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Dear MSSP brothers and sisters,

It is with great joy that today I can announce to you that another step was made in the process of canonization of our founder Joseph De Piro. The journey is long, yet throughout the whole course we are reaping fruits that help us come to know better this man of God and understand better how we are an extension of this same charism given to us from above.

Since 1992, when the process of witness hearing came to a close, Fr Tony Sciberras MSSP, started working immediately on the collected text and putting it together in such a way that it could be used as a basis for further study. In 2004, the cause of beatification was transferred to Rome after all the work in Malta was terminated. Various editions were prepared of this text during the years and finally, today, on the 11th of April, 2019 Fr. Josef Sciberras OSA as Postulator and Fr Tony Sciberras MSSP as Vice-Postulator presented the final document to the relator Fr. Vincenzo Criscuolo OFM Cap. at the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

To Fr. Tony's great relief, the 250-page document was accepted and considered as good work that will pave the way for the next step in this whole process. Now Fr. Tony will be putting together samples from De Piro's writings, accompanied with appropriate introductions, and recompile a short biography based on the witnesses and his writings. Surely, not a job for the faint hearted. Once all this is done, we can say that the "positio" (the above documentation totaling about 500 pages) will be presented.

In the meantime, let us continue to pray for those directly involved in the process of canonization, and make our founder and his spirituality more accessible to the faithful. For this reason, I am attaching the official prayer, in various languages, that we use for this purpose. I do encourage all regions to make it available in their communities.

Blessings

Fr Mark Grima mssp

Superior General



"I FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO"

Oración de intercesión



FUNDADOR
JOSÉ DEPIRO
- MSSP -

Dios Padre Nuestro te doy gracias por todos los favores con los cuales te has dignado colmar al Siervo de Dios, José Depiro quién trabajó incansablemente para difundir tu palabra entre las naciones y ayudar a los más necesitados. Por la intercesión de este Siervo tuyo te pido concederme el favor de (.....) que te presento frente a ti y si es según tu santa voluntad, que sea glorificado aquí en esta tierra como uno de tus santos. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
Amen

Prayer of intercession



JOSEPH DEPIRO
FOUNDER
- MSSP -

God, Our Father, I give you thanks for the many favours with which you have deigned to enrich your servant. Joseph Depiro who worked tirelessly to spread your word among the nations and to help all those in need. I ask you Lord, with the intercession of this your Servant, to grant me the favour that I am presenting before you (.....) and if it is your holy will, may he one day be glorified here on earth as one of your saints. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Talba ta' intercessjoni



FUNDATUR
GUZEPPI DEPIRO
- MSSP -

O Alla Missier, nizzik hajt ghall-grazzji kbar li bihom ghogbok taghni lill-Qaddej tieghek Guzeppi Depiro, li hadem bla heda biex ighin lil min hu fil-bżonn. Nitlobok, Mulej, bl-intercessjoni ta' dan il-Qaddej tieghek, taqlaghali l-grazzja li qed inressaq quddiemek (.....) sabiex il-qadusija tieghu tigi maghrufa minn kulhadd u jekk inhi r-rieda qaddisa tieghek, ikun hu gglorifikat fuq l-art bhala wiehed mill-qaddisin tieghek. Dan nitlobuhulek permezz ta' lbnek Gesu Kristu Sidna. Amen

D preghiera d'intercessione



GIUSEPPE DEPIRO
FONDATORE
- MSSP -

Dio, nostro Padre, ti ringrazio per i tanti doni con i quali ti sei degnato di arricchire il tuo Servo, Giuseppe de Piro, che si è impegnato instancabilmente per annunciare la tua Parola alle nazioni e per aiutare i bisognosi. Per l'intercessione di questo tuo Servo, ti supplico, Signore, di concedere la grazia che ti sto chiedendo (.....), e se fosse la tua Santa Volontà, che un giorno egli sia glorificato qui sulla terra come uno dei tuoi santi. Noi te lo chiediamo per Cristo nostro Signore. Amen.