

Letter of Giovanni Card. Saldarini Archbishop of Turin (3 May 1994)

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Very Reverend Mother,

Over the last few days I have been occupying myself with Servant of God Sister Consolata Betrone, your Sister, to present her character to my brothers in the episcopate with the aim of having the Authorisation to proceed to the Process of Canonisation. I hope that by proposing her, with the help of the Lord it is possible to do something useful for the Church and your Congregation.

Thank you for the gift of some small biographical volumes on the Servant of God.

She is certainly a figure of simple religion, in spite of her tormented choices, nourished by prayer and by the Eucharist, which is especially understood by her perfect observance of the rules and her adaptation to the most humble jobs. The special gifts received by her from God, precisely because they are "special", cannot be considered and add nothing to the sanctity of her person, on the contrary, they are often complications due to the greater responsibility that they imply and the greater commitment that they require; and if known certainly do not help relationships with others. So I wish that each of you, without resorting to the extraordinary, reaches sanctity through the simplest way, "the Littlest Way", that is summarised in your brief prayer "Jesus, Mary I love you, save souls!".

Heartfelt blessings to you and your sisters.

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Archbishop of Turin