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Giovanni Cecchini Manara, Treasurer of the association

Thank you Edgardo.

Good afternoon dear friends, as you know my name is Giovanni Cecchini Manara and I play the role of treasurer in the Association of Friends of Father Caffarel and I also have the position of Administrator of the Cause before the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican.

You might wonder why the Friends of Father Caffarel Association needs to manage funds as we deal with the project of the beatification and if possible, the sanctification of our founder.

Consider that the path that could lead to the declaration of beatification and then of sainthood necessarily goes through the certification of a miracle, as Father Marcovits will explain to you in more detail later. The path traversed so far has required a historical and very analytical study of our founder's life, which was then reported and described in very voluminous documents that have already been handed over for analysis by the theologians of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints and later also by the Cardinals in the Vatican. Scholars and eyewitnesses who knew Father Caffarel were involved, with very intensive work, meetings, travel, in-depth studies, consulting with specialists.

As you can imagine, all of this needs to be supported financially, and this is what our association has been pursuing in recent years.

The Vatican has given itself very strict procedures related to these kinds of projects, which involve having a formal association with certain people officially appointed by the Vatican Dicastery, having bank accounts with the Vatican Bank, and producing paper files to be printed at certain specialized printers according to very strict and preordained criteria.

Considering that the funds of the association come from the membership fees of the association members themselves and that the expenses that have to be met are sometimes very significant, it is definitely important to keep accounts and budgets in a strict, prudent and transparent manner. Every contribution received from the members is essential to enable the carrying out of all activities related to the project of the cause of beatification.

The spirit in which I have carried out my task as treasurer of the Friends of Father Caffarel Association, just as together with my wife Paola we have carried out the similar task in the Equipes Notre-Dame Association, has always been inspired by the utmost respect in the management of funds that do not belong to us, that have been entrusted to me by the other members, and for this reason must be managed with the utmost responsibility and transparency. This is precisely the duty of the treasurer, which is mine.



Along with this assignment, since as treasurer I am also the contact person in charge of the bank account at the Vatican, it was a natural and obligatory step for my person to be appointed Administrator of the cause of beatification.

I have always tried to do my work diligently, transparently and very prudently, and I hope I have brought my humble contribution to the cause.

I will now turn the floor over to the secretary of the association François Genillon.

