

Preparing for the Canonisation

"We have been asked by the Spiritual Family of Charles de Foucauld to try and prepare ourselves as much as we can for the imminent canonisation of our brother Charles.

They suggest that countries try and organise special events or projects to mark this momentous occasion.

In discussion with the Little Sisters here in the UK we thought one such project might be to ask for personal testimonies from individuals that could be posted on our website jesuscaritas.info (which is still very much alive, though in the process of upgrading).

These testimonies would try to answer the following questions :

- How did I meet Br Charles ?
- What influence has he had on my life ?
- How does he accompany me in my daily life ?
- What aspect of his life has touched me the most ?

We know from our own experience, and from listening to many other people, that Br Charles usually 'enters' our lives through the witness of people we have met. This project is therefore an opportunity for us to become witnesses in the virtual world - so that people accessing our website can 'meet' us through the accounts of our experience, and hopefully be attracted to learn more about Br Charles and be drawn, like him, to an encounter with his beloved Jesus.

My own 'story', which I am going to write, begins when I was 3 years old and met a rather strange, All-bran eating Frenchman - Little Brother Roger Frety, one of the the first members of the family of Charles de Foucauld to come to the UK.....I am sure your own stories are equally interesting and will all be different and fascinating to read.

This invitation is being offered to our English speaking sisters and brothers in Ireland, Malta and America - you are most welcome to join us !

Don't hesitate to get back to me if you need to discuss this further

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