

“Intercession, Give it a Try!” The December 8th, 2020 Celebration

1960–2020: 60 Years of Intercession since Father Caffarel’s Call



For Intercessor Correspondent Couples & Regional Responsible Couples in Teams of Our Lady

Dear Friends,

Last January, we announced that they would be a “Give Intercession a Try” event that will mark the 60th anniversary of the Intercessors’ movement that emerged after Father Caffarel launched a call in 1960, when he said “I am looking for volunteers to prayer...” On December 8th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a feast-day very dear to Father Caffarel’s heart. When they can, Teams of Our Lady gather together at a mass on that particular date. **This coming December 8th, 2020, the Intercessors have decided to join with Teams of Our Lady members in order to celebrate a thanksgiving mass for Father Caffarel.** Clarita & Edgardo Bernal, the International Responsible Couple, Giovanni & Paola Cecchini, our liaison couple and also members of the International Leading Team, support and encourage this initiative.

This anniversary has two objectives:

- Demonstrate the Intercessors’ role within the Teams of Our Lady Movement;
- Gather together and foster relationships between Intercessors.

1. How to publicise this Anniversary with the Intercessors / with Teams of Our Lady?

- Please find attached an ad that you can change or adapt. It is to be widely distributed to the Teams Regional Responsible Couples and to the Teams Letters in your Regions. Please notify the Sector Responsible Couples, who organise the December 8th masses, early enough (by the month of August), so that they can contact Intercessors who will take care of the animation of this mass;
- This event will be publicised in the quarterly Intercessors’ Letter (on page 4);
- We have created a Facebook page “Give Intercession a Try”/ « Osez l’Intercession » in the wake of the Night of Prayer, launched last May 8th. Please publicise and promote this page! We update it regularly.

2. How will this Thanksgiving Mass be organised?

Traditionally, every year throughout the world, Teams of Our Lady members celebrate a mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Here is the framework proposed for Intercessors who wish to animate this thanksgiving mass of December 8th, 2020:

- Read an introductory word (written & sent out by the EIAI);
- Prayer of the Faithful (a general intention will be sent out);
- Collection of prayer intentions placed in a basket during the mass & subsequently carried by the Intercessors in their prayer;
- Testimonial given by Intercessors;
- Get-together at the end of mass: projection of a slideshow /ppt (sent by the EIAI), distribution of Flyers with your contact details as Intercessors, badges, signet pictures, exchanges....

3. What materials will the EIAI send to help you ?

- A booklet entitled “Give Intercession a Try,” will be sent out in all languages;
- A slideshow that can be edited/modified;
- An editable/modifiable Flyer so that each Region can include their contact details.

Dear Friends, Thank you very much for all the energy and effort that you will put into the organisation of this important event: responding to the ever-pertinent call of Father Caffarel to Watch and Pray, to open up to the world, to take care of and to carry each other beyond the borders, in the Communion of the Saints, in union with Mary, our Mother. We are very grateful to you and will keep you in our prayers.

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Watch and Pray!