

Newsletter

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Les Amis du Père Caffarel



Dear Friends,

“Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.” (Mt 5:15).

The lights that the Lord lights in such a manner are, amongst others, those people who shine with his love, mercy and peace. Father Henri Caffarel is one of those lights, a witness to God’s love for everyone, an apostle of marriage and of interior prayer.



This light has been entrusted to us today. If we follow the Lord’s image, we could say that now it is up to us to put this light of the Lord’s, this servant of God who is Father Henri Caffarel “on a lampstand” to make him know everywhere, all over the world. Therein lies our mission.

Father Caffarel’s message is for everyone, no matter where they are in their life, what their age is, or their nationality. Today, it seems more and more urgent to make Father Caffarel known to young couples. It is moving to see that the first couples who started to think

about the marriage sacrament with Father Caffarel were inspired by the beauty of this love that God gives couples. The strength of this sacrament, this presence of God at the heart of a man’s and a woman’s life, goes beyond anything they could imagine. If only we could all discover with wonder the truth and splendour of the mission that God gives us!

We have therefore a duty to know more about what Father Caffarel teaches/taught about marriage and about interior prayer in order to make it know more widely and this way young couples would receive healthier and more solid food. Priests too are not always so conscious of the fecundity of their ministry.

The question therefore is, what are we doing for young couples? In some countries, the question might lead to feelings of guilt... Secularisation is so strong! How do we go about reaching those who are already so busy and taken up with their work, their children? There is no ready-made answer. But there is a departure point: a powerful desire to give the youth good food that comes from God, this love that comes from God, that his servant Henri Caffarel preached about so often. When this desire is present, then gradually paths open up.

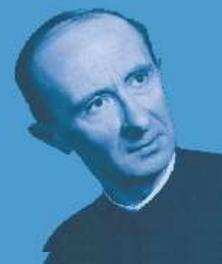
Your feedback as correspondents of the Friends of Father Caffarel, the returns on your activities show that there is a lot of work to be done and that it is invigorating to do it. We can encourage each other so that the light that God placed in Father Caffarel’s heart be more and more admired by all, particularly by the young couples who seek to “make a success” of their marriage.

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Dear Friends,

At the beginning of this new year, it is worthwhile remembering the importance for the cause for canonisation of Father Caffarel of all the testimonials of the graces received that you have been told about, either directly or indirectly, within your Super-Region.

Therefore, we are really counting on you to pass on to us all the information collected, or documents received on this subject!

Furthermore, and within the framework of your role of communication and dissemination of the thinking and works of Father Caffarel, it would be very useful to send us every so often a synthesis of all the initiatives or actions undertaken to that end, so that they could be used as examples or even references that other correspondents could possibly copy and/or use. We could also post them on the Friends of Father Caffarel's website and/or publish them in the Bulletin of the Friends of Father Caffarel.



Echoing Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits' letter attached, perhaps you have already received testimonials from young couples. If so, these would be precious testimonials that could be used in the cause for canonisation, if you would be so kind as to send them on to us.

We know that we can count on you and we are sure that you are making every effort with all the means available to carry out your mission as correspondents.

Thank you so much for your very valuable help and contribution to our association and its aims.

François Genillon
Secretary