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22nd February 2012: request to initiate the cause for Father Giussani's beatification and canonisation

On 22nd February 2012, at the end of the Holy Mass celebrated by Cardinal Angelo Scola in the Cathedral of Milan for the 30th anniversary of the Pontifical Decree of Recognition of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation and the 7th anniversary of Father Luigi Giussani's death, **Father Julián Carrón**, President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, **announced that a request to begin the cause for Father Giussani's beatification and canonisation has been presented to Archbishop of Milan.**

The request was submitted on 22nd February 2012 (Fr. Giussani's anniversary and Solemnity of the Chair of St. Peter), through the postulator named by the President of the Fraternity appointed as petitioner of the Cause: Professor **Chiara Minelli**, Lecturer of Canon and Ecclesiastical Law at the *Università degli Studi* of Brescia.

The request has been made to the Archbishop of Milan – in whose Diocese Father Giussani, a diocesan priest, was born, lived and worked – in accordance with the Apostolic Constitution *Divinus Perfectionis Magister*, 25.I.1983, the *Normae servandae in inquisitionibus ab Episcopis faciendis in causis sanctorum* dated 7.II.1983, nos.11-15, and the *Instructio Sanctorum Mater*, 17.V.2007, Part II, Title I, art. 25 § 1 and 2. The petitioner asked the Archbishop to open the Diocesan Informative Inquiry into the life, the virtues and the reputation of Sanctity of Monsignor Luigi Giussani.

Giving the news, don Carrón prays that “Our Lady - ‘living fountain of hope’ - help us every day to be made worthy of the promises of Christ and of the immense grace that we received and are still receiving in the charism of Father Giussani”.

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