
The Dominican Sisters of Wanganui ♦ New Zealand



Three sisters pose with His Lordship Bishop Tissier de Mallerai at St. Mary's, Kansas, U.S.A.



The sisters of Wanganui on a community walk in the beautiful Manuwatu Gorge, New Zealand.

REBUILDING CHRISTENDOM STARTS HERE

“Always go forward and never look back” was the motto chosen by Blessed Fr. Serra, a Franciscan priest, as he founded mission after mission along the coast of California. Perhaps now more than ever, in a time when we see the effects of such a great depletion of religious forces within the Church do we need to take heed of this and begin the task of rebuilding.

In June of this year, three sisters under holy obedience, set out once again for the U.S.A. Their mission: to promote religious life, gain recruits for the good Lord and to give conferences to parents and potential candidates. Everywhere we went, we were met with cries of: “We need religious to teach in our schools!” How happy we would be to address such a need if only we had a few sisters to spare! So, for all those who missed our conferences, our advice is as follows:

Remain open to the possibility of a religious vocation.

Pray that God will make His will known to you and give you the strength to correspond.

“Whatever you want of me, Lord, I will do” should be the prayer of all young souls. And how will they know God’s will? It is highly unlikely there will be extraordinary manifestations, but very likely there will be three ordinary signs, which leave the individual free to respond or not: They are:

A Desire or Inner Attraction for the Religious Life

A desire or inner attraction for the religious life is an actual grace of God that enlightens the intellect to understand the value of His call and inflames the will to

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Mother General, Sr. Micaela, with Bella—a visitor to her office..



Postulants of the Rosary Convent visit Phillip Island, off the East Coast of Australia.

respond and strengthens the heart for the sacrifice of self.

The Right Intention

Does one have a supernatural intention? This intention should be a greater glory of God, to give love for love, the **good of one's own soul, salvation of others** through reparation, penance and intercession, etc..

Suitability

Good physical and mental health, the ability to get along with people, a spirit of sacrifice and the quality of stability are also necessary for a religious vocation.

If these three signs are all present **then, DON'T DELAY! Do something constructive to make sure if this is God's will for you, or rather to see where He wishes to make use of your services.** Talk to a priest who knows you, read about and write to different religious orders. A visit is by far the best means to discern if you are meant to enter any specific congregation.

So don't delay, move forward as Fr. Serra would say—Our Mother Gen-

eral certainly has! Since January this year, the plan for a **Teacher's College in Melbourne, Australia** has made good progress and, God-willing, will be approved very soon so our young religious can receive a good Catholic formation and yet still come out with an internationally recognised teaching qualification. Providentially, we have been blessed with a good number of Doctorates among our sisters which should impress the officials.

Plans for the future Motherhouse in Melbourne are being studied and tweaked and the NZ convent is in the process of acquiring a lovely property just next door which, God-willing, will become a girls boarding school. We would now love to attract a group of Dominican teaching friars to work with us. Young men who are interested should get in touch with Mother Micaela, O.P. at this email address, stdominic@sspx.com. God knows we are in much need of good religious teachers for the boys too! May His Holy will be done in all things!

Mother Mary Rose
New Zealand



“Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, welcome aboard this Angel Airways flight to Winona today . My name is Mother Mary Rose - your captain on today's flight.In the seat pocket in front of you, you will find a safety instruction card. Please read this carefully as it explains the four last things. Under your seat you will find a rosary and, in the event of a loss of cabin pressure, scapulars will drop down from overhead. ...Thank you for flying with Angel Airways, we pray that you enjoy your flight.”