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## Investigation into the healing of young Enzo Carollo

Enzo left hospital on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. He underwent rehabilitation therapy during which he manifested a gradual recovery of his neuro-psychological functions. Despite the fact that an MRI brain scan on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, showed that he was still suffering from "a diffuse encephalitis atrophy with extensive brain damage", the boy had manifestly regained normal brain function.

A court doctor certified that, "The patient's clinical condition is good. Only a number of brain lesions remain which cause him minor epileptic seizures. He regularly attends school. His academic progress is good and he has good relationships with family and friends, etc..."

As soon as the news of the seriousness of Enzo's disease became known a fervent prayer chain was organised. The Mennaisian Province of Argentina was reputed for its devotion to the Founder. In the Buenos Aires 'Cardinal Copello' school that Enzo attended prayer novenas to ask for his healing were quickly organised involving the Brothers, lay teachers and students, especially the classmates of Enzo. His parents entrusted their son to the intercession of Jean-Marie. Every day, everyone followed with concern the development of their little friend's illness, assured of Jean-Marie's protection. When they learned of the healing, all thanked the Founder for his protection, convinced that the boy had been healed through his intercession.

Faced with this particular recovery from a very serious illness, the postulator immediately set to work, in accordance with the various complex canonical rules. The diocesan Tribunal opened under the presidency of the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Bergoglio, for consideration of the alleged miraculous healing. Witnesses were heard, and abundant documentation was collected and presented, including the opinions of the two doctors of the Tribunal: one was favorable to the idea that the healing could not be explained, the other opposed. The file was then sent to Rome.

The work continued with the new postulator, Brother Gil Rozas, from the Brothers' Spanish province, like his predecessor. He finalised the Summarium and presented it to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The file was first examined by Congregation officials. It was then submitted to the prior judgment of two doctors. It was finally transmitted to the Medical Commission made up of seven doctors who examined it in turn.

The collegial meeting of the Medical Commission was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in the presence of the Secretary of the Congregation, Bishop Bartolucci, and under the chairmanship of Professor Polisca.

The results were as follows: -

- DIAGNOSIS: mycoplasma pneumoniae encephalitis with observable epilepsy (7/7)
- PROGNOSIS: would lead to serious consequences (5/7); or death (2/7)
- Treatment: appropriate and effective (5/7), partially appropriate and partially effective (2/7)
- Healing: gradual, incomplete, scientifically explainable (5/7); gradual, complete and lasting, not scientifically explainable (2/7).

This was the verdict of the Medical Commission. It does not mean that Enzo Carollo's alleged cure has been abandoned for good. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints provides the opportunity to resume the investigation into a claimed healing that has initially been rejected, supported by additional documentation and the advice of other physicians.

A prominent and highly regarded infectious disease specialist at the Gemelli Hospital in Rome, Professor Cauda, was impressed by the way Brother Gil Rozas had worked on the case. After examining it himself he said that there are all the characteristics of a scientifically inexplicable healing.