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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since my letter of July 15, 2024, regarding the Cause and writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, the Postulator of her Cause, Monsignor Paolo Rizzi, released a communication on August 10, 2024. This communication gives an important update on the status of her Cause and also how Divine Will groups are to receive and promote her writings in dioceses around the world.

First, here is the update on the status of her cause:

The Cause of Beatification of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta has never been closed, but has always been pending at the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, which had temporarily suspended its canonical process. In fact, the spirituality, thought, and writings of the Servant of God had been submitted to the study of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, which in 2019 pointed out that the writings presented some ambiguities of a theological, Christological, and anthropological nature; ambiguities that, while not doctrinal errors in themselves, required further evaluation. Through the support of a theologian expert in mysticism, the Postulation's clarifying responses to the aforementioned findings enabled the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith to conclude that in the writings and thought of the Servant of God there are no statements that are blatantly in contrast with the doctrine of the Church. Thus in June 2024 the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued the nihil obstat for the resumption of the Cause, which was formally notified by the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to this Postulation on July 8, 2024. (Msgr. Rizzi Communication, Aug. 10, 2024)

Although the nihil obstat for the continuation of her Cause has been given, the Dicastery for the Causes of the Saints has given clear instructions that Divine Will groups are only to use the typical and critical edition of Luisa's writings along with the relevant "Introduction and Related Notes" published by the Public Association of the Faithful for her Cause under the direction of the Archbishop of Trani-Barletta-Bisceglie:

According to the instructions of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, the continuation of the canonical path, already in place, must necessarily be accompanied by the publication of the typical and critical edition of Luisa Piccarreta's Writings by the actor of the Cause, the Public Association of the

Faithful "Luisa Piccarreta-P.F.D.V" of Corato and under the supervision of the Archbishop of Trani-Barletta-Bisceglie. Such an edition should be accompanied by a relevant "Introduction and related notes" which, for the purpose of clarifying certain expressions that are easily conducive to misleading and erroneous interpretations of the Christian message, highlight the importance of the Lord's merciful and gratuitous love, which in some pages of the Writings is obscured due to the historical context in which they were drafted, a context marked by an obsessive view of God's justice and the consequent mysticism of reparation for sins. This edition will be the only one officially recognized by ecclesiastical authority. All Divine Will Groups will have to refer to it in order to correct harmful forms of spirituality, widespread in some Groups and brought about by a distorted reading of the Writings of the Servant of God, by their written dissemination or even by their arbitrary manipulation and translation into other languages. (Msgr. Rizzi Communication, Aug. 10, 2024)

As of this time, the official typical and critical edition of Luisa Piccarreta's writings as well as the "Introduction and Related Notes" are only in Italian and have not been translated into English. I fully understand that this will make it difficult for Divine Will groups in the Diocese to proceed at this time given the above instructions. Once an official English translation of the typical and critical edition becomes available, Divine Will groups will be able to proceed in the Diocese with the following conditions:

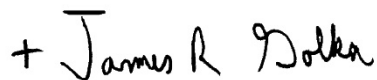
With this in mind, it seems most appropriate for bishops to recognize and admit into their ecclesiastical circumscriptions only those Divine Will Groups that meet the aforementioned requirements. After their bishop's approval, these groups can obtain the affiliation to the Family of the Divine Will, which was established by the Public Association of the Faithful "Luisa Piccarreta-P.F.D.V." of Corato, a service structure under the supervision of the pro-tempore Archbishop of Trani-Barletta-Bisceglie, whose ecclesial figure the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints has always indicated as the official reference for those who follow the spirituality and message of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta throughout the world. (Msgr. Rizzi Communication, Aug. 10, 2024)

I also want to clarify that individual members of the faithful are free to *privately read* current editions of Luisa Piccarreta's writings in English, but I urge caution and prudence that her writings are read and interpreted in the context of Catholic doctrine, particularly as taught in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The communication of Msgr. Rizzi as well as any other official information regarding her writings and Cause may be found on the website of the official Public Association of the Faithful for her Cause: <https://en.luisapiccarretaofficial.org/>.

Please be assured of my prayers and I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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