Our Catherine

You, Catherineour Catherine..... warm, human person

I can identify with you.....

a practical woman, able to affirm yet confront,

one with the capacity to bring people together.

Showing a profound trust in Providence.....

woman of big plans, incredible vision

a big heart for those in need......

whose person to person skills are well honed.

A woman of courage and conviction -

one ahead of your time,

you took on authorities when necessary....but....with grace

You carried impressions of your father always in your heart

always ready to respond to others' need

faced huge difficulties.....

but facing into the future with courage

You ministered to those most vulnerable

a bridge-builder.... able to empower others

and forever thinking of others rather than self.

You could be so light-hearted even in the midst of struggle

taking criticismnot influenced by negativity....

entrusting all to God you were

able to dance and have fun in the midst of this.

You listened deeply to your own heart

and to the Spirit working there

you found your dream and followed it....

beginning a movement that rippled out

far beyond your own imagining.

Seeing need and acting to relieve it

approachable, strong, motherly....tender

unpretentious....humble

deeply humanfeeling hurt....but

getting up and moving on....

Taking one person at a time....

the whole person taken into account

performing each action well...

graciously tenacious...

living your belief that prevention is better than cure

A great Christian educator

by word and example....

Your devotional life was strong you prayed daily the devotional prayers of your day with faith and regularity.....

A woman of contemplation and action one with a mystical heart...seeing and living life from the perspective of God's Love.

You Catherine, are my soul friend.....