

The Closing of the Enquiry into Cause for Father Caffarel's Beatification

"Each human being is unique, and the holiness to which he/she is called is also unique".

Father Henri Caffarel

The past teaches and inspires us. It gives us strength. We should give glory to the Lord for His light which shines upon us. To prepare for the future there is nothing better than remembering the past, our traditions. Of course History is never repeated but as has been said, History teaches, inspires and gives us strength to go forward.

We would like to share a great joy with you. The closing session of the Enquiry regarding the virtues and holiness of Father Henri Caffarel will take place on the 18th October next. Thus the first stage of the canonization process will be achieved. The official ceremony will take place at the Church of St. Augustin in Paris. The whole ceremony will be held in a spirit of simplicity and humility; virtues in harmony with our founding Father.

To begin, the closing of the diocesan Enquiry according to Church law will be held at 3 pm in the church crypt and Monseigneur Moulins de Beaufort, auxiliary bishop of Paris will preside in the presence of Monseigneur Maurice Fréchal, Bishop Emeritus of Auch, Father Paul Dominique Marcovits, Postulator, Maria Christine Genillon, Vice-postulator, members of the International Leading Team, and members of the Association of Friends of Father Caffarel.

Then, at 4.30 pm, all team members are invited to participate in the Eucharistic celebration of Thanksgiving in the church of St Augustin. This will be organized by the Super Region of France, Luxembourg and Switzerland. Obviously this Cause is getting more and more important in our Movement and we hope that together we may give it the solemnity that the moment deserves.

With the closing of the work in Paris, a new phase will start in Rome. The files will be taken to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. As usual, the Postulator of this second stage will have to live in Rome to monitor the progress of the Cause. Father Angelo Paleri, of the Franciscan Order, and himself a member of Teams of Our Lady has been appointed to this role. In collaboration with the Congregation, a "Positio"¹ will be written analyzing the virtues and reputation for holiness of Father Caffarel based on the Enquiry which has just finished in Paris.

United with Father Caffarel, may we continue working on the mission the Lord has entrusted to us; to show to the world the holiness of marriage and the irreplaceable importance of prayer.

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¹ The Positio is a document or collection of documents used in the process by which a person is declared Venerable, the second of four steps to sainthood