

LES AMIS DU PÈRE CAFFAREL

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Letter to Correspondents March 2015

Miracles and Graces

Dear Friends,

An important stage has been reached on the road leading to the beatification of Father Henri Caffarel: the diocesan enquiry that was closed on last October 18th was handed over to the Congregation of the Cause of Saints in Rome on November 10th. We now await the decree of validity, which will say if the enquiry was conducted according to the Church's rules. The next stage will be the writing of the 'positio': using the enquiry as a basis, it entails highlighting the life, virtues and holiness of Father Henri Caffarel. This part usually takes a long time because of the precision needed to describe the future saint's life.

For today, **here are two requests:**

1. We all must ask the Lord to produce a miracle through the intercession of his servant, Father Caffarel.

- A miracle is a physical healing that is instantaneous and definitive. A miracle is the 'confirmation from heaven.' It confirms that which the Church wishes to proclaim: the holiness of God's servant, who can then possibly be received as an example by the faithful.
- If, through praying through Father Caffarel, God intervenes in an extraordinary fashion in someone's life that would confirm Father Caffarel's holiness.

We also need to ask the Lord for graces through the intercession of Father Caffarel.

- Many people indeed ask a saint to help them in the multitude of events in their daily lives. Father Caffarel is often asked to intercede with the Lord for problems that couples may have, for reconciliation between people, but also for other, more material or physical, things...
- Asking him to intervene with God shows that Father Caffarel is present in our daily lives and that we believe that his action, which was so fruitful on earth is also (even more so) fruitful now that we believe he is in heaven, in God's presence.

We would be very grateful if you would **let us know about the graces you receive**, for they are signs of Father Caffarel's presence in our midst. **It is in the midst of these graces that God will give a miracle to his people.**

May the Lord bless you all!

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