

# SMbulletin

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## ORDINATION IN ROME

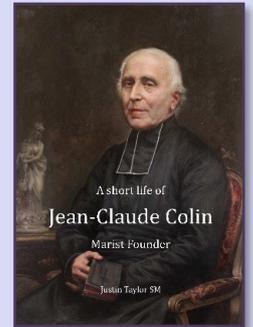
On 20 February Samuela Tukidia was ordained a priest by Cardinal Luis Tagle. Samuela has not been able to return to his home country of Fiji since completing his priestly courses last June and has been continuing studies for a licentiate while waiting. It was significant that he was ordained in St Peter Chanel's Chapel in Domus Australia which was formerly our Marist house in Via Cernaia where a number of Marists studied and were ordained. The Cardinal is the Prefect for the Evangelization of Peoples which has responsibility for Oceania. Present in small numbers because of the pandemic were our confreres from Rome, representatives from the Marist Family and some staff from Casa di Maria Theologate and the General House where Samuela now resides. The whole ceremony was live-streamed to Fiji where confreres and family had gathered. A recording can be found [here](#).



## A SHORT LIFE

### OF JEAN-CLAUDE COLIN

*A Short Life of Jean-Claude Colin, Marist Founder* by Justin Taylor is a new book to be published in March. This inspiring, easily read work on the Marist founder is approximately 125 pages long and based on the full biography, *Jean-Claude Colin, a reluctant founder*, written by Justin Taylor and published in 2018.



The book will be available in English, French and Spanish. It will inform young people (secondary school or higher), lay and religious of the Marist's founding years.

If orders are placed before 15th March 2021, the cost will be for shipping. Major superiors will be placing orders for each unit. Other orders (ten or more) may be placed with [secretariat@maristsm.org](mailto:secretariat@maristsm.org) by sending your name, shipping address, email and telephone number.

## ONE YEAR OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The Covid-19 has been recognized as a pandemic for just over a year now and it has brought immense suffering to many throughout the world. Quite a few Marists have contracted the virus and some have been seriously ill. We have lost 15 confreres because of it: 11 from Europe, 2 from USA, 1 from Canada, and 1 from South America. Some confreres have lost family members and friends. Our Marist mission has suffered serious disruptions either because confreres were locked down, could not travel to their assignment, or their ministries

were restricted. But in solidarity with the rest of the world we persevere with hope and we are grateful for the mercies received. Our tradition of daily praying the *Sub Tuum* is a plea for protection.