



REMARKS 07/18/2024

François Genillon, Secretary of the association

Thank you Giovanni!

As Secretary of the association, I began my work by writing the statutes of this association, which I remind you that it is the Actor of the cause of canonization of Father Henri Caffarel, that is to say the legal entity specially constituted to implement and promote by all the means provided for by canon law the realization of its unique object: the beatification then the canonization of Father Henri Caffarel in order to bring to the Church all the benefits of his teaching and his thoughts on Christian marriage, on the one hand, and on prayer on the other.

Once this group was formed in May 2005 and these statutes were filed with the Prefecture of Police in Paris, its first achievement consisted in obtaining the opening of the Diocesan investigation under the aegis of the Archbishop of Paris, then in the course of this proceeding, the delivery of the dossier for the Cause in Rome in 2014, and then that of the *Positio* in June 2022 and the beginning of the instruction to the Dicastery for the Cause of Saints.

Thus for almost 20 years, the office of the association, under the authority of its successive presidents, has gotten together 3 or 4 times a year to promote all the initiatives aimed at speeding up the advancement of the cause and at developing communication relating to the thoughts and the works of Fr. Caffarel, and to the diffusion of his thoughts and works in many languages in all the countries where the Teams of Our Lady has been established.

This effort was aided by the constant contact maintained between the association administration and its various correspondents in each Super-Region and Region linked to TOOL (Teams of Our Lady). The correspondent is, in a way, the "liaison couple" between the office of the association of the Friends of Fr. Caffarel and the Super-Region or Region. One task they have is to receive news from the association of the Friends of Fr. Caffarel and all that that association undertakes, by way of a newsletter. Moreover, the correspondent also sends to the association office the news of the actions taken in the Super-Region or Region to promote the cause of Fr. Caffarel, to make him known, him, his thoughts and his works. These reports are regularly put into the bulletin and on the website.

Of course, one of the tools also utilized to contribute to this result, other than the website of the association, created at the beginning of the community work, is the *Bulletin of the Friends of Fr. Caffarel*, a liaison newsletter addressed to all the participants in the world two times per year, in January and in July, in which the principal information about the news of the community life is shared, and in which amongst other things the writings of Fr. Caffarel are shared and summaries of activities are sent by correspondents. The conception and fulfilment of this Bulletin came from the responsible couple Loïc and Armelle Toussaint of Quiévrecourt, who could not be present at our meeting. However, they ensure the regular updating of the association's website.

Finally, let us add that through two newsletters distributed to the correspondents of the association at the same time as to the Responsible of the Super-Regions and Regions of the Teams, I am responsible, as well as Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits, for the spiritual aspect of following each meeting of the office, to transmit information concerning this or that particular point of current events discussed at its last meeting.



We should note that the association organized two symposiums in Paris: in December 2010 "Henri Caffarel. Teams of Our Lady in the House of Prayer. 1903-1996" and in December 2017, "Fr. Caffarel, Prophet for our times. Apostle of Mariage and master of Prayer ."

I now pass the baton to Marie-Christine Genillon, my wife.

