

# NOVENA TO ST. JOHN VIANNEY FOR THE CAUSE OF VEN. SUZANNE AUBERT



*(Recite the whole rosary first. Then before the closing prayer, the prayer below is to be recited.)*

“St. John Vianney, friend and mentor of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa,

You were not deterred by the many obstacles that came your way in life but rather instilled courage

and hope in unquiet times. Help me to have the same courage and faith that allowed you to give all to God without counting the cost

Believing in the power of your intercession, I ask you to inspire us today as we pray that God will grant through this novena, the beatification of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa.

St. John Vianney, pray for us "

*Our Father... Hail Mary...Glory Be...*

## **What is the relevance of St John Vianney in this Cause?**

*One of Suzanne Aubert's most influential figures was St. John Vianney who had advised Suzanne against marriage. In 1858 he made some predictions that would mirror the course of her career. He told Suzanne: "You will go to the Missions within two years" "You will begin a work there and it will fall down. After many years you will build it up again, but it will again fall down." "Oh my child how many different crosses and trials await you in life. But whatever they do to you, whatever happens, whatever anyone will say to you, never, never give way, never let go, take courage, courage, courage."*

*While Suzanne Aubert was in Rome between 1913-1919 enlisting the support she required to have the Sisters of Compassion recognised as a papal congregation, Roman authorities were working toward the canonisation of John Vianney. Suzanne was about the only person alive who remembered him. Many years before, His Grace, Archbishop Redwood, had said in Wellington, that he 'would be afraid to oppose Mother Joseph, in case he would thereby oppose the Curé of Ars' on whose advice he knew she acted. Roman prelates were not ashamed to admit they were of the same mind.*

*The great event of the canonisation of St John Vianney was on 31 May 1925. Had Suzanne Aubert been able to be present in Rome, she would have had a place of honour which is usually reserved for the nearest relatives of a new saint. Suzanne had already been circulating small pictures of the saint among her friends and acquaintances. On the back of the card, she wrote a prayer written by herself to which Archbishop Redwood had given his approval. During these days of celebration Suzanne afterwards spoke of them as being "three days in heaven".*

***"Vianney"** was the last word she was ever heard to say, and that was on the morning of the day she died.*

*Source: Sister Angela Möller*