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CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD

Agustina Rivas López (Sister Aguchita)

Religious Sister of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

EDICT

Aguchita was regarded as an independent and strong woman who was endlessly charitable and with a deep faith in God. On Thursday, 27 September 1990, a band of Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) rebels, mostly very young, ventured into La Florida, Peru and summoned the entire village to gather together; at this moment, Sister Agustina was teaching a group of girls how to prepare sweets.

She was accused of working with the Asháninka people and of preaching peace. The shootings took place one after the other as the stunned and powerless villagers looked on. This is how Aguchita died, she marks out for us a path to journey along and she speaks to us through her testimony about what it means to faithfully follow Jesus the Good Shepherd, living the charism of love and compassion, of acceptance and reconciliation; fraternal, willing to serve and generous, she lived the charism of mercy to its fullness in community life.

Thus, the Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of San Ramón, having consulted with the Bishops of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference and in response to public demand, presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints the formal request to open the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God **Agustina Rivas López (Sister Aguchita)**, and have gratefully received approval from the Holy See to initiate this process.

In accordance with the instructions of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, we are joyfully notifying our Ecclesial Community about this good news and we invite all the faithful and all who knew the Servant of God to communicate with the Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Apostolic Vicariate of San Ramón – established for this purpose – if they have any information, testimonies or documents to submit, favourable or unfavourable to the Cause. Since all the writings attributed to the Servant of God must be collected, with this Edict we order that anyone who is in possession of such writings should send them with due diligence to the aforementioned Tribunal, if they have not yet been submitted to the Postulator of the Cause, Dr. Waldery Hilgeman.

We remind everyone that by the term writings, we refer not only to published works or letters which have already been collected and of which we are already aware, but also to any manuscripts, diaries, letters and every other private writing of the Servant of God, handwritten or printed and bearing her signature. Those who wish to keep the original, may present a duly certified copy.

Finally, we decree that the present Edict is to be displayed for two months on the notice board at the Chancellery of this Apostolic Vicariate, at the Ecclesiastical Tribunal, at the Cathedral and at all the parishes, rectories, chaplaincies and other churches of worship in the Apostolic Vicariate of San Ramón, and that it is to be published in the Bulletin of the Congregation of the Good Shepherd.

To be recorded and published.

Given in San Ramón, 7 September 2017.

(Signed and seal)

✠ **Gerardo Anton Zerdin, O.F.M.**
Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of San Ramón

(Signed and seal)

Rev. Msgr. Antonio Víctor Octavio Medina Valencia
Chancellor and Ecclesiastical Notary