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Caffarel**

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OUR TIMES**

AN APOSTLE OF MARRIAGE AND A MASTER OF PRAYER




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Father Henri Caffarel (1903-1996) “encountered” Christ in 1923. *“On that particular day, God entered my life and since that day, I am in his service.”* In 1939 - While in contact with young couples, he discovered the sacrament of marriage. He founded the Teams of Our Lady and he developed married spirituality, a source of life for couples. In 1943 - With young war widows, he created the Fraternité Notre-Dame de la Résurrection (Fraternity of Our Lady of the Resurrection). From 1966 onwards, in the House of Prayer at Troussures, he led numerous believers to find Christ through prayer, *“Christ who made Himself known to me could use me to make Himself known to others.”*

The Teams of Our Lady have asked the Church to recognise the holiness of this demanding man, who deeply loved the Church which he served with fidelity, who was entirely given over to God, who was passionate about the people of his time, and who was “a prophet for our time” according to Cardinal Lustiger.

The **cause for canonisation** was opened in 2006. The closing session for the diocesan enquiry took place in 2014 and the file was submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. The Congregation is currently writing the *“Positio”*, a synthesis of the file that had been put together in Paris and that presented the Servant of God’s life and practice of the virtues.

The international association **“Les Amis du Père Caffarel”** (“The Friends of Father Caffarel”) was created in 2005 to promote his cause for canonisation and to organise actions and activities to make Father Henri Caffarel, his work and his thinking on marriage and on prayer, better known.

Maria Berta & José Moura Soares,

*presidents of the Association Les Amis du Père Caffarel
responsible Couple in the International Leading Team of the
Teams of Our Lady*

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Cardinal André Vingt-Trois, Archbishop of Paris (France)

Archbishop of Paris since 2015, Ordinary of France Faithful of Eastern Rites, Pope Benedict XVI made him Cardinal on November 24th, 2007. He is a member of the Congregation for Bishops, member of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and a member of the section on Migrants and Refugees in this Dicastery. Cardinal André Vingt-Trois is also a member of the Congregation for the Clergy and of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF



Monsignor Jérôme Beau, President of the Collège des Bernardins (France)

Auxiliary bishop of the Paris diocese since 2006, he was ordained a priest for the Paris diocese in 1984. He holds a Master's degree in Theology. He is the President of the Collège des Bernardins, responsible for formation and is the director of the École Cathédrale. He is also the director of the Office of Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life and President of the Episcopal Commission for Ordained Ministers and Laity in Ecclesial Mission.



Monsignor Éric de Moulins-Beaufort (France)

Auxiliary bishop of the Paris diocese since 2008, he was ordained a priest for the Paris diocese in 1991. A graduate of the Institute of Political Studies, Paris, he holds a Doctorate in Theology. He taught in the École Cathédrale and at the Studium of the Paris Seminary. Monsignor Éric de Moulins-Beaufort is President of the Doctrinal Commission of the Conference of Bishops of France. He has been a Spiritual Counsellor to a Team of Our Lady since 1993.

PROGRAMME

8am ●

RECEPTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

9am ●

OPENING OF THE COLLOQUIUM

Welcome and Presentation of the Programme

Matthieu Toussaint de Quiévre-court, journalist

The Structure of the Colloquium

Maria Berta & José Moura Soares, responsible couple for the International Leading Team (Portugal)

Mgr François Fleischmann, spiritual counsellor to the International Leading Team 2000-2006 (France)

Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, o.p., editor of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel (France)

9:30am ●

**“HENRI CAFFAREL,
THE VOCATION OF A MAN OF GOD”**

Session president:

Françoise & Rémi Gausse, members of the International Leading Team (France)

FRIDAY, December 8TH, 2017

“A Man of Faith”

Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, o.p., editor of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel (France)

“Getting to the Spiritual Sources of his Vocation”

Father José Jacinto Ferreira De Farias, spiritual counsellor to the International Leading Team (Portugal)

“Inspired by Joseph and Mary”

Véronique & Thierry Caspar-Fille-Lambie, team members (France)

BREAK

11:30am ●

ROUND TABLE

Introduction with 3 testimonials (clips) from Colombia, United States, and France

- Round Table President: *Françoise & Rémi Gausse*
- Speaker: *Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits*
- Great Witnesses: *Bernadette & Sylvestre Minlekibe, team members (Togo)*

Conclusion by the President of the Session

12:30am ●

LUNCH

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PROGRAMME

2pm ●

“HENRI CAFFAREL, A FOUNDER IN THE CHURCH”

Session President:

Clarita & Edgardo Bernal Fandiño, members of the International Leading Team (Colombia)

“Henri Caffarel, director of the magazine *l’Anneau d’Or*, at the heart of spiritual and cultural currents of his time”

Mgr François Fleischmann, former spiritual counsellor to the International Leading Team 2000-2006 (France)

“Henri Caffarel, a Founder”

Jean Allemand, personal assistant to Father Henri Caffarel (France)

“The Development and Internationalisation of the Teams of Our Lady Movement”

Constanza & Alberto Alvarado, team members (Colombia)

BREAK

4pm ●

ROUND TABLE

Introduction with 3 testimonials (clips) from Belgium, Spain and Great Britain

- Round Table President: Clarita & Edgardo Bernal Fandiño
- Speaker: Mgr François Fleischmann
- Great Witnesses: Silvia & Francisco de Assis Pontes, team members (Brazil)

Conclusion by the President of the Session

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FRIDAY, December 8TH, 2017

5pm ●

End of the First Day at the Collège des Bernardins

CELEBRATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTER OF THE TEAMS OF OUR LADY AT ÉGLISE SAINT-AUGUSTIN

7:15pm ●

Opening

- Meditation
- Speech by Maria Berta & José Moura Soares, responsible couple for the International Leading Team (Portugal)

7:45pm ●

Eucharistic Celebration

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Holy Virgin
Mass presided over by Mgr Éric de Moulins-Beaufort, auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Paris

9pm ●

An Evening of International Friendship

10:30pm ●

Close

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8am ●

RECEPTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

9am ●

“HENRI CAFFAREL, A MASTER OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLOR”

Session President:

Mgr Jérôme Beau, auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Paris,
president of the Collège des Bernardins (France)

“Henri Caffarel, a Master of Prayer”

Jacques Gauthier, emeritus professor at the Saint Paul University,
Ottawa, poet and essayist (Canada)

“The Couple, the Team and the Priest”

Amaya & José Antonio Marcén-Echandi, team members (Spain)
and Father Gabriel Larraya Aguinaga, ofm.cap., spiritual counsellor
(Spain)

“Henri Caffarel and the Spiritual Accompaniment of Widowhood”

Monique Cheuleu, widow in the Fraternité Notre-Dame de la
Résurrection, coordinator for Africa (Cameroon)

BREAK

SATURDAY, December 9TH, 2017

11:00am ●

ROUND TABLE

Introduction with 4 testimonials (clips) from France, Lebanon, Portugal, Poland

- Round Table President: *Mgr Jérôme Beau*
- Speaker: *Jacques Gauthier*
- Great Witnesses: *Elaine & John Cogavin*, team members (Ireland) and *Father Patsy Kelly*, spiritual counsellor (Ireland)

Conclusion by the President of the Session

12:00am ●

LUNCH

PROGRAMME

1:30pm ●

“HENRI CAFFAREL, A PROPHET FOR COUPLES AND MARRIAGE”

Session President:

Father Jacques de Longeaux, président of the Faculté Notre-Dame - Collège des Bernardins (France)

“The Spirituality of Marriage in the Magazine *l’Anneau d’Or* founded by Father Caffarel”

Sister Fernanda Barbiero, from the community of the Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy of Venice (Italy)

“Following on from Father Henri Caffarel, the Teams of Our Lady in the service of Marriage”

Father Louis de Raynal, spiritual counsellor (France)

“Christ at the Centre of Couples”

Delphine & Antoine Quantin, team members (France)

PAUSE

3:30pm ●

ROUND TABLE

Introduction with 3 testimonials (clips) from Brazil, Italy, and Togo

- Round Table President: *Father Jacques de Longeaux*
- Speaker: *Father Louis de Raynal et Sister Fernanda Barbiero*
- Great Witnesses: *Teresa & Duarte Da Cunha, team members (Portugal)*

Conclusion by the President of the Session

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SATURDAY, December 9TH, 2017

4:30pm ●

CLOSURE OF THE COLLOQUIUM

“The Relevance of the Teams of Our Lady’s Proposition”

María Berta & José Moura Soares, responsible couple for the International Leading Team (Portugal)

“Conclusions of the Colloquium”

Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, o.p., editor of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel (France)

“Report on the Progress of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel”

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Speech

by Cardinal André Vingt-Trois, archbishop of Paris (France)

Thanks and Acknowledgements

by María Berta & José Moura Soares

6pm ●

END OF THE COLLOQUIUM

“A true Christian couple is a great work of God; the radiance of the sacrament of marriage is the reflection of the immense tenderness that unites Christ to the Church.”

Father Henri Caffarel

SPEAKERS

OPENING OF THE COLLOQUIUM

“The Structure of the Colloquium”



Maria Berta & José Moura Soares (Portugal)

They are members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1966. They got married in 1962 and have three children. Within the Teams of Our Lady, they have been the Responsible Couple for the Portugal Super-Region, 1999-2004, and were members of the International Leading Team from 2006-2012. Maria Berta and José are the Responsible Couple for the International Leading Team of the Teams of Our Lady since 2012.



Monsignor François Fleischmann (France)

He was ordained a priest for the Paris diocese in 1962. After years of teaching and ministry in a parish, he was in the service of the Secretariat of State of the Holy See in Rome, 1983-1998. In Paris, he was parish priest at St François-Xavier's, then chancellor and episcopal vicar for marriage. He was Spiritual Counsellor to the International Leading Team of the Teams of Our Lady, 2000-2006. He is Counsellor to the Association des Amis du Père Caffarel. Retired since 2013, Mgr François Fleischmann is Spiritual Counsellor to two Teams of Our Lady in Paris.



Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, o.p. (France)

A member of the Dominican order, he was ordained a priest in 1977. He exercised his ministry as a preacher to a variety of audiences and has published numerous books on spirituality. He is Spiritual Counsellor with a Team of Our Lady. He was Spiritual Counsellor to the Responsible Team for France-Luxembourg-Switzerland within the Teams of Our Lady Movement, 2004-2009 and International Spiritual Counsellor to the Fraternité Notre-Dame de la Résurrection, 2009-2017. He is currently Spiritual Counsellor to the Intercessors Movement. Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits was Diocesan Postulator of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel and is now its Editor (for the Positio).



Matthieu Toussaint de Quiévre-court (France)

With his wife Héléne, they are members of the Teams of Our Lady since 2000. They got married in 1998 and have five children. He is a journalist. Involved in the scout movement, and Group Leader in the Scouts d'Europe from 2013-2017.

SPEAKERS

“HENRI CAFFAREL, THE VOCATION OF A MAN OF GOD”



Session President:

Françoise & Rémi Gausse (France)

They are members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1989. They got married in 1968 and have two children. Within the Teams of Our Lady Movement, they have been the Responsible Couple for the France-Luxembourg-Switzerland Super-Region, 2008-2013. Françoise and Rémi have been members of the International Leading Teams since 2014 and are in charge of communication.



“A Man of Faith”

Père Paul-Dominique Marcovits, o.p. (France)

March 1923, “At the age of twenty, Jesus Christ, in an instant, became Someone for me.” It all started there. Father Henri Caffarel would never stop speaking about this God, who “had seized him”; about this love that illuminates couples. “My only desire is to enter more deeply into this intimacy (with Christ) and to bring others to the same point.” In his wake, he kindled “seekers of God.” Christ offers to all “His love, or rather a reciprocity of love.”



“The Spiritual Sources of his Vocation”

Father José Jacinto Ferreira De Farias (Portugal)

He is a priest in the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart and was ordained in 1978 in Fátima. He studied philosophy and theology in Lisbon and obtained a doctorate in Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome (1989). He has been teaching theology since 1982 and is currently Professor of Theology at the Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon. Father Jacinto is Spiritual Counsellor to the International Leading Team of the Teams of Our Lady since 2012.

After the experience of his vocation, Henri Caffarel decided to become a priest. He greatly desired the monastic life, which was not to be, but this desire led to great things in his life and in what he founded. As spiritual father, he had the Blessed Vladimir Ghika, who founded a community at Auberive. The young Henri Caffarel spent two years there with Monsignor Ghika and received a lot from him. Subsequently, Monsignor Jean Verdier, Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris, looked after his training to become a priest.



“Inspired by Joseph and Mary”

Véronique & Thierry Caspar-Fille-Lambie (France)

They are members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1985. They got married in 1982 and have five children. They were the Information Couple for the Teams of Our Lady in Evreux, France. They have been involved in marriage preparation, Alpha and, for Véronique, religious education in the various schools in which she taught.

Father Henri Caffarel placed the couples' movement he founded under the patronage of Our Lady. At Lourdes, in 1954, the Teams of Our Lady were consecrated to the Virgin Mary, stating “the Movement is given to Mary and through her to God.” We will talk about what Father Henri Caffarel called “true devotion to the Virgin Mary.” The couple formed by Joseph and Mary particularly inspired Father Henri Caffarel, who wrote *Prends chez toi Marie ton épouse*, (*Take Mary home as your wife*), an interesting meditation on the meaning of Christian marriage.



Bernadette & Sylvestre Minlekibe (Togo)

They are members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1996, the year they got married and they have three children. Within the Teams of Our Lady Movement, they were the Responsible Couple for the French-speaking Africa Super-Region, 2010-2015. Together, they are involved in family pastoral work within their diocese and the Church of Togo. Bernadette is a member of the Guides' movement. Sylvestre is a board member of a Catholic children's hospital and a member of the management board of a Catholic press organisation.

SPEAKERS

“HENRI CAFFAREL, A FOUNDER IN THE CHURCH”



Session President:

Clarita & Edgardo Bernal Fandiño (Colombia)

They are members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1997. They got married in 1986 and have two children. Within the Teams of Our Lady Movement, they were the Responsible Couple for the Hispano-America Super-Region, 2008-2012. They have been members of the International Leading Team since 2012 and are in charge of the Satellite Teams. In their parish, Clarita and Edgardo are involved in marriage preparation and are members of the Diocesan board at the bishopric of Fontibon.



“Henri Caffarel, director of the magazine *l’Anneau d’Or*, at the heart of spiritual and cultural currents of his time”

Mgr François Fleischmann (France)

Through the magazine, *l’Anneau d’Or*, Father Henri Caffarel shared with couples the theological and pastoral research on marriage that was in the process of being revived. He engaged in dialogue with the readers as well as calling upon numerous collaborators to write for the magazine, including noteworthy figures of the Christian world, prestigious religious figures as well as qualified lay people, the Teams of Our Lady and beyond. But he was also attentive to contemporary (and non-contemporary) Christian literature, a remarkable witness to the culture of his time.



“Henri Caffarel, a founder”

Jean Allemand (France)

A member of the Teams of Our Lady since 1968. He was married to Annick (+) and they adopted three children. They were members of the Responsible Team of the Teams of Our Lady, 1973-1985. Jean was hired by Father Caffarel in 1968 as editor of *La lettre des Equipes Notre-Dame* and was employed by the Teams of Our Lady, 1968-1994. He is the author of *Henri Caffarel. Un homme saisi par Dieu - Équipes Notre-Dame*, 1997 and of *Prier 15 jours avec Henri Caffarel - Nouvelle Cité*, 2002.

Father Henri Caffarel’s founding activity stemmed from a conviction: the call to holiness. He launched various movements in order to guide the laity towards holiness: the Teams of Our Lady, the Spiritual Group of Widows, the Centre for Marriage Preparation, etc. He answered the calls and needs and did it as a teacher, who was concerned to be understood and motivational, according to his call, “Let us seek together.”

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“The Development and Internationalisation of the Teams of Our Lady Movement”

Constanza & Alberto Alvarado (Colombia)

They have been members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1964, the year of their marriage. They have three children. Within the Teams of Our Lady Movement, they were Responsible Couple for the Hispano-America Super-Region, 1995-1999 and were members of the International Leading Team, 2000-2005. Alberto is currently Professor of Sociology at the Grand Seminary in the archdiocese of Bogotá.

The creation of Teams of Our Lady in numerous countries occurred very quickly. As early as 1946 in Belgium, then in various European countries and later in Brazil in 1950, in South America and Canada. However, as Father Henri Caffarel pointed out several times, “Extensive growth can be a danger if it is not accompanied by in-depth formation.”



Silvia & Francisco de Assis Pontes (Brazil)

They have been members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1977. They got married in 1973 and have two children. Within the Teams of Our Lady movement, they were Responsible Couple for the Brazil Super-Region, 1999-2004, and were members of the International Leading Team, 2006-2012. They were in charge of family pastoral work in their diocese. Currently, Silvia and Francisco are Responsible for the National Coordination of the Movement of the Our Lady of Hope Communities (for widows, widowers and single people).

SPEAKERS

“HENRI CAFFAREL, A MASTER OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLOR”

Session President:

Mgr Jérôme Beau (France)



“Henri Caffarel, a Master of Prayer”

Jacques Gauthier (Canada)

Husband and father, he was Professor of Theology at the University of Saint-Paul, Ottawa for twenty years. Poet, essayist and speaker, he has published seventy-five works, some of which have been translated into various languages. He has received literary prizes for his collections of poems. An expert on Patrice de La Tour du Pin and Thérèse de Lisieux, Jacques has published over ten books on prayer, including *Henri Caffarel. Maître d'Oraison* - Cerf, 2017. He contributes to various magazines and gives retreats on prayer.

For Father Henri Caffarel, his encounter with Christ was a very profound calling to a life of prayer. In 1957, he founded a magazine, *Cahiers sur l'oraison*. In 1966, he opened a House of Prayer at Troussures. He increased propositions for knowledge and practice private prayer and this was the subject of many of his written works. Father Henri Caffarel said it himself: “I owe everything in my life to prayer.” He wanted to lead everyone to a daily encounter with Christ: private prayer is an essential necessity for everyone today.



“The Couple, the Team and the Priest”

Amaya & José Antonio Marcén Echandi (Spain)

They have been members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1990. They got married in 1986 and have three children. Within the Teams of Our Lady movement, they have worked in the areas of “Distribution, Information and Piloting”. They were the Responsible Couple for the Spain Super-Region, 2010-2013. Amaya and José Antonio have been members of the International Leading Team since 2013 and ensure the liaison with the Euro-africa Zone. In their parish, José Antonio belongs to the parish council and Amaya was a catechist.

Father Henri Caffarel attached great importance to the priest's presence in the Teams of Our Lady and with couples. Since a priest is a sign and the presence of Christ, he belongs to the Team in a special way. He is at the service of conjugal love, the Magisterium and unity. For the priest, the Team is a source of joy, emotional balance and pastoral experience. This is how Father Henri Caffarel developed the complementary nature of the sacraments of holy orders and marriage.

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Father Gabriel Larraya Aguinaga, ofm.cap. (Spain)

A member of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, he was ordained a priest in 1965. A graduate in English philology, he taught English between 1970 and 2002 in tandem with his priestly duties. Since 2002, he has had various responsibilities within his order. He is currently the parish priest in the parish of St Peter, Pamplona. Father Gabriel was Spiritual Counsellor to the Spain Super-Region, 2010-2013.



**“Henri Caffarel and the Spiritual Accompaniment of Widowhood”
Monique Cheuleu (Cameroon)**

Married in 1989, she is the mother of three children. She was widowed in 1996 at the age of twenty-nine and decided to remain faithful to her husband despite her young age. She found the necessary help to live out her widowhood and offer it to the Lord in the Fraternité Notre-Dame de la Résurrection. Monique is in charge of the Fraternité Notre-Dame de la Résurrection in Cameroon and Coordinator for French-Speaking Africa.

In a logical sequel to accompanying couples and the highlighting of marriage theology, as early as 1941 young war widows called upon Father Henri Caffarel. With them, he sought out the meaning of this new situation for women, who had been widowed prematurely. The spirituality of widowhood follows on from the sacrament of marriage and shows that “love is stronger than death.”



Elaine & John Cogavin (Ireland)

They have been members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1986. They got married in 1976 and have three children. Within the Teams of Our Lady movement, they were members of the International Leading Team, 2001-2007. John published his doctoral thesis, “*The Spirituality of Married Life*”, 2015, PubliBook Ireland. As a couple, they are involved in promoting married spirituality through seminars on the “*Amoris Laetitia*” exhortation, within the framework of the preparation for the World Meeting of Families to be held in Dublin in August 2018. In 2006, they also launched an education programme for children in Malawi in tandem with a couple of Team members from Zomba, Malawi.



Father Patsy Kelly (Ireland)

A priest in the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Irish Province, he exercised his ministry in Ireland and Africa. He is a Spiritual Counsellor to a Team of Our Lady in the Galway Sector (West of Ireland). He is Director of the Croi Nua Spirituality Centre, Galway, where he runs retreats. Father Patsy stayed at Troussures with Father Henri Caffarel during the early days of the House of Prayer there.

SPEAKERS

“HENRI CAFFAREL, A MASTER OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLOR”



Session President:

Father Jacques de Longeaux (France)

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Paris in 1990 and exercised various ministries in parishes until 2002. He taught at the Studium of the Paris Seminary and was the Superior at the Maison Sainte-Thérèse, Brussels and then at the Maison Saint-Augustin, Paris. Father Jacques de Longeaux is currently the President of the Faculty of Our Lady at the Collège des Bernardins. With a PhD in Theology, he teaches Moral Theology.



“Marriage Spirituality in *l’Anneau d’Or*, a magazine founded by Father Henri Caffarel”

Sister Fernanda Barbiero (Italy)

A Teaching Sister of Saint Dorothy of Venice, her doctorate thesis was on “*L’Anneau d’Or (1945-1967). Itinerario storico e dottrinale di una rivista di spiritualità coniugale.*” She taught at the Pontifical Institute *Regina Mundi* and at the Patristic Institute *Augustinianum* and is a Professor at the Pontifical University *Urbaniana*. Sister Fernanda worked in the Service of the family for the Italian Episcopal Conference and is currently in charge of monastic life for women within the Pontifical Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

Father Henri Caffarel saw the *Anneau d’Or* as a support for spouses in order to help them live out their vocation. Few studies have been dedicated to this magazine, but it deserves to be better known because of its originality and the place it holds in French Spirituality, which it undoubtedly enriched, by rooting marriage theology in couples’ everyday life and making it very practical and concrete.



“Building on Father Henri Caffarel’s momentum, the Teams of Our Lady in the service of marriage”

Father Louis de Raynal (France)

He was ordained a priest for the Dijon diocese in 1999 and is a member of the Society of Saint John Mary Vianney. Parish priest of Gevrey-Chambertin, he is also the accompanying priest for the Centre of Marriage Preparation in the Dijon diocese. He is Spiritual Counsellor to a Team of Our Lady. Father Louis de Raynal received his bachelor’s in Theology from the

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John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family Sciences in Rome and defended his dissertation on the sacrament of marriage and the writings of Father Caffarel. He published *La Bonne Nouvelle du mariage - Le Père Caffarel, prophète pour notre temps* - Salvator, 2010.

Father Henri Caffarel opened up an inexhaustible mine: the human realities of couples and families enlightened and transformed by the grace of marriage. This sacrament saves and evangelises! Although the Magisterium confirms Father Henri Caffarel's intuitions, a lot remains to be done in terms of pastoral practice. The Teams of Our Lady, who have been encouraged by successive Popes, invite us to believe in the specific vocation-mission of couples, "the soft and smiling face of the Church."



"Christ at the Centre of the Couple"

Delphine & Antoine Quantin (France)

They have been members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1999. They got married in 1997 and have five children. Within the Teams of Our Lady movement, they have been involved in various services: on the communication team, Sector responsible couple and they have run holiday sessions. From 2007-2009, Delphine & Antoine were involved in a reflection workshop organised by the Movement where they sought to look carefully into the founding charism and to see how to reconcile rigour and progression in the Teams of Our Lady's pedagogy.

Conjugal spirituality represents a contribution that is specific to the Teams of Our Lady. Father Henri Caffarel ceaselessly insisted on the spirituality of married Christians, on their vocation of holiness. The methods proposed by the Teams' Charter give a framework of how to achieve it, whether you think of married prayer and contemplative prayer, whether you recall Listening to the Word of God and the Rule of Life, or again the mission of couples within the Church, everything leads to recognising Christ's sanctifying presence in the life of a today's young couples.



Teresa & Duarte Da Cunha (Portugal)

They have been members of the Teams of Our Lady since 1970. They got married in 1966 and have three children. Within the Teams Movement, between 1979 and 1993, they were involved in the creation of numerous teams. They wrote "*The Piloting Manual*" for new Teams and looked after the updating of the "*Green Books*", a support document for piloting. From 1992 to 1994, Teresa and Duarte coordinated the organising team for the International Gathering of the Teams of Our Lady in Fatima in 1994. They were members of the International Leading Team from 1995-2001.

SPEAKERS

CLOSURE OF THE COLLOQUIUM



“The Relevance of the Teams of Our Lady’s Proposition”

Maria Berta & José Moura Soares, responsible couple for the International Leading Team (Portugal)



“Conclusions of the Colloquium”

Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, o.p., editor of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel (France)



“Report on the Progress of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel”

Father Angelo Paleri, ofm. conv., roman postulator of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel (Italy)

He is a monastic Franciscan and was ordained a priest in 1975. He studied Theology in Italy, London and Jerusalem. From 1978 to 2005, he was a missionary in Zambia, where he was involved in various pastoral missions and responsibilities in the Ndola diocese together with functions within his order. In 2005, Father Angelo Paleri was appointed General Postulator for his Order in Rome and successfully concluded several causes for canonisation. He is a Spiritual Counsellor in a Team of Our Lady in Rome and also the Roman Postulator of the cause for canonisation of Father Henri Caffarel since 2014.



Speech

by Cardinal André Vingt-Trois, archbishop of Paris (France)

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PRAYER

God, our Father,

You planted deep in the heart of your servant, Henri Caffarel, a fountain of love which bound him totally to your Son and inspired him with a wonderful capacity to speak of Him.

A prophet for our time,

he revealed the dignity and beauty of the vocation of every person in the words Jesus addresses to each of us: "Come follow me".

He made couples enthusiastic about the greatness of the sacrament of marriage,
the sign of Christ's fruitful love for the Church and of His union with her.
He showed that priests and couples
are called to live a vocation of love.
He was a guide to widows: love is stronger than death.
Prompted by the Holy Spirit,
he accompanied many Christians on the path of prayer.
Seized by a devouring fire, he was a dwelling place for you, Lord.

God, our Father,

through the intercession of Our Lady,
we ask you to hasten the day
when the Church will proclaim the holiness of his life,
so that people everywhere will discover the joy of following your Son
in accordance with their particular vocations in the Holy Spirit.

God our Father, we invoke the intercession of Father Caffarel for.....
(indicate the particular favour being sought)

Prayer approved by Monsignor Andre Vingt-Trois – Archbishop of Paris.
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