



1967-1991

Canonical Process leading to the declaration of Maestra Thecla Merlo as “Venerable”

11 JULY 1967 Cardinal Arcadio Larraona, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, is formally petitioned to open the information-gathering process concerning Maestra Thecla Merlo.

15 JULY 1967 The Sacred Congregation of Rites publishes a decree opening the *ordinary information-gathering process*.

26 OCTOBER 1967 The Vicariate of Rome initiates the *Ordinary Process* of gathering testimonies and documentation concerning M. Thecla’s life, virtues, reputation for holiness and the miracles obtained through her intercession. The process closes on 23 March 1972.

10 DECEMBER 1967 The Tribunal of Alba opens the *Rogatorial Process*, which closes on 4 May 1971.

21 OCTOBER 1982 The Vicariate of Rome opens the *Apostolic Process*, which closes on 17 June 1987. The opening and closing of the Process take place in the headquarters of the Tribunal in Rome.

22 JANUARY 1991 Pope John Paul II signs the decree proclaiming that M. Thecla Merlo was heroic in virtue and declares her “Venerable.”
