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A MARIST AUDIENCE WITH POPE LEO

Some days ago, a special letter arrived at the General House! Responding to Fr John Larsen's request, Mons. Leonardo Sapienza, the Regent of the Papal Household, has informed the Superior General that the Holy Father has granted a private Audience with the participants of the General Chapter on September 18.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF FR COLIN

Under the guidance of Fr Jean-Marie Bloqueau, with the special help of Fr Ron Nissen and many others, a coordination group is preparing a variety of resources and events to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Fr Colin on 15 November 2025.

- ◆ A Novena will be prepared by the Marist Theologate in Rome and will be published in several languages. The Novena will take place from 7 to 15 November.
- Preparations have started to collect several testimonies from Marists worldwide.
- From 11 to 15 November a Pilgrimage will be offered under the theme "That suits me": St Bonnet-le Troncy / Fourvière / Cerdon / Belley / La Neylière. On 12 November and 15 November a special program will take place in La Neylière for those who are not participating in the complete pilgrimage.
- ◆ The Composition of a Mass dedicated to Fr Colin. This may include a contest of hymns, in several languages: Marists got Talent?!
- The presentation of a publication with Colin's most relevant words for today.

Soon more details will be presented by the coordination group.



APPOINTMENT TO MEXICO



Fr Peter McAfee from the Province of New Zealand had offered some time ago his availability for the Society's International Mission. After conversations with all

those involved, the Superior General has appointed Peter to the Missionary District of Mexico. Peter, who speaks Spanish, will transfer to the District on 1 February 2026 for 3 years.

POSTULATA



Fr Juan Carlos Piña, as Chair of the Pre-Capitular Committee, is inviting all members of the Society to send in Postulata to the General Chapter. Next week, through the Unit Superiors, a form will be made available to all confreres, so those who wish can submit Postulata

before 31 August to the General Secretariat. The Postulata will be collated and consigned to the Capitulants, who will be responsible for processing them.