

LES AMIS DU PÈRE CAFFAREL

Association loi 1901 pour la promotion de la cause de Canonisation du Père Henri Caffarel

CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING Saturday, December 9th, 2017

Those present:

All board members, International Leading Team, Correspondents, Super-Regional and Regional Responsible Couples, Spiritual Counsellors according to those registered at the Colloquium, Bernard & Elisabeth Gérard & Patricia Chapellier.

François Genillon, the Association's secretary, ran the meeting.

Firstly, he presented the Correspondent's role:

- They receive news and information from the Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel. They are in charge of making Father Caffarel known, giving information about the state of the Cause for Canonisation, and presenting the Association. All occasions are useful opportunities to do so.
They receive information from the Association's board via the Association's website, letters sent to the Correspondents three times a year, and the Bulletin of the Friends of Father Caffarel. They are informed of everything that the Association plans to put in place. They can be called upon to undertake certain actions within their Super-Regions or Regions.
 - They send the Association's board news of action undertaken in their Super-Region or Region that promote Father Caffarel's cause, that make him known, that raise awareness of his thinking and work. This news can be posted on the site.
- ⇒ **The correspondent is the equivalent of the 'liaison couple'** between the Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel's board and the Super-Region or Region.

The correspondents got up and introduced themselves as correspondents for each Super-Region or Region: Colombia, Brazil, Portugal, Belgium, India, USA, Italy, Transatlantic, Peru, French-speaking Africa, Mexico, Spain, Poland, Lebanon, Mauritius.

At the request of To & Zé Moura Soares, two correspondents (Lebanon and Brazil) presented their initiatives.

Slideshow from Lebanon by Mona & Barakat RAHME

Teams in Lebanon since 1963, 5 sectors.

2 couples in charge of promotion:

Labibeh & Antoine Boustany, in charge of information on Father Caffarel (33 years in Teams)

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Mona & Barakat Rahme, Correspondent Couple for Lebanon, married for 19 years and 17 years in Teams.

They became involved enthusiastically following a testimonial that the Boustany gave to their team.

Here are the initiatives they have launched since they became Correspondents:

- Praying for Father Caffarel's canonisation every Wednesday.
- One Team meeting during the year dedicated to talking about Father Caffarel.
- Send a quote from Father Caffarel to all Team members by text message twice a month.
- Distribute the DVD on Father Caffarel to all Team members so that they can get to know Father Caffarel as a person.
- Financially support the cause for canonisation.
- Recently, their talk during the national day was on excerpts from the DVD and some of Father Caffarel's thoughts that were in line with the topic of the year, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

They highlighted Father Simon El-Zind's thesis on Father Caffarel: "*Mystery, Mystical and Mission of Christian Marriage in the Writings of Father Henri Caffarel*"

Slideshow from Brazil by Vicélia & Luiz-Carlos MAGALHAES

In July 2015, they became the association's Correspondents in Brazil.

Father Marcovits asked Team members:

To Pray, Get together and Make Father Henri Caffarel known

- ✓ In 2016, praying and getting together were the two points on which they concentrated
- An hour-long presentation to talk about the cause for canonisation:
- during the 8 Provincial Encounters at the end of 2015
 - then during the 54 Annual Gatherings of the Responsible Couples of Teams in 2016.
- ✓ A 10-minute video to present and reinforce knowledge of the cause for canonisation in 2017
 - ✓ At all the Brazilian events, distribution of the prayer for canonisation and a flyer. A couple is always there to present the cause.
 - ✓ Establishing 2 national days of prayer:
 - Avril 19th (date of his ordination)
 - September 18th (date of his death)
 - ✓ Recite the prayer for canonisation at the end of every meeting, gathering and mass of the Movement.
 - ✓ Encourage everyone to communicate about the graces received and bring them to the attention of the postulator of the cause.
 - ✓ Adapt and publish the association's flyer, which is distributed by the Super-Region.
 - ✓ Print the Bulletin of the association and distribute it to all members of the association, to the Spiritual Counsellors and to all the Brazilian bishops.
 - ✓ Publish Father Caffarel's books in Brazil (up until now, 16 books have been published).
 - ✓ Work together with the couples in the College and Super-Region.

- ✓ Work together with the Responsible Couple for Communication (creation of a Facebook page, a page on the Brazil Teams website, disclosure of formal rules for the quoting of Father Caffarel's texts).
- ✓ Work with the Responsible Couple of the Intercessors.
- ✓ Work with the Responsible Couple for the Letter (2 pages reserved for the Correspondents in April, June, September and November; additionally, a text by Father Caffarel or on him in each letter, prepared by senior Team members).

Project of a Colloquium just like the one we have experienced. There are 12 200 members in Brazil.

All the initiatives were made possible thanks to the Responsible Couple of the Super-Region and to the Super-Region College, as well as to the whole responsibility chain (province, region and sector).

Vicélia and Luiz Carlos were already used to praying to Father Caffarel and they have already received numerous graces through his intercession.

François Genillon insisted on the tight link that ought to exist between the association's Correspondent and the Responsible Couple for the Super-Region or Region.

François warmly thanked the two couples for these testimonials.

Presentation by Loïc and Armelle Toussaint, the couple in charge of communication

Presentation of the Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel's new website in the Movement's 5 languages.

Loïc Toussaint requested that Correspondents send in texts and/or testimonials so that they can be published the Bulletin, as well as accounts and photos of events that can be posted in the News section on the site.

For the translation or re-edition of Father Caffarel's books, contact Danielle Waguët, Congregation of St Jean, Troussures: danielle.waguët@yahoo.fr

Presentation by Philippe Deney, Treasurer

The Correspondents asked that although the Bulletin be sent as a pdf file that the last page dedicated to membership renewals be sent as a Word document or as a separate document.

Philippe Deney clarified that membership can be paid online via Paypal by clicking on the Join Online banner.

To and Zé Moura Soares closed the Correspondents' meeting and warmly thanked the new and former Correspondents.

They requested that everyone be creative.

They announced that an hour would be dedicated to the cause for canonisation during the Fatima Gathering.

The meeting ended at 8pm.