
ABOUT US

The Dominican Sisters of Wanganui is a congregation of religious women consecrated to God by vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

We can trace our ancestry back to St Dominic's foundation at Prouille, France, in 1206. From here, a convent at Galway in Ireland was founded in 1640. This convent founded other convents including Cabra in Dublin. From Cabra a convent was founded at Sion Hill, also in Dublin, and from Sion Hill, 10 Sisters came to Dunedin in 1871 to found Dominican Convents in New Zealand.

In 1997, our Foundress, Mother Mary Micaela O.P., came from Dunedin to Wanganui. In 2002, the first young women joined her; permission for the foundation of a congregation with the status equivalent to a Congregation of Diocesan Right was given, and St Dominic's Convent was begun. At present we number 23 Sisters representing New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, India, the United States of America, Argentina, the Philippines, Singapore, Canada and Samoa.

The spirit of the Dominican Order is contemplation and action and our life is balanced between monastic observances and teaching; hence the Sisters lead an intense life of prayer and apostolic activity. We teach in St Anthony's Primary School and St Dominic's Girls' College and manage a small boarding school for girls, thus providing a traditional Catholic education for girls which focuses on the Latin Mass, the Sacraments and the instilling of morals and virtues in the youth.



Mother Mary Madeleine O.P.
Mother Prioress General

EXCLUSIVE GUILD DINNER WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2021

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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF WANGANUI

33% TAX REBATE

We are a registered charity and will issue receipts at the end of the financial year for all of your donations to enable you to receive a 33% tax rebate from the IRD.

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BE PART OF OUR DOMINICAN FAMILY

Our Dominican Family currently consists of 23 Dominican Sisters, 11 Tertiary Members and over 500 Guild Members. To become part of our Dominican Family is easy. All you have to do is become a Guild Member for as little as **\$10 a month or \$100 a year.**

GUILD MEMBERSHIP

Currently there are well over 300 Guild Members that come from several countries including Australia, Canada, USA and New Zealand.

- Easy to keep active
- Donations accumulate over the years
- Guild Levels are kept private & confidential
- Annual Updates
- Special remembrance in the Sisters' prayers
- **A MASS OFFERED MONTHLY FOR ALL LIVING AND DECEASED GUILD MEMBERS**

GUILD LEVELS

1. Margaret of Hungary Guild \$100 to \$499
2. St Martin de Porres Guild \$500 to \$999
3. St Agnes of Montepulciano Guild \$1,000 to \$2,499
4. St Pope Pius V Guild \$2,500 to \$4,999
5. St Rose of Lima Guild \$5,000 to \$9,999
6. St Thomas Aquinas Guild \$10,000 to \$14,999
7. St Catherine of Siena Guild \$15,000 to \$19,999
8. St Dominic Guild \$20,000 to \$24,999
9. St Joseph Guild \$25,000 to \$34,999
10. Our Lady of the Rosary Guild \$40,000 and \$49,999
11. Honorary Guild \$50,000 and over

GIVING IS EASY - NEW ZEALAND

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GIVING IS RECEIVING & RECEIVING INSPIRES GRATITUDE

As prayer (Holy Mass and Divine Office) is the source and centre of our lives there is no more fitting place for us to remember our spiritual and temporal Guild Members. Thus, in thanksgiving for your GIVING, we consider it our privilege and obligation to pray with fervour for our Guild Members who help make our life as Dominican Sisters possible.

HELPING THE SISTERS IS HELPING THE FUTURE

With an increase of numbers comes an increase of costs. We struggle to cover all of our expenses on the teaching stipend we receive. Your GIVING supports:

- ❖ The formation of the Sisters and for their teaching studies
- ❖ Our teaching apostolate
- ❖ Maintenance and building projects of our Motherhouse. *In 2021, we plan the much needed extension to our Refectory (see Fig 1).*
- ❖ Help cover our daily costs, and our health care and medical costs
- ❖ Help care for the ageing and infirm Sisters

GOD IS NEVER OUTDONE IN GENEROSITY

- ❖ **Regular Monthly Donation by direct debit:** (see Bank Acc. left panel)
\$10 \$15 \$20 \$25 \$30 \$40 \$50 \$100 Other: _____
- ❖ **One-off financial donations are kindly accepted by cheque or direct debit** (do NOT send cash by post) see address & bank account-left panel)
- ❖ **Supermarket, Grocery & Food Items, Furniture, vehicles**
- ❖ **BEQUEATH a GIFT in Your WILL:** For more information on how to bequeath a Gift to the Dominican Sisters of Wanganui in your Will, please see our **Bequest Brochure** or simply **contact us.**

THE BEST KIND OF GIVING IS THANKSGIVING

The Guilds have been established by the Dominican Sisters to gratefully acknowledge its Guild Members. In thanksgiving we offer our prayers:

- **Daily prayers** for all our living and deceased Guild Members
- **Weekly Chapter prayers** for all our Guild Members
- **Monthly Mass** offered for all our Guild Members

* All prayers for our Bequest Guild Members are subject to the following conditions: If, God forbid, the priests are prohibited to celebrate Mass, or our Congregation is prohibited to recite our Community prayers, then we are dispensed from responsibility.

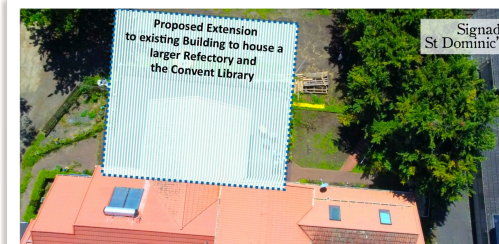


Fig 1: Proposed Extension to our Refectory



Fig 2: Sisters Singing the Divine Office



Fig 3: 20 Years of St. Dominics Girls' College