

Newsletter

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Les Amis du Père Caffarel



A NOVENA FOR THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER HENRI CAFFAREL'S DEATH

Dear Friends,

When he was twenty, in March 1923, Father Henri Caffarel was seized by the love of Christ and after that moment, he had only one wish: to help others experience that God is love, that Christ is alive. One day Father Caffarel cried out, 'But love is what I am made of!'



On September 18th, 2021, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his death with a novena of prayers. This novena has no goal other than that everyone discovers the love God has for them, because life means being loved by God and responding to this love.

For the good of the Church and of all people of good will, we ask for Father Caffarel's canonisation. We cannot keep such richness, the richness of his thinking, his writings, his works. We want couples to have the joy of living better because of God's love and for them to bear witness to it in the world, and we want all Christians discover the richness and treasure of the contemplative prayer.

This is the reason for this novena. Father Caffarel is alive. By listening to his voice and reading his writings that are extraordinarily luminous, we must find the joy to follow Christ, each person according to their vocation. Let us pray, in communion with each other, for the

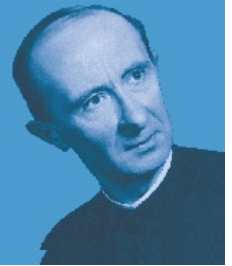
advancement of this cause and ask for Father Caffarel's intercession for the intentions that we bear in our hearts.

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Dear Friends,

September 18, 2021 will be the 25th anniversary of the death of Father Henri Caffarel. Edgardo and Clarita Bernal, Responsible Couple for the International Leading Team and members of the International Leading Team asked the Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel to prepare an audio-visual novena of prayer, to celebrate this anniversary and honour the memory of Father Henri Caffarel. This novena is for the benefit of Teams of Our Lady members, Intercessors, members of the Fraternité de Notre-Dame de la Résurrection (Fraternity of Our Lady of the Resurrection) and members of the Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel, from around the world.

FATHER CAFFAREL, A COMPANION ON OUR WAY TOWARDS GOD "BUT LOVE IS MY ESSENCE!"

This will be the title of this novena. Let us remember that a novena consists of praying for nine consecutive days, generally to entrust God with an intention or to ask for a particular grace. This novena will take place from September 10 to 18, 2021. Each day a video will be published on the ERI website, with a link to the Friends of Father Caffarel website. This daily video will include an audio or video extract of Father Caffarel and a clip, followed by a prayer and a prayer intention. It will conclude with the Magnificat and the Prayer for the canonisation of Father Caffarel. The day before the first day of the novena, September 9, 2021, an opening video will be published on the International Leading Team's website.

The novena will be presented in the five official languages of Teams of Our Lady: French, English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese. Each person or couple can pray this novena at a time of day that suits them in communion with all the other participants.

This novena is an opportunity to pray in communion with one another around the figure of Father Henri Caffarel in an expression of thanksgiving. In partnership with your Super-Regional leaders, we trust you will ensure that the necessary information about this novena is broadly communicated, using all the means which seem appropriate to you, in order to incite the greatest number of Teams of Our Lady and members of the Friends of Father Caffarel to pray this novena. This endeavour and your help in making it widely known will clearly form part of the work undertaken by our Association to support the cause of canonisation currently underway in Rome.

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