

SMBulletin

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CLOSURE OF COLIN'S CAUSE IN THE DIOCESE OF LYON

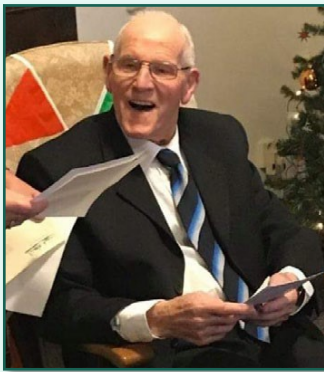


On Friday, 12 February, the closing session of the diocesan inquiry on the beatification of Jean-Claude Colin was held at the Archdiocese of Lyon. The auxiliary bishop of Lyon, Mgr Gobilliard, presided the meeting. Present were Fr Peyret, the "delegated judge" responsible for organizing the investigation and his two assistants, the chancellor of the diocese and Fr Bernard Thomasset sm, vice-postulator. The meeting was very formal: evocation of the progress and vicissitudes of the investigation, certification of its regularity, oath of

the "officers", reading of the closing act and signatures, order for the transfer of acts to Rome, and the closing of the boxes with a sealed ribbon. A prayer was said together asking blessings upon the cause of Fr Colin. The ceremony was simple, intimate and serious with a tangible shared gratitude for the fruitfulness of the life of Father Colin. The documents – which are not allowed to be sent by mail or courier - will be brought to Rome personally by Fr Peyret, probably in April.

The further developments will now be in the hands of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

CENTENARY OF PAULUS TANGHE



On 29 December, Brother Paulus Tanghe from the province of Europe, Nederland, celebrated his 100th birthday. After Fr Paul Fontanier, who celebrated his 100th birthday in April of last year in France, Paulus is

now the second centenarian of the Society! Because of pandemic restrictions, only the community and house personnel were able to celebrate this centenary with a Mass, followed by a festive meal.

Br Paulus enjoys good health and is still able to do what he likes. He was born as Petrus Tanghe in 1920, the 7th child in a family of 14 in a small village in the South-West of Holland. After finishing agricultural school, he decided in 1941 to join religious life and to become a brother in the Society of Mary.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The General Administration continues with plenary sessions throughout this month.

- It was decided that the **Council of the Society** which was to be held this year in Mexico will be postponed until October 2022. The mandate of the present general councilors will be extended for a year. There will not be an ARC meeting in Rome this year.
- Work has been done on finalizing the **General House data and record policies** in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which is compulsory for all institutions in the EU.
- In last week's SMBulletin there was a report on the **Laudato Si' Web Conference**. A recording of that conference is now available:

<https://www.maristsm.org/jpic/> .