

Association of “Friends of Father Caffarel”

This document is addressed to Super-Regional and Regional Couples and to “Link Couples with the Friends of Father Caffarel” (see para 4.2 below)

1/ Why do we want to ask for the canonisation of Father Caffarel?

Mgr Lustiger, former Archbishop of Paris, said that Father Caffarel was a prophet! Everyone is agreed today that Father Caffarel was always able to read the signs of the times and to anticipate them. What he had to say has been found to be very relevant today.

His life has led to many conversions and was marked by his spiritual influence.

His intuitions, perseverance and humility in responding to the will of God led to the creation of several movements that meet the needs of our times today. It is therefore important to make known his influence and spirituality.

To make Father Caffarel known and recognised is also a way of making known the movements he created, such as “Equipes Notre-Dame”.

2/ Role of the Association of “Friends of Father Caffarel”

As happens for all canonisations (beatification of which is the first step), an association was created. It aims to support Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, o.p., postulator of the cause of Father Caffarel, and to provide the material means necessary to:

- Assemble the documents produced by Father Caffarel,
- Transmit these documents to experts,
- Identify the witnesses and present them to the diocesan inquiry commission
- etc...

Marie-Christine Genillon, Vice-Postulator, is responsible for assembling all the documents, books or other writings relating to Father Caffarel.

Bernadette Chovelon, team member, goes through the archives of END.

Mgr François Fleischmann, former Spiritual Counsellor of the International Leading Team, is also providing his collaboration on this work.

All publications relating to Father Caffarel are welcomed and will serve to complete the beatification file.

So Gérard et Marie-Christine de Roberty, former Leading Couple of the International Leading Team, have produced a booklet of 60 pages on the life and personality of Father Caffarel. Mgr Guy Thomazeau wrote its preface « A la rencontre du Père Caffarel, Editions du Livre Ouvert, Mesnil Saint Loup, 2007 »

3/ A “Satellite Team” to realize a presentation of Father Caffarel’s thought

Following the decisions taken at the meeting of the College in Durham in 2007, an international Satellite Team was created. It is composed of a couple from the Congo, a couple from Argentina and a French couple responsible for leading it.

Its role is to draft a 40-page representative document on the life and thoughts of Father Caffarel. This document will be available to all Regional and Super-Regional Couples at the meeting of the College in Fatima in July 2008.

4/ What must we do to further this initiative at Regional and Super Regional levels ?:

4.1/ Make Father Caffarel known:

At the Durham meeting of the College, it was evident that team members do not know Father Caffarel well. Before talking about his canonisation, we must make him known. We must therefore make known his life, his principal role in the creation of the movement, his intuitions and his thoughts, his care about widows, his apostolate of master of prayer.

To that end, we suggest the following actions:

→ Encourage the saying of Father Caffarel's prayer for the canonisation. This prayer needs to be widely disseminated and said. Prayer is at the heart of what matters.

→ Include in every "Newsletter" an article on Father Caffarel or extracts from his writings.

→ Visit regularly the Internet Website : **www.henri-caffarel.org**.

→ At every meeting of Responsible Couples of teams and of Sector Couples, we must make time to talk about the thoughts of Father Caffarel and the project of his canonisation.

→ We can back up any talks we give with quotes from writings of Father Caffarel.

→ At every Regional or Sector meetings, we should provide a library of books by Father Caffarel, including the DVD.

→ Make the DVD on Father Caffarel known within and also outside of the movement. Make it known to Catholic Television organisations so that it can be broadcast in full or in extracts.

→ Make Father Caffarel known in the Catholic medias (radio or press) by offering articles or interviews.

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→ Develop the Website in different languages with:

- Extracts of his writings,
- Extracts of recordings of his "words",
- Photos,
- Extracts of films,
- Comments of "readers"

4.2/ Appoint a “Link Couple with the Friends of Father Caffarel”

→ Defining the name of a “Link Couple with the Friends of Father Caffarel” in each SR or Region).

→ Promoting the cause of canonisation of Father Caffarel is associated to the responsibility of Teams of Our Lady. For this reason, it is desirable that a “Link Couple with the Friends of Father Caffarel” be appointed from within members of the Regional Support Team.

→ The role of a “Link Couple with the Friends of Father Caffarel” is as follows:

- Spark off memberships,
- Manage the list of members,
- Distribute widely the Letter of Friends of Father Caffarel,
- Assure the translation, if necessary,
- Provide information within the SR or Region,
- Provide a link with the Association of Friends of Father Caffarel,
- Collect contributions and pay into a local account,
 - Organise transfers of funds in conjunction with the Super-Regions,
- Provide a link locally with members of the Friends of Father Caffarel,
- Answer questions arising locally,
- Inform Spiritual Counsellors.
- To draw up a plan of action based on the above given suggestions,

→ At the instigation of the “Link Couple”, each SR or Region will draw up a programme of communication to promote the cause of beatification for the subsequent 3 to 6 months:

→ Each Region could suggest a study topic based on some writings of Father Caffarel. It would be interesting to choose such a document as a study topic for a whole year. The France-Luxembourg-Switzerland SR have such a study topic.

→ The Regions and Super-Regions could produce translations of books and writings of Father Caffarel. For this, they would need to obtain the necessary clearance from the Postulator:

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Les Amis du Père Caffarel
59, rue de la Glacière
75013 PARIS - France**

4.3/ Organise the raising of contributions :

→ To those responsible for the organisation of contributions, a special document will be sent giving details of the method to be used, on application from:

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75013 PARIS
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In CONCLUSION :

Please send us the name of the “Link Couple” (see Para 4.2 above) you have appointed for your Region or Super-Region at the following address:

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