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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am aware that the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta have been circulating in some parts of the diocese and that some groups have embraced her writings and developed a devotion to her. As your Bishop who is responsible for the spiritual wellbeing of the faithful entrusted to me, I am duty bound to inform you that due to some theological difficulties in her writings, the Dicastery for the Causes of the Saints has suspended the continuation of her Cause for Beatification and Canonization.

The Dicastery identified the difficulties in her writings as follows:

“Theological: the conception of the Divine Will proposed by the Servant of God is too rigid, mechanical, and obsessive, and seems not to leave Man the possibility of exercising his free will.”

“Christological: the doctrine of reparation and victim spirituality developed by the Servant of God does not integrate the primacy of the merciful, unmerited, and unconditional love of God, and risks canceling or at least relativizing the free and gratuitous offering of the Redeemer.”

“Anthropological: this same spirituality is marked by a deep pessimism about human nature. There is little or no reference to the Resurrection of Christ, Christian hope, sanctifying grace, the goodness of creation, and ecclesial communion.”

Given these serious doctrinal errors in her writings and the suspension of her Cause for Beatification and Canonization, and keeping before my eyes the supreme law of the Church which is the salvation of souls, I direct that her writings are not to be disseminated in the diocese and that any groups meeting to study and promote her writings are no longer to do so.

I always enthusiastically support the spiritual formation of the faithful in the diocese and I encourage all to study the spiritual wisdom of the saints that the Church has put forth as exemplary spiritual masters, such as St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Francis de Sales, St. Therese of Lisieux and many others who through their lives and witness bring us into a deeper communion with Christ and the Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ James R. Golka

Most Rev. James R. Golka
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