

LES AMIS DU PÈRE CAFFAREL

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Letter to correspondents January 2016

Dear Friends,

You remember that the diocesan inquiry was brought to Rome on November 10th, 2014. This inquiry was then examined by the Roman Congregation for the Causes of Saints in order to check that everything was in compliance with Church's norms. Of course, this takes time, because—fortunately—there are other causes to be checked, as there is no lack of saints in the Church!

Last November 9th, during the Congregation's General Assembly, the prefect of the Congregation, Cardinal Angelo Amato, signed the decree of validity of the Parisian inquiry. This is important, for it means that the work was correctly done in Paris and that there is no need to do more research. This decree closes the Parisian work and opens the second part of the work, under the direction of the Congregation in Rome. The *Positio*, showing Father Caffarel's virtues, the holiness of his life must now be written up based on the Parisian inquiry.

Allow me now to draw your attention to two points and to insist upon their importance:

1. We must **ask Father Caffarel to intercede for us**; we must implore him with conviction, insistence and obstinacy... God likes us to beg him with faith. *Then send us your testimonials* of the graces, healings, miracles that the Lord accomplishes through his servant Henri Caffarel. All kinds of testimonials are necessary, for it is in a climate of faith, of trusting requests, that the Lord will accomplish the miracle that will demonstrate the holiness of his servant... and that will show the importance of his life's work: the highlighting of the beauty of the marriage sacrament.
2. We also ask **to appeal for subscriptions to the Association, The Friends of Father Caffarel**. The importance of this is threefold: the *number of subscribers* demonstrates that there are many who believe in Father Caffarel's holiness and also, above all, who believe in the holiness of marriage... The subscription is also a necessary financial aid for the work to be done. Finally, your subscription means that you can receive news of the cause and glimpses of the life and thinking of Father Caffarel.

Dear Friends, in this Jubilee of Mercy, let us give thanks to God for Father Caffarel, who helped so many of us to remain faithful to the sacrament received, whether it be marriage or orders.

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