



Dear sisters and brothers,

On June 8, 2018, Pope Francis received in audience Cardinal Angelo Amato, SDB, prefect of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Holy Father authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Concepción Cabrera, Conchita. By doing this, the Church has opened the door for Conchita to be declared Blessed.

By declaring her Blessed, the Church recognizes in her a woman who, because of her virtuous and self-giving life and the spirituality she lived and transmitted in an exemplary way (spiritually we know today as the Spirituality of the Cross), is for us a model of holiness, an exemplary follower of Christ worthy of the admiration of the faithful, and a powerful intercessor for all of God's people.

We are now actively working with the Congregation of the Causes of Saints and the leadership teams of the Sisters of the Cross, the Apostleship of the Cross, and the Covenant of Love on the details for the beatification ceremony.

As a laywoman, mystic and apostle, Conchita personifies everything that Pope Francis recently invited us to consider and live in his Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, whose *“goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us “to be holy and blameless before him in love” (GE 2).*

We join the joy of all of us who are members of the Family of the Cross, and together we give thanks to God for this new sign of his infinite mercy.

Your Brother,

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