

State with greeting by Maria Voce, Focolare President at the end of

The Closing Ceremony of the Diocesan Inquiry of the
Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Chiara Lubich

Frascati Cathedral, 10 November 2019

Your Excellency, Bishop Martinelli,
Your Eminences, Excellencies, religious, civil and military authorities,
Dear friends,

At the end of this closing ceremony of the diocesan phase of the Cause of beatification and canonization of Chiara Lubich, I am happy to address a word of thanks to all those who have made it possible to collect these acts, produced in almost five years of intense work. Above all, I am grateful to our Bishop, Monsignor Martinelli, who has supervised and followed the whole process and who today, with this concluding act, delivers the important documentation collected to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Naturally, I am most grateful to Chiara Lubich's relatives who, today too, are here with us to praise and thank God.

Our only wish now - we can assure you of this - is to offer the Church, through this extensive documentation, the gift that Chiara has been for us and for so many people.

In responding to the charism that God gave her, consistently, day after day, journeying on and tending towards the fullness of Christian life and the perfection of charity, Chiara did her utmost so that this path of Gospel life could be travelled by many, in an ever renewed determination to help those she met to put God first and "become saints together".

Her gaze and her heart, as has now been shown, were moved by a universal love that was able to embrace all people beyond all differences, always striving to fulfill the testament of Jesus: *Ut omnes unum sint*.

It is a cause of joy for all of us to know that now the Church will study and evaluate the life and virtues of the Servant of God, our beloved Chiara.

We will wait in a spirit of humility for the judgment of the Holy Father and ask God, only for his glory and for the good of many that, with the eventual recognition of Chiara's exemplary life, humanity and history can experience new developments in view of peace, unity and one universal family.

Thank you.