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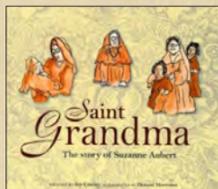
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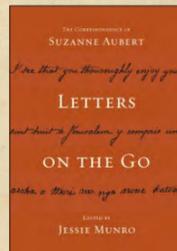
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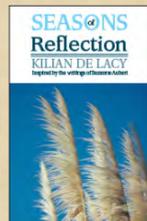
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SUZANNE AUBERT NEWS

March 2017

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Suzanne Aubert News which is designed to keep you informed on the progress of the Cause for Sainthood of Suzanne Aubert and to let you know what is happening around the country. You can find much more information on the dedicated Suzanne Aubert website: www.suzanneaubert.co.nz



Suzanne's casket is received into the Sisters of Compassion's chapel.

Venerable Suzanne Aubert moved to new resting place

In a private and moving ceremony on 25 January, the remains of Venerable Suzanne Aubert were transferred to a new crypt next to the Sisters of Compassion chapel, from her grave in the grounds of the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. This was the fourth re-interment of Suzanne Aubert.

When Suzanne died in 1926 she was buried at Karori, Wellington. Fourteen years later the Sisters began the process to have her remains transferred to the grounds of the Mother House of the congregation she founded. This didn't actually happen until 1950, when her coffin was exhumed from the Karori resting place and reinterred at Island Bay in the presence of Archbishop McKeefry.

Because of the proximity of the second location to a new building overshadowing the crypt, in 1984 Suzanne

Aubert's remains were again transferred to a special area in the grounds of Island Bay.

The new location of the crypt beside the chapel will be her final resting place.

During this very special event, the casket was not opened but placed inside another casket to ensure its integrity, and was then symbolically sealed. Cardinal John Dew said a further prayer before the caskets were re-interred in the crypt in a concrete vault below ground level. A stone sarcophagus will then be installed over the top of the vault.

You can see photos and read more of this moving event on our website at www.suzanneaubert.co.nz/venerable-suzanne-aubert-moved-to-new-resting-place

Beatification is the next step on Journey to Sainthood

With the wonderful news received just before Christmas that Pope Francis had declared Suzanne Aubert 'venerable', our focus now switches to preparing for her beatification. Being declared Venerable is a major step towards sainthood. As we know, Suzanne Aubert dedicated much of her life to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Maori people wherever she met them. Her care for infants, young children, their mothers and families, and her practical concern for the incurably sick and unemployed was legendary.

The postulator for the Cause, Fr. Carmody, said that identifying possible miracles that could be attributed to Suzanne Aubert was the next phase in the canonisation process. **"Approval of miraculous events by the authorities in Rome is the next stage which would pave the way for her beatification and canonisation."**

The challenge for us all now is to pray the special prayer of intercession (see separate article) and the prayer for the Cause.

To read more information on the journey to sainthood, and download copies of the special prayers, please visit our website:

www.suzanneaubert.co.nz

Photo captions, from the top:

- + Cardinal John blesses the casket.
- + The new casket is symbolically sealed.
- + IWI cultural advisor Henare Walmsley prays silently by the casket.
- + The Sisters of Compassion lead a procession into the new crypt.



The Importance of Intercessory Prayer

A fundamental belief of Catholics is the Communion of Saints. We recite that belief in the Nicene Creed every Sunday at Mass. We believe that it is possible to ask Saints and those who have been declared Venerable, to intercede on our behalf to God, for special intentions that we have. As Father Carmody has reminded us, the next major milestone on the journey to sainthood is for the approval of a miracle through the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

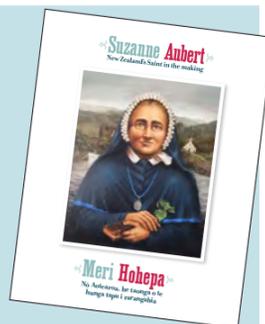
We all believe in miracles and that God does listen to those who pray earnestly and with an unwavering faith. (John 14:13).

There are a number of people around the country

who are praying the special intercessory prayer for God to grant a miracle through the intercession of Suzanne Aubert. In His time, God will grant one of those miracles.

There is a special formula that must be followed when praying for intercession of Suzanne Aubert, and we are keen to have many more New Zealanders praying it. There are more details on this important aspect of the Journey to Sainthood on our website. Please join us in storming Heaven.

The intercessory prayer card can be downloaded from the website.



Celebration Day to be repeated on October 1st

Following on from the very successful inaugural celebration day in October last year, we are going to repeat the day on October 1 this year, the day she died 91 years ago. Our goal is to have many more people learn of the spirituality and good works of Suzanne Aubert and to be inspired by what she did and what she achieved.

Realising that many new Catholics in New Zealand have probably never heard of this remarkable woman, we are very

grateful that the bishops and parish priests around the country allow us this opportunity once a year to better inform parishioners of our Saint in the making. Parishes will be provided with a special prayer of the faithful, copies of the intercessory prayer card, and an updated SA News to distribute in their parishes.

More details will follow but please do mark this very important date on your calendar: Sunday, October 1st.



One of the churches last year showing the special DVD

More churches establish Suzanne Aubert displays

More than 100 parishes around the country have now established an information display in their church foyer or in a specially allocated area of their Parish Hall. Our hope is that this year all remaining churches will have a display together with prayer cards in the church. The displays that have been prepared are provided in two different size triptych display units as per sample below.



They can either be freestanding on a small table or easily stuck to the wall. If you would like a parish display together with a small Perspex container pre-filled with intercessory prayer cards, please either send the coupon on the back page to us or email kerry@suzanneaubert.co.nz



Great resources available

There are some terrific resources that have been produced to help in the promotion of the spirituality and good works of Suzanne. Please see the back page of this newsletter for a selection of what is available. More details on the website www.suzanneaubert.co.nz

Parish Promoters still needed

We are still looking for Parish Promoters in about 70 parishes around the country to help promote New Zealand's first saint in the making.

Does your parish have a promoter who is keeping you informed of activities and resources? If not, would you like to be our contact?

A Parish Promoter is the key contact in the local parish... a link between the Sisters of Compassion and the parish community. They keep the priest and parishioners informed of Cause developments and ensure material on the Cause is available in church foyers.

If this is something that might appeal to you, why don't you contact kerry@suzanneaubert.co.nz and agree to join the team.

Email and electronic communications

We are keen to keep in contact on a regular basis and the most cost effective way is by email. We currently produce an e-newsletter which is emailed to those who give us their email address.

Would you like to receive regular updates and news by email? Could you please give us your email address? You can do this by registering on-line or by emailing

kerry@suzanneaubert.co.nz

Thanks!