

Introduction

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*In grateful respect for Jean Coste sm (08.10.1926-12.08.1994) – 25 years after his death
In memory of Edward L. Keel sm (27.03.1943-01.07.2019) co-founder of Forum Novum*

This volume offers a tool to work with *Forum Novum*, the journal on history and spirituality of the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers). As it has existed since 30 years, an index volume seemed appropriate to make it more accessible. In the words of Gaston Lessard sm, one of the founders, *Forum Novum* is immediately a journal but in its total a research library.

After World War II, the general administration issued *Acta Societatis Mariae* (1947-1969).¹ The *Acta SM* followed a triple purpose: a bond between members of a worldwide congregation, official information, and thematic articles. After 1969, these purposes found separate expressions: news bulletins, *Document S.M.*, and finally, in 1989, *Forum Novum* (= FN) for thematic articles on Marist history and spirituality.² Gaston Lessard also arranged an International Standard Serial Number for the journal (ISSN 1124-9013). The volume *The Study of Marist Spirituality*, edited by Gaston Lessard,³ was included by Patrick Bearsely in the Index of Forum Novum as Volume 0 and so do we.

Volume 11 (2009) included a section dedicated to '20 Years Forum Novum'. The two Marists responsible initially recalled the origins: Edwin Keel sm, *The Logo for Forum Novum and Maristica*, 179; Gaston Lessard sm, *Forum Novum de 1989 à 1999*, 180-183; Id., *Forum Novum from 1989 to 1999*, 182-184.

From 1989 to 2009, *Forum Novum* appeared in printed form and was sent out by the general administration to the local units. Since 2010 the journal appears only online under the website of the general house (www.maristsm.org) under 'Marist Studies', then 'Forum Novum' (Volume 11, 2009ff). Some of the volumes also appear on the website www.mariststudies.org.

Most articles are original contributions. A few articles are re-prints from other journals (Hugh Laracy, Mervyn Duffy, Alois Greiler, Elizabeth Charlton, Ron Nissen, Ken Scadden). On the other hand, some articles published here were re-printed in other magazines (Katherine Foi, Edward Clisby, Hugh Laracy, Gemma Wilson). Authors include Marists and non-Marists. Marist authors include members of the different branches of the Marist Family. Some of them have passed away since. We thank everyone for his or her contribution.

The layout, languages, the nature and purpose as well as the mode of publication underwent changes. Different editorials of the early volumes talk about this change. The website of the general house under 'Marist Studies' - 'Forum Novum', talks about the present mission.

The policy on languages changed significantly. In the beginning, everything was available at least in English and French. With the difficulty to find translators and trusting that one of the international languages is available to many Marists, articles are now published in the original language, by exception in translation, at times with a summary translated, or translated into one of the more common languages.

Another policy change concerns cover design and illustrations. The first volumes appeared in a simple layout with no illustrations. For the volume of the year 2000 the title page was changed. Later occasional illustrations were included.

The main categories are Marist history and spirituality in a broad sense. For a period there was a section on 'current affairs'. There are contributions on 'books received' and book presentations. Each volume has a table of content and a page with a short notice on the respective authors.

¹ See Joseph M. Pusateri sm, *Analytical Index to the Acta SM 1955-1962*, private publication, Washington, D.C., 1966, for an index the forerunner of *Forum Novum*.

² For an overview see Alois Greiler sm, 'Marist Journals from 1836 to 2017', private paper, 2018.

³ *The Study of Marist Spirituality. A Colloquium held in Rome September 24 - 28, 1984 - L'Etude de la spiritualité mariste. Colloque tenu à Rome du 24 au 28 septembre 1984*, Edited by Gaston Lessard sm, Rome, 1984.

This index volume consists of two parts:

1 Forum Novum Volumes 0 – 21

Volume Number – Date of Publication – Major Sections in the respective volume.

2 Forum Novum Alphabetical Index of Authors 1984-2019

The editors of this index volume chose a certain format for the bibliographical reference. Listed are the authors (in few cases: titles) in alphabetical order. Computer search functions facilitate to search for topics, names, and so on. For each article, we do not give the month because *Forum Novum* changed format of publication over the years. We do not give later introduced subsections like ‘current affairs’, ‘Marist history and spirituality’, ‘short notices’. A list of volumes published and the major subsections is given separately as mentioned above.

An article with various authors appears normally for each author anew.

The index does not include references to ‘table of content’, photos (from Volume 8-9 onwards), authors, books received, abbreviations, or sources used.

Previously, two indices were done: For Volume 3 (1995-1996) in FN 3, 4 (1996) 724-725. For Volumes 0 to 4 a table of contents: *L'étude de la spiritualité mariste/The Study of Marist Spirituality; Forum Novum, Vols 1-4 [1989-199]*; *Index of authors*, compiled by Patrick Bearsley sm, in FN 5, 1 (2000) 95-104. This index volume includes those and subsequent volumes.

A first glance at the volumes published reveals recurring elements and with it part of the function of the journal for the congregation and wider audience:

Documentation of Colloquia: The 1984 colloquium as forerunner and hors series, setting the tone with themes from history, spirituality, the founder, and education. The following open colloquium of 1989, and the thematic colloquia on ‘Mary in the new-born Church and at the end of time’, ‘Colin as teacher of Humility’, and the ‘Workshop on Marist Studies’. Conferences outside Rome were also documented. The two major conferences on Marists in education (Rome, Québec), papers for the Suva-Colloquium of 2007, educational topics from Toulon, Marist family topics from Auckland, and Marist laity talks in Ireland were also published.

Thematic volumes: One volume is given to ‘Marists after Vatican II’. Other volumes include thematic subsections: Marists in World War I and II, Marist street names, Marist iconography, the new Constitutions, Fourvière 1816-2016, and ‘Forum Novum 1989-2009’. A whole volume documents the presence of the Society of Mary in Latin America. The ‘Descriptive Chronology of Jean-Claude Colin’ was published online as volume 15 but also printed in book form.

Current affairs: From 2000 to 2001 an explicit section was opened for contributions to the present issues of the congregation. Similar articles are found in earlier and later volumes as well.

Marist publications: Not in a regular form as in *Acta SM*, but occasionally Marist publications were presented as short notice or longer description.

In memoriam: Significant personalities for Marist studies were remembered like the historian Jean Coste, the promoter of Marist Laity, Frank McKay, the editor of the sources for Marist laity and of the letters of the early missionaries, Charles Girard, the co-founder of *Forum Novum*, Edwin L. Keel, and the inquiries into Marist hermeneutics and history by Jan Snijders.

Editors of Forum Novum

The editors are and responsibility is with the respective General administration. Each administration was supported by Marists preparing the forthcoming volume.

Gaston Lessard and Edwin Keel stand at the beginnings. Gaston Lessard continued the work (Volumes 0-4). Around 1999/2000 it was the group of Marist researchers in the general house at the time. Alois Greiler covered volume 5, Justin Taylor volume 6, and the General administration volume 7. Alois Greiler worked on the volumes up to 2019.

Translators

We do not give the name of the translator of an article nor translations of FN material published elsewhere. We thank the following, some of them deceased, for the important work of

translation of articles or summaries: Pierre Allard sm, Patrick Bearsley sm, Mario Béland sm, Jacqueline Bernat, Elizabeth Charlton, John Collier sm, Gianni Colosio sm, Albert DiIanni sm, Damien Diouf sm, Kevin Duffy sm, Laurence Duffy sm, Sean Fagan sm, Renato Frappi sm, Antoine Forissier sm, Phil Gage sm, Charles Girard sm, Alois Greiler sm, Michel Guimont, Denis Green sm, Peter Kiley sm, Tom Kouijzer sm, Theo Koster sm, Gaston Lessard sm, Gerard Noblét sm, Robert Struminski sm, Paul Walsh sm, Anthony Ward sm, Guy Wernert sm. There were various others not named in the volumes.

Abbreviations: Ed. = Editor; Eds. = Editors; FN = Forum Novum; Id. = The same (author); Ibid. = The same (place of publication).

The different general administrations decided to continue the magazine. For Marist research and communicating Marist studies this is an important move.

Acknowledging 30 years of *Forum Novum* we thank all and everyone who contributed over those years. We recall all deceased authors and translators. In particular, we mention Jean Coste whose groundbreaking work brought fruit in many of the articles listed. Edwin L. Keel sadly passed away this year, a co-founder and contributor of this journal. Many other authors have passed away and may also be honored by their mention in this index volume.

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