



Archbishop of Wellington

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

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Tēnā koutou katoa ki ngā pirihi & Lay Pastoral Leaders

Re: Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day 4 October 2020

I am writing to you in my capacity as liaison Bishop for the Cause of Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

Thank you for the support you gave last year in assisting with the promotion of the ***spirituality and good works*** of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, especially on the annual Celebration Day. There continues to be very positive feedback received about the value of having this day annually. The Bishops Conference has again given our approval to this initiative to be held on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of her death. Despite the challenges we face with Covid-19 restrictions, it is still planned for our celebrations this year to take place as planned on **Sunday 4 October**.

The Sisters are encouraged with the progress this year in the Cause for Venerable Suzanne Aubert. Just last week I received a letter from Cardinal Becciu, the prefect for the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, who confirmed that the translation of medical documents relating to the enquiry held last year into an alleged miracle, have now been completed and will shortly be studied by the Vatican appointed medical panel. We hope to hear further progress before the end of the year.

If you are able to celebrate Masses on October 4, could I ask you please to:

1. Include the attached prayer in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass and also print it in your newsletter or your website.
2. Play the brief 3 minute video message introduced by newly appointed Bishop Michael Gielen which talks about the communion of saints (the link to this will be sent to you separately)
3. Include a brief explanatory message in your parish newsletter (which will be provided by the parish promoter during last week of Sept)
4. Make available the intercessory prayer card.

If you are unable to screen the video, would you please either upload it to your website or provide a link on your website and in the newsletter for parishioners to view. It does have an excellent explanation about our Catholic belief in Saints and the importance of their examples in times like we are experiencing.

In the next few weeks, the Sisters of Compassion will be liaising with Parish coordinators to ensure they have all the information and links required prior to Celebration Sunday.

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If you require any more details or would like to have the Sisters liaise with someone in your office regarding logistics, you can contact Sister Josephine Gorman (or the National Coordinator of the campaign John Bergin) on either of the following email addresses: sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz or john@suzanneaubert.co.nz

The Sisters of Compassion and Bishops thank you for your co-operation.

With every blessing

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A Cardinal Dew". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "D".

John A Cardinal Dew

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Let us pray in thanksgiving for Venerable Suzanne Aubert, we pray that her faith, her courage and her unconditional love will live on in us all and she will one day be recognised as a saint.