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Les Amis du Père Caffarel



Dear Friends,

Allow me to write to you during these couple of days preceding the Olympic Games. You will read me when everything is over. What does it matter! It is always good to talk about this flame that is transmitted from Games to Games, from country to country, and which symbolises life and peace.

"Passing the torch." This beautiful image speaks for itself. Before the Olympic flame arrives at the Games' venue, it is always passed from hand to hand and eventually reaches its destination.

How can we not think of the Correspondents of the Friends of Father Caffarel who "pass the torch" to others, who entrust them with their responsibility. They pass the flame.

Passing the flame indicates that it is something alive, something precious. We are passing on a charge that we have received, that of promoting knowledge of Father Caffarel, our founder; we are passing on our ardour to make known a priest who spoke of marriage and private interior prayer in an extraordinary way: Father Caffarel places us before God, where freedom and love are.

The role of the correspondent is beautiful. It is also one of a watchman, who seeks everything that is being done in their region, in Teams, at the big gatherings, etc. They encourage prayer so that Father Caffarel asks the Lord to perform a miracle. As the "Correspondent", they relay all this information concerning Father Caffarel's holiness to the office of the Friends of Father Caffarel. The correspondent thus watches over this life which unfolds in time and in all the places where Teams are.

One of the Correspondents' objectives is also to convey to the association everything that can contribute to the recognition by the Church of Father Caffarel's holiness, all forms and all stories of graces, even if they are not miracles strictly speaking (psychological healings, reconciliation of couples, couples expecting a child, etc.). And our goal is that Father Caffarel, once his holiness is recognised, can continue to do good to couples, to all seekers of God, through his writings, through the strength of his presence in our lives. Father Caffarel has not finished spreading his glow!

This is why passing the torch to others is important. We gradually are becoming more numerous in being concerned with this service of the Church. Our zeal is essential. Because we seek to communicate the life that the Lord gives and the life that his Servant, Father Caffarel, received and transmitted to us. In our turn, we want to pass on this flame!

We have received a beautiful service in and for the Church.

Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, o.p. Roman Vice-Postulator of the Cause of Father Caffarel



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Dear Friends and Correspondents of our Association,

We were delighted to meet so many of you at the Turin Gathering, to benefit from your help at the Friends of Father Caffarel's stand and to finally put faces to names. We know that if you are a correspondent of a Super-Region that consists of a number of countries, such as French-speaking Africa, Hispano-North America, Hispano-South America for example, and other Super-Regions, you are passing this letter on to the correspondents of the countries that make it up. Do tell them that we were very happy to meet some of them during their visit to the Friends' stand in Turin.



We would like to reiterate and remind all of you, old and new correspondents, how essential your role is in helping to develop, in all the Teams' Super-Regions worldwide, **communication actions and events** aimed at making the cause of canonisation of our founder, Father Henri Caffarel, and his message on conjugal spirituality and private prayer, even more widely known, through all his writings (magazines, books, conferences, articles, etc.), but also through his audio conferences or even the power-point presentations produced at different moments and which can be consulted on our website: https://henri-caffarel.org

As we said in Turin, we want to enrich this website even more, and so wish to publish exhaustive lists of all of our founder's the texts, that have been translated into the 5 languages used in our Movement. To achieve this and in order not

to forget any of them, we are counting on you in the coming months to send us the exhaustive lists of these texts translated into your Super-Region's language. In this way, a complete "databank" in the 5 languages of all Father Caffarel's writings can be published, in order that everyone who so wishes to can draw from it and can transmit it content, for communication and teaching purposes, within our Teams of Our Lady movement.

Beyond this very important mission of contributing to promoting Father Caffarel's thinking, it is essential that you let us know of all the events and achievements taking place that diffuse the work of our founder in your Super-Region during gatherings, Sector days etc. of varying importance. Here again, it is through you that we can be kept informed of what has been done or will be done at your Super-Regional level, so that such examples can be used and be inspirational, possibly, in other countries.

Finally, and subject to the confidentiality attached to these dossiers, it would be very useful to tell us of **the existence of requests for the recognition of graces or healings** which Team members in your Super-Region have told you about, in order to undertake the necessary steps relating to them.

Please believe that we realise how effective and real your help and contribution already has been and we thank you warmly.

Yours sincerely and with all our gratitude.

François Genillon Secretary to the Friends of Father Caffarel