

What can we learn from Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert's example? The Church has already recognised Suzanne as a holy woman of God with the title "Venerable". She was a saintly woman who can teach us so much about being a follower of Jesus in today's world.

We know her story and how it inspires us. Her spirit in our lives and her powerful intercession for us does not depend on an officially approved miracle. We know that her prayers on our behalf continue to be answered.

The Sisters archives contain a vast number of letters recording this. I'm sure she would tell us our task is to walk in her footsteps in a Compassion way, sharing her faith and values in our daily lives as followers of Jesus.

When the time is right, Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert's beatification and canonisation will be another wonderful blessing, alongside those we already receive in such abundance through her intercession.

Now we are in God's time, a time to continue praying that God's will may be done for the good and encouragement of our local Church and people "of all religions and none" in Aotearoa-New Zealand, the Pacific, Australia and our world.

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