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I am Marie-Christine Genillon, spouse of François. I was the Vice-postulator in the cause of canonization of Father Caffarel during the diocesan phase in Paris and I continued to work alongside Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits to write the *Positio*. I continue to assist him, as well as Father Joséf Kijas, for the Roman phase.

But I am also, in a way, the “archivist” of the association of Friends of Father Caffarel. Our office is on the rue de la Glacière in Paris, where the administrations of the ERI and the SR France-Luxembourg-Suisse can be found. This is where Fr. Caffarel's books and brochures can be found, in French and in numerous other languages; the collections of journals that he founded to accompany the Charismatic Renewal: *Ring of Gold* for couples from 1945 to 1967, *Notebook on Prayer* from 1957 to 1989, *Offertory* for widows from 1947 to 1968, *The Upper Room* from 1973 to 1978. The digitalization of all his articles, editorials and conferences, and all the paper archives relating to Fr. Caffarel and the Teams of Our Lady, files of photos, audio and video archives of early pilgrimages, conferences and interviews with Fr. Caffarel can also be found there.

There are also archives of the cause of canonization, these are confidential: amongst which are the testimonies of numerous people who knew Fr. Caffarel and a photocopy of the complete 5,500 page dossier that was dropped off in Rome on November 10, 2014. Finally, we have on reserve the three books edited by the association: The Proceedings from the 2010 symposium (translated into Brazilian Portuguese) and those of the 2017 symposium, and *Conjugal Love, the Path towards God* (translated into English, Italian and Portuguese).

I work on sorting these physical and digital documents, and my objective is to have them all arranged for whomever succeeds me, putting on hard disk the part that concerns the cause of canonization which is still confidential.

I am always available to respond to all the requests I receive by mail concerning the early days of the history of the Teams of Our Lady up to the departure of Fr. Caffarel in 1973, concerning both printed and non-printed texts, and all the subjects contained in the archives, regarding specifics about his life and his works. I am in regular contact for such exchanges with the Super-Regional and Regional correspondents. Do not hesitate to contact me by mail, I will happily inform you to the extent that I can find the answer to your question! There could always be questions without response regarding the eventful life of a man such as Fr. Caffarel!

The association's goal with the project is to create a sort of “bank” of translations and of all the written texts of Fr. Caffarel in all the languages: books, conferences, articles, editorials... The list will be available on the site of the Friends of Fr. Caffarel and it will be possible to send specific texts to those who request them. I have already received numerous translations from the Super Region of Spain and



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the Super Region of Hispanic South America. The goal is also to avoid having a text translated several times into the same language! These translations are more numerous than one would think and will therefore be available to all TOOL participants. Another project is the digitization of the journals *Ring of Gold* and *Notebook on Prayer*, this is an ambitious project which will take time!

You will always be welcome if you come to Paris, do not hesitate to pay us a visit!

I now turn the floor over to Fr. Paul-Dominique Marcovits, Roman Vice-postulator for the cause.

