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Re: Cause of canonization of the Servant of God, Fr. Giuseppe Marrazzo

To the Most Rev. Superiors
of the Rogationist Circumscriptions
c.c. To the Rogationist Communities
THEIR HOUSES

Dearest Confreres,

last September 14, 2016 the Congregation for the Causes of Saints expressed the affirmative vote and issued the decree on the legal validity of the diocesan inquiry concerning the Cause of canonization of Father Joseph Marrazzo. With this act the first stage of the Roman phase of the cause is concluded. The next, which is now ongoing, foresees the appointment of the Rapporteur and the preparation of the *Positio*.

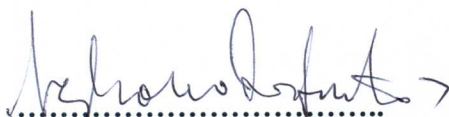
We thank God for the good course of the Cause and we pray for its success, if it is according to His Will.

We know that a new Rogationist Saint would be a great gift for the Church and for the Congregation and therefore, it is right that we nourish this desire, ask this grace from the Lord, strive to make known in the areas of our apostolate the virtues of the Servant of God, who is a true model of the Rogationists and of the shepherd of souls, and economically support the Cause, for the expenses that it involves.

For this reason, with the consent of the General Council, I decree the following: - that the official prayer for the canonization of the Servant of God, Fr. Joseph Marrazzo, here attached, be recited daily in the Communities, according to the instructions that will be given by the respective Circumscription; - that, in cooperation with the General Postulator, the knowledge of the Servant of God and the prayer to obtain graces through his intercession be promoted; - that individual Communities will cooperate through a monthly or annual contribution, to be determined by the respective Circumscription, in support of the Cause and for the establishment and sustenance of the fund required by the laws of the Church.

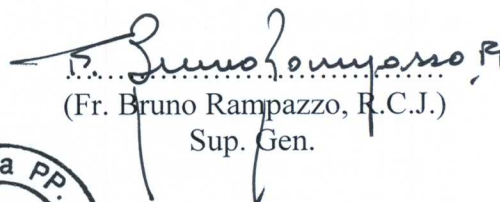
Let us thank God for the gift of our Confrere, imitate his virtues and pray for his canonization. May this desire of ours be pleasing to the Divine Superiors.

With this hope, I greet you with affection in the Lord.



(Fr. Fortunato Siciliano, R.C.J.)

Sec. Gen.



(Fr. Bruno Rampazzo, R.C.J.)

Sup. Gen.



Prayer for the Canonization of the Servant of God
Fr. Joseph Marrazzo

O God, source of all holiness, you have chosen Father Joseph Marrazzo to be an apostle of reconciliation conforming himself to Christ, the Merciful High Priest, we ask you to glorify on earth your faithful servant, for your greater glory and for the good of our souls.
Amen.