

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Short form:

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Longer form:

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This year the Sisters of Compassion highlight the 100-Year Anniversary of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert setting up a Nurses Training School at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. In doing so, they highlight Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert's great love and care of Māori and all people, especially the most vulnerable and those on the peripheries of society. Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert gathered people into her arms and homes and loved them. She loved them back to health and into life, she accompanied them and saw Christ in each one.

This Sunday, let us be encouraged by her example as we pray for courage to act as she did. To sit by the bedside of the infirmed and dying, to include in our lives and families those who need our love, and to celebrate each person for who they are. As we celebrate her good works and life today, we hold in our own hearts her words '**Let us have nothing so much as to work for the good of all**'. The Sisters of Compassion thank you for your support and prayer. Kia whakapaingia koutou e Meri Hōhepa. May you be blessed by Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert.

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