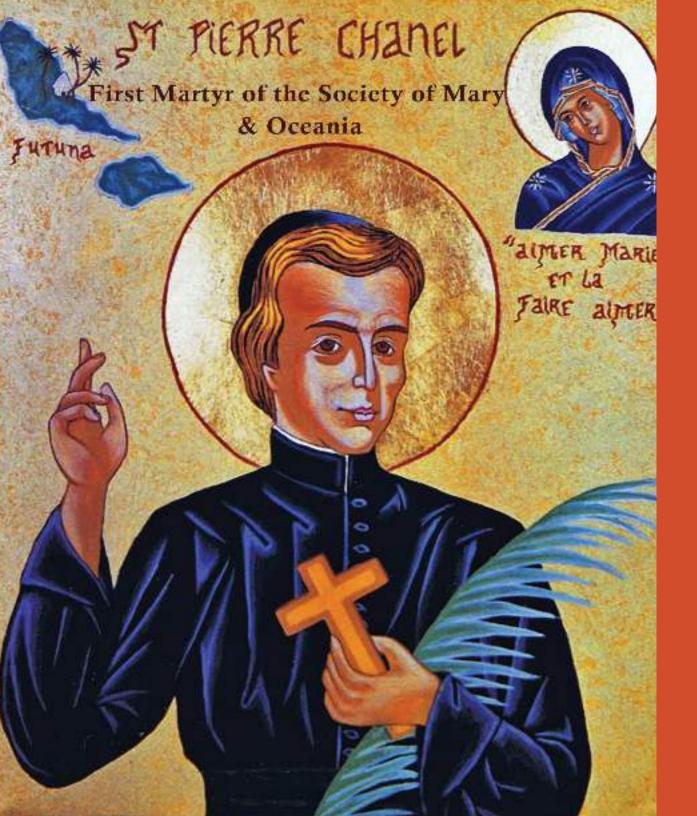
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... they [Marists] lived and worked, as it were, close to and mindful of Mary, Christ, God. Colin believed so strongly that without this, these missionaries who had gone to Oceania to bring others to belief and a vibrant relationship with God, would only end up losing their own zeal and faith! Concrete practices were what he encouraged in them ... so great a weight did he put on Mary supporting the early Church. ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, A Spirit and A Body

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					All Saints	All Souls' Day Mass for Deceased Marists
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Mass for Deceased Benefactors						
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	Veterans Day		St. Frances Xavier Cabrini		Death of Fr. Jean-Claude Colin, SM, 1875 Mass and Prayers for the Society of Mary	
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				Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
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Christ The King				Thanksgiving Day		
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### November 2024

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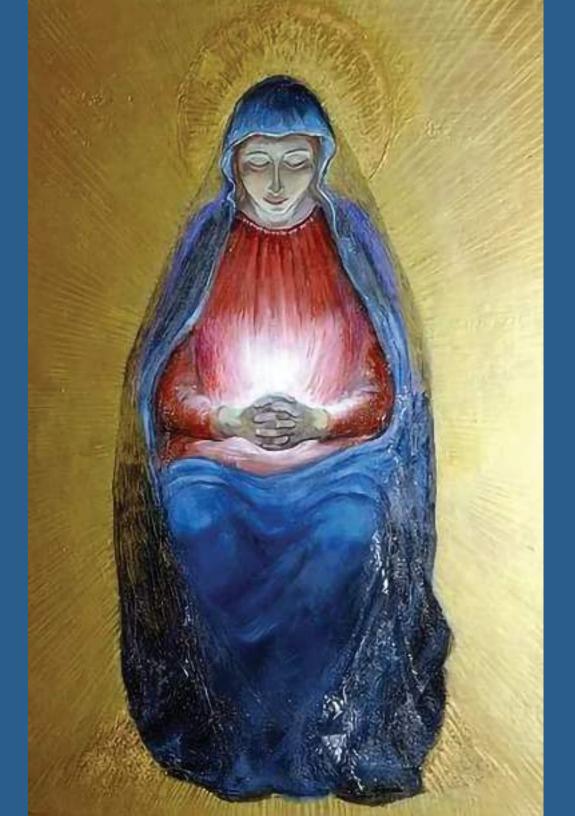
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... Jean-Claude Colin sought first and foremost to establish a religious congregation with a mission. Over time, he learnt by way of experience and prayer just what the spirit of the men and women, lay and religious, comprising this body was to be. ...

In common with Marcellin Champagnat, Jean-Marie Chavoin, the first Lay Marists' and the pioneer Missionary Sisters, Colin was very taken by the unexpected intervention of Mary in 1812. This intervention made him marvel at the gracious choice of Mary and at the immense privilege to now be the bearer of her name. ...

To BE Marist, as an individual, institution or work, is to recognize that the very name we have evokes Mary and her living, vibrant presence with us still. ... Maybe by 'being' Marist your hope will be to do good for others, or to become a better person or a better Christian. It might also be about finding or deepening Mary's place in your life. All are stepping stones to being one with Mary and one with her Son. ...

~ David Kennerley, SM, *Understanding Jean-Claude Colin* 

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First Sunday of Advent						
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Second Sunday of Advent	Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary St. Juan Diego			Our Lady of Guadalupe		
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Third Sunday of Advent						
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Fourth Sunday of Advent			The Nativity of The Lord Christmas			
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Marist Missionary Sisters' Constitutions Approved by Rome, 1931					
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Rev. Joseph Hindelang, SM, Provincial Superior



At our best, we are instruments of God's mercy working to help others taste the boundless love of the Lord, especially those who find themselves on the margins. As Marists, we seek to go where the Church is not. We should enable all with whom we come into contact to experience the gift of reconciliation as well as peace of heart and mind. Mary is the icon of God's Spirit. As her fellow disciples, we pray that with God's grace we become the same. (Statement of Identity for the US Province 2013)

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