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MY TESTIMONIAL

IN RELATION TO THE LIFE AND WORK OF FATHER HENRI CAFFAREL

Given my knowledge and experience over the 28 years I accompanied Teams of Our Lady and especially given my participation in four International Gatherings (Fátima-1994, Santiago 2000, Brasilia 2012, Fátima 2018), I am able to share my testimonial concerning the holiness of Father Henri Caffarel's life and fruitful pastoral ministry.

Father Caffarel was a man of God who lived out his priesthood with passion, who treasured like no one else the richness of interior prayer and we can even assert that he made his life a prayer.

He was ahead of his time inasmuch as he treasured and supported the charisma of the laity and without any kind of paternalism, he was able to combine the sacraments of Matrimony and Orders.

For him, Jesus is the main purpose of Teams of Our Lady. And his emphasis on matrimonial pastoral sought to enable couples to live out the fundamentals of Christianity, faithful to the demands of their baptism as well as experiencing the sacramental quality of their marriage.

My participation in the International Gatherings enabled me to experience a Movement that is able to bring together thousands of couples from all over the world. There, overcoming the cultural and linguistic barriers, we were united in the single, only language of the Movement's charisma and of a love for Jesus Christ, the most Holy Virgin Mary and the Church of Jesus. The good that emanates from thousands and thousands of couples is obvious, and that, for me, is the true seal of the authentic and fruitful spirituality of a Servant of God.

I hope that I have been able to contribute my grain of sand to his cause for beatification.