



The Intercessors

WATCH AND PRAY



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QUARTERLY LETTER OF THE INTERCESSORS

AT THE HEART OF TEAMS OF OUR LADY, I WILL BE A BRIDGE



In his encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis invites Christians to build bridges between individuals, peoples, and cultures by fostering fraternity, dialogue, and peace.

What bridges can we build within the Teams of Our Lady movement?

Together with our Sector, Region, and Super-Region leaders and the International Leading Team (ERI), let us dare to make ourselves known so that we may continue to pursue the "seeking together" approach, aiming to find a fitting role and visibility for Intercessors.

This could involve gathering prayer intentions, inviting others to join a prayer chain, sharing testimonies about the way prayer transforms us, cultivating a listening heart, and engaging in training and formation...

Fraternally, united in prayer,

Valérie and Pierre RAIMBAULT, Responsible Couple for the Central Europe and Middle East Zone

Father Gervais-Raoul's Spiritual Letter

The Intercessors' Weapons: Prayer



Only prayer can help us overcome the influences of evil that eat away at couples and families.

In his *Urbi et Orbi* message on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, Pope Francis—much missed—affirmed, "Love has triumphed

over hatred, light over darkness and truth over falsehood. (...) Evil has not disappeared from history; it will remain until the end, but it no longer has the upper hand; it no longer has power over those who accept the grace of this day."

This statement by the Holy Father Pope Francis, which echoes the teaching of the Word of God and the tradition of the Church, is clear, precise, and simple: evil has not disappeared from our history and will remain until the end. But it does not

triumph. It has already been conquered in Christian life by the Risen Christ!

In the face of the evil afflicting our families, Father Henri Caffarel's call resonates within us as a prophecy to be fulfilled: Intercessors must intensify the forms of prayer in their daily intercession. Like every Teams of Our Lady member, Intercessors must cultivate the practice of contemplative prayer. They must learn to experience other forms of prayer: praise, adoration, Lauds, Vespers...

Dear Intercessor friends, be ardent intercessors, spiritual soldiers, and sentinels for Christ.

Fr. Gervais Raoul N'SOUGAN
Spiritual Advisor of the EIAI

WITHIN TEAMS OF OUR LADY, DARING TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP, DARING TO BE AN INTERCESSOR



- About a dozen years ago, at a gathering, a presentation on the "Intercessors" moved us deeply, and we thought this prayer chain - formed in response to Father Caffarel's call—was wonderful.
- We can only give thanks for how it has enriched our prayer as a couple! Prayer is a free gift; we derive no glory from it! Only trust in God's infinite love gives us the perseverance to continue.

- Father Caffarel's call - conveyed through his writings - and the testimony we heard at Fatima had already laid the groundwork. It took me a little while to truly put it into practice.

The first prayer intentions we received were deeply moving; they bear witness to the genuine suffering and distress of our brothers and sisters in Christ. I include them in the prayers I share with my husband when we pray together, so that we can then entrust them to God together throughout the month.

***The lantern—at the foot of this lantern, I know I can lay down any burden that is too heavy, and that fraternal prayer is my only hope.**

- Starting my hour of intercession by lighting a candle automatically unites me with the thousands of flames lit by others, who are keeping watch and praying just as I am.

- After lighting candles around an icon or statue of Mary, we entrust the prayer intentions sent by the Intercessors Team and the Holy Father's intention to the Lord, adding those of our own Team and families.

- The Intercessors' Letter is rich in content and nourishes our hour of prayer. Between readings, we pray the Rosary and observe long periods of silence.

- The hour flies by; this time spent in the company of the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit brings home our own lowliness, and we surrender ourselves in faith and trust.

We wanted to step in for a Team member, who had passed away suddenly. We discovered the extent of her commitment and wished to carry on her work—a way of living out the communion of the Saints.

JESUS AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN HUMANITY AND DIVINITY

In truth, all these intercessors in our Bible are merely prefigurations—first drafts—of the great, the only Intercessor: Jesus Christ. Here is the man God seeks: standing in the breach, arms outstretched, He steps in. More effectively than Abraham, He pleads for a sinful world; and because He has so fully identified with human nature—binding it to Himself indissolubly in the Incarnation—et Verbum caro factum est—human nature is henceforth reconciled with the Father.

Once and for all, Jesus Christ offered Himself; once and for all, He restored the bridge between humanity and divinity. In a sense, His mission as intercessor is complete. Yet it is equally true that He wishes to make himself present in every moment and place, so as to continue His role as intercessor on earth until the end of time. And to do this, He relies on us, his disciples. It is up to us, in turn, to stand in the breach; up to us to keep watch. It is up to us to plead—for the vast multitude of humanity, certainly, but first and foremost for that specific patch of ground, time, and humanity where it is our mission—precisely—to embody Christ and carry on His intercession.

Father Henri Caffarel, Cahiers sur l'Oraison, No. 38

VENERABLE HENRI CAFFAREL,

Whatever all Intercessors, prompted by the Spirit, ask in their poor human language here on earth, the glorious Christ - seated at the Father's right hand - is there to translate in heaven; for He is alive and "ceaselessly intercedes for us," as Saint John and Saint Paul affirm.

Father Henri Caffarel

If it all began in 2006, ten years after his death, on March 23, 2026, Pope Leo XIV signed the decree declaring the Servant of God Henri Caffarel "Venerable." Thus ends the first chapter. **The Church has done its work here on earth!** Now it is up to God to give His approval!

Today, therefore, the second chapter begins—the chapter of **God's signature: the miracle.** The miracle—a physical healing that is immediate, permanent, and scientifically inexplicable, obtained through the intercession of Father Caffarel—is God's seal confirming the Church's desire to proclaim him Blessed. [...]

The goal of his beatification is this: that the greatest possible number of men and women may discover, through him, God's love and His presence at the heart of human love. Father Henri Caffarel has fulfilled his mission on earth; we are witnesses to it.

There is an urgent need now: to pray, pray, and pray, asking God for a miracle—means asking God to make His love known through the person of His servant, Father Caffarel. We have no doubt that the miracle will come. Many people are already receiving graces through his intercession; in due course, God will answer His children who persist in their prayers!

There is an urgent need, and our mission is essential: that those who love one another may discover more deeply the greatness of the Sacrament of Marriage and the joy of loving, upheld by the eternal love of God.

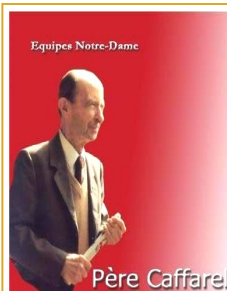
Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, O.P.

Postulator of the Cause for the Beatification of Father Henri Caffarel

The Intercessors' Prayer

Dieu, notre Père,
Tu as envoyé ton Fils bien-aimé pour sauver le monde :
assis désormais à ta droite,
il ne cesse d'intercéder pour ses frères humains.
Portés par l'Esprit,
nous voulons nous unir à sa prière pour le salut de tous.
Que prêtres et couples soient fidèles à leurs engagements
au service de la communion dans l'Église
en rayonnant l'amour que tu as mis en leur cœur.
Que tous tes enfants de par le monde
découvrent le bonheur que tu donnes
et vivent dans le respect, la dignité, la joie et la paix.
Dieu, notre Père,
par l'intercession de Notre-Dame et de tous les saints,
donne-nous, intercesseurs auprès de toi,
d'accomplir notre service
par amour pour toi et par amour pour les hommes.

Father Henri Caffarel



A Son of the Church

Henri Caffarel, born on July 30, 1903, in Lyon, was baptised on August 2, 1903, and ordained a priest on April 19, 1930, in Paris. Father Caffarel is buried in Troussures, where he died in 1996 with humility.

His cause for beatification is underway; on March 23, 2026, Pope Leo XIV authorised the recognition of Father Henri Caffarel's heroic virtues. Through this recognition, the Church now confers upon him the title of "Venerable."

An Educator and a Man of Prayer

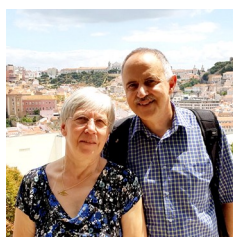
Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he revealed the nature of marital spirituality, enriching it with his insights into the Good News of Christian marriage. Father Caffarel ceaselessly emphasised the importance of prayer.

General Intention

Let us pray to God that, through the intercession of Father Henri Caffarel, the graces of miracles be granted to the people we pray for in our intentions



TESTIMONIALS



We are Helena and Paweł Kukolowicz and we live in Warsaw. Married for 46 years, we are the parents of four children. Sadly, our daughter Ursula, aged 36, passed away two years ago, an event that deeply changed our lives. Today, we try to support her husband, Maciek, in raising their three wonderful children.

We have been members of Teams of Our Lady for 22 years and of the Intercessors for 20 years. After completing our term leading the Poland-Central Europe Super-Region, we were asked to lead the Intercessors' community and to raise awareness - both within the Movement and beyond—of the figure of Father Caffarel.

Today, we serve as a point of contact in Poland, and we have come to better understand the spirituality of the Intercessors. Our daughter's illness and passing played a significant role in deepening our appreciation of the value of intercession. We were surrounded by the prayers of so many people in our Super-Region and couples from around the world; this support helped us through the most difficult moments. We had believed that God would miraculously heal our daughter, but that was not to be. It was then that we gradually realised the immense value of the prayer for healing—which accompanies so many of the intentions shared with us—but also that there is something else within that prayer, something no less important: a humble request for the grace to accept the truth that, even in the midst of such harrowing trials, God has not abandoned us. Now, when we pray for these difficult - and often tragic - intentions, we also always pray for the ability to accept God's will.

Father Caffarel speaks of this prayer in his own way in a letter entitled 'The Prayer of a Simple Woman'. Let us quote his words, "*At the beginning of prayer, I believe that God has His own way of thinking and that He desires something at that moment. I therefore desire what He desires, and I seek nothing else.*"

Helena and Paweł Kukołowicz

The Holy Father's Monthly Intentions for 2026

July, For respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

August, For evangelisation in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

September, For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

EIAI ANNOUNCEMENTS

N'hésitez pas à partager vos questions, vos observations, vos demandes, vos témoignages...

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