

Newsletter

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Les Amis du Père Caffarel



The Objective: a Miracle

Good news! A new stage

Here is the good news! In Paris, on June 23, 2022, on the feast-day of Saint John the Baptist, in the presence of the Roman postulator, Father Paleri, the writing of the cause of Father Caffarel was completed. Marie-Christine Genillon and I finished up a long text of 790 pages – the *Positio* – presenting Father Caffarel's life, thinking, virtues and reputation for holiness. It was an extensive piece of work that shows how much, in a discreet and powerful way, Father Caffarel brought the joy of following the Lord on the path of marriage to so many people.

The next day, Father Paleri, back in Rome, deposited the *Positio* at the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. This was on June 24, 2022, on the feast-day, this year, of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is therefore in the beautiful light of the Precursor and in that of the love of the Lord for all, that this stage has been completed.

A new stage now opens, comprising two parts. Firstly, the *Positio* will be examined by a commission of theologian-consultants and a commission of cardinals who will give their opinion to the Pope who can then declare Father Caffarel "Venerable," which means that he will have practiced the virtues in a heroic manner. This will take about three years, we think. *Let us pray that the Holy Father declares Henri Caffarel "Venerable."*

Another fundamental objective now also presses itself on us: *to ask the Lord to work a miracle through Father Caffarel's intercession*. Ask, ask, insist constantly! Why? So that the Lord shows everyone that Father Caffarel is truly an apostle of marriage and a master of prayer. The beatification will enable many to understand and discover his message. The cause of Father Caffarel is the cause of marriage and of the love of the Lord! It is for this apostolic purpose that we desire Father Caffarel's beatification.

A miracle is a physical, instantaneous and definitive cure, that is unexplained by science.

Let's ask for a miracle! But let's not limit our requests: With the saints – as with the Lord – we can talk about anything! What we need materially, spiritually, from our loved ones, from the future of the world! The saints are interested in everything that concerns us; Father Caffarel was thus interested in the whole lives of the people he met, because God is present in our lives just as they are.

A miracle will enable the Father Caffarel's beatification and a second one will enable his canonisation.

A bright future awaits us.



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100 Years after Father Henri Caffarel's Meeting with Christ, March 1923

In an interview in the magazine *Panorama Aujourd'hui (Panorama Today)* in 1978, Father Caffarel describes his "encounter with the Lord" in March 1923. Altogether he recounted or evoked this meeting more or less at length and explicitly on five occasions: in this interview with *Panorama Aujourd'hui* magazine; in two other interviews, Radioscopie in 1973 (audio) and Radio Canada in 1980 (video); in two conferences given at Teams of Our Lady Gatherings in 1973 and 1987.



This event is often called "the vocation of Father Caffarel": from that day on, he put himself at the service of Christ. He has only one desire: "to advance further personally in this intimacy with Christ" and he has only one wish for others: that they experience "this encounter with the Living Christ." He received a call, a call to love God and to help others "experience God."

For the Super-Region and Regional Responsible Couples and for the correspondents of the Friends of Father Caffarel who wish to mark this anniversary of the March 1923 "encounter with the Living Christ" in a special way, Marie-Christine Genillon has collected together the written texts of these five accounts by Father Caffarel as well as the recordings of three of them (Radioscopie (1973), Radio Canada (1980) and the Chantilly Conference (1987)). The texts, translated into the Movement's four languages, are sent with this Newsletter to the correspondents of the Friends of Father Caffarel and to the Super-Region and Regional Responsible Couples. The recordings can be requested from Marie-Christine, at the Association des Amis du Père Caffarel (Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel).

For this event, the video on Father Caffarel, which can be found on the Friends of Father Caffarel's website, as well as elements (texts, prayers, recordings) of the Novena of the 25th anniversary of Father Caffarel's death could possibly be used. All are available on the ERI (International Leading Team) website and on the Friends of Father Caffarel website in the five languages.

Treasurer's Recommendation for the list of Super-Regional and Regional members

The Association needs to know the number and names of its members in each Super-Region and Region. Kindly ask each member when they pay by PAYPAL, in particular if they pay on behalf of several members, to give their names and even more importantly the name of each member for whom they pay to the correspondent of their Super-Region or Region, as well as the amount paid by each member.

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