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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.

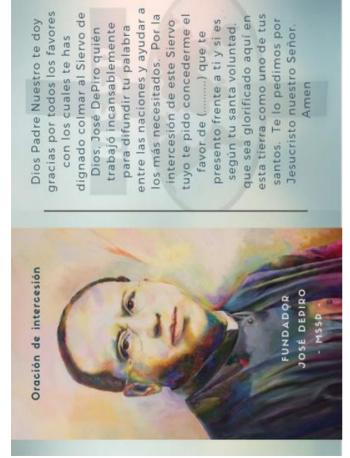
In the meantime, let us continue to pray for those directly involved in the process of canonization, and make our founder and his spirituality more accessible to the faithful. For this reason, I am attaching the official prayer, in various languages, that we use for this purpose. I do encourage all regions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

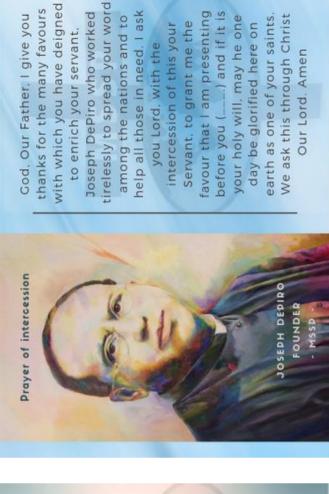
Blessings

Fr Mark Grima mssp

Superior General





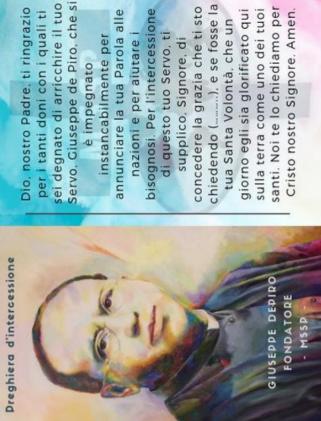




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