



For Monsignor Matthieu ROUGÉ  
on the occasion of the funeral  
of Mr Amin de Tarrazi

After receiving the sad news of the death of Amin de Tarazzi, Pope Francis wishes to recall this iconic figure of the Vincentian family.

He joined the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at a very young age, became a national President, and subsequently an especially influential international President. As such, he worked with numerous Catholic organisations, and with the Holy See, specifically the Pontifical Council “Cor Unum”.

As an energetic postulator for the cause for the beatification of Frédéric Ozanam, he joyfully participated in the celebration of the World Youth Days led by the Holy Father John Paul II in 1997. To the end of his life, he worked for the canonisation of the man he called “a lay saint for our time”, and who was a constant source of inspiration for him.

The Holy Father offers his condolences to Amin's family and, joined in prayer with the Christian community, and he most willingly sends them his Apostolic Benediction. May the Risen Lord welcome into his peace one who has contributed to making the Church a shelter for the poor.

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