

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

A traditional Catholic School

Girl boarders will join day students at St. Dominic's College, Wanganui, which is staffed and managed by the Society of St. Pius X and the Dominican Sisters, alongside dedicated lay teachers. Staff are professionally trained and registered with the NZ Teachers Council and the school can humbly boast of numerous A/A* grades and Top Centre/School Certificates from Cambridge University which are only granted if students make the top percent in the world or in New Zealand.

Being a Private Catholic College, we have the freedom of aligning our Junior and Senior Curriculum to the traditional Magisterium of the Church and Dominican principles. Our goal is that of forming good Catholics in such a manner that the whole person may be submitted to the reign of Christ the King. Students will receive a complete and well-balanced formation, not only spiritual but also intellectual, moral, social and physical, all penetrated by the light of Faith and proper Thomistic philosophy. The curriculum aims at academic excellence, helping each pupil to reach their full potential according to their own talents, but also aims at an appreciation of culture, worthy ideals, love of the truth, the beautiful and the good, refinement of taste, nobility of heart and sympathy with national traditions as well as forming the character and the will.

CAMBRIDGE INTL. EXAMINATIONS

At Senior level, students are prepared for Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), which are awarded and examined by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES) in the United Kingdom and taught in an atmosphere conducive to the Catholic faith. Students study for IGCSE levels in Year 11 and AS/A levels in Years 12 and 13.

FACILITIES

Close to St. Anthony's Parish Church, students benefit from large play areas, a tennis court, and thanks to government grants they have access to a wide range of sports equipment. Facilities also include music rooms, a computer suite and indoor activities.

To encourage teamwork, each student is allocated to one of three school teams, under the leader-



Girls' School assembly on a dry day.

ship of a Captain and Vice-Captain. Each team then competes on a regular basis in inter-house competitions such as drama, debating, poetry, singing, art etc. It is always a big thrill to hear who was won the House Cup at the end of year.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

To ensure spiritual growth and maturity, boarders are encouraged to join local sodalities such as the Eucharistic Crusaders for the juniors and Children of Mary for the seniors, which are both under the leadership of the Sisters and have a SSPX priest as chaplain. To ensure a well-rounded education, boarders are also encouraged to take up a musical instrument or singing lessons and other extra-curricular activities are on offer depending on the individual eg: chess club, choir, joining the school sports team etc. Ω



*Principal: Rev. Fr Andrew Cranshaw SSPX;
Head of Boys' School: Mr. B. Peterson;
Head of Girls' School: Sr. Mary Madeleine O.P.*



Mother General places the white novice veil upon the head of Miss Karen Yzelman of Singapore.

FIRST FRUITS

On the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ our community of Sisters in Wanganui had the great joy of assisting at the religious clothing of four novices. These are the first fruits of the new motherhouse in Tynong, Victoria, Australia and are the presage of a wonderful expansion of the teaching apostolate in the future. On the same day, eleven **young ladies presented themselves as “prospective”** postulants/visitors to the congregation.

May our Lord be blessed for the great favours and mercies He showers upon us: *Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, thou art exceedingly great. Thou hast put on praise and beauty: And art clothed with light as with a garment.* (Ps103:1-2). May we all be likewise clothed in the light of His truth.

Sadly this is the last article you will read about us in the *Apostle*, for New Zealand now falls under the sweet yoke of the District of Australia & New Zealand. Thank you to the District of Asia! Nevertheless, there is a glimmer of hope that we may still be able to sneak in an occasional article from time to time, particularly if we receive vocations from Asia.

Mother Mary Rose.
Wanganui, New Zealand



Rev. Fr. Niklaus Pfluger, First Assistant to the Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X places a crown of thorns upon the head of the new novice. He was assisted by Rev. Fr. Jules Belisle as deacon and Rev. Fr. Michael Delsorte as subdeacon.



Miss Anna Bailes of Australia became Sr. Mary Anna, Miss Mary Fitzpatrick also of Australia became Sr. Mary Jordan, Miss Pysche Wong of the Philippines became Sr. Mary Bernard and Miss Karen Yzelman of Singapore became Sr. Maria Columba.



The entire community of Dominican Sisters gathered around Mother General, Mother Mary Micaela O.P..