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“RETURNING TO THE SOURCE”

PRESENTATION: STATUS OF THE CAUSE OF FATHER CAFFAREL

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As you all know, on Tuesday, March 23rd of this year, the Pope signed the Decree presented to him by the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, Father Marcelo Semeraro, recognizing the heroic virtues of our founder, Father Henri Caffarel. From this moment on, the Servant of God Henri Caffarel can now be considered Venerable, which marks a significant step forward in the cause for beatification.

The cause was opened on April 25, 2006, and 20 years have passed since then. This gives us an idea of the timeframes involved in these processes. The first step, the diocesan inquiry, concluded on October 18, 2014, and the Roman phase began shortly thereafter, with a decree of admissibility issued the following year on October 9, 2015. Subsequently, the Positio was drafted, presenting the life, work, and virtues of Father Caffarel, and it was submitted on June 22, 2022. This is the document that has been examined by a group of cardinals, who have granted approval for this recognition of heroic virtues, certifying that Father Caffarel lived these Christian virtues in an exceptional, exemplary, and constant manner. This constitutes the official recognition that he was a faithful witness to the Gospel.

This recognition was immediately picked up by both the religious and secular press, with numerous articles highlighting many of the most important aspects of his life and legacy. We are very pleased that it has been recognized in many media outlets, both religious and secular, thus giving him a visibility he had not previously enjoyed.

We present some of these articles here, and we believe that as responsible couples we should read them to gain a clear understanding of what has been said, as this helps us better present the charism of our movement and the fundamental nature of Father Caffarel's contribution. They all agree on two basic points: his contribution to the appreciation of the sacrament of marriage and conjugal spirituality, and his fervent desire to teach people how to pray. Some are more in-depth, others are more accessible, but all help us to know him better. As an example, here are some links:

https://www.nrt.be/fr/articles/l-apport-du-pere-henri-caffarel-a-la-theologie-du-mariage-4043?utm_source=brevo&utm_campaign=Nouvelles%20thologiques%20du%20mois%20de%20mars&utm_medium=email

<https://www.agensir.it/chiesa/2026/03/24/p-caffarel-venerabile-lattualita-di-un-profeta-del-matrimonio/>

<https://aleteia.org/2026/03/27/teams-of-our-lady-founder-is-now-known-as-venerable/>

<https://fr.aleteia.org/2026/03/23/pere-caffarel-declare-venerable-un-cadeau-pour-les-couples-du-monde-entier/>

<https://fr.aleteia.org/2026/03/23/le-pere-henri-caffarel-fondateur-des-equipes-notre-dame-eleve-au-rang-de-venerable/>

https://www.eldebate.com/religion/iglesia/20260326/henri-caffarel-sacerdote-vio-nosotros-esposos-lugar-encontrar-dios_399220.html

<https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/123713/p-henri-caffarel-ensena-a-los-matrimonios-el-camino-hacia-la-santidad>

https://www.religionenlibertad.com/espiritualidad/260406/querer-rezar-consejos-sacerdote-henri-caffarel-miles-matrimonios_117263.html

Immediately, and on behalf of all team members, we sent letters of thanks to the many people who contributed by giving testimony in the Positio, as well as to the prefect of the dicastery, the Roman postulator of the cause, Father Kijas, and the Pope himself. We believe that having a founder declared Venerable is very important for the recognition that Teams also receive within the Church and for all the work we are doing on the Statutes.

At the same time, and as we reiterated in the Newsletter, this recognition should only increase our prayer, our requests for his intercession, and our sharing of the graces received through his intercession—and, eventually, the miracles. We also want to take this opportunity to inform you that there are a number of cases under review regarding possible miracles attributed to the intercession of Father Caffarel. Some have already been analyzed and ruled out as miraculous healings, since to be considered miracles, they must meet very strict requirements. We would like to thank all those who are collaborating in organizing, clarifying, and studying these cases. We have received reports of possible miracles from the United States, Brazil, Colombia, and Spain, but we are certain that there may be other cases to add to these. We reiterate the need to report both graces and miracles to the Association of Friends of Father Caffarel.

A new website has been launched; it is much more modern and more easily highlights all the key aspects of the Association, providing accessible and reliable information.

We are showing it to you because it is important that, you are familiar with it.

All of us, members of the International College, must be well-versed in the process and must stay informed so that we can explain it when asked in our respective countries. For this reason, we reiterate the need for you to stay up to date on all the latest developments and the most significant aspects.