

# Religious Orders in the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

## Religious Life takes a variety of forms:

- For the historic orders it has traditionally been defined by life vows lived out in intentional community. In New Zealand and Polynesia these are the Community of the Sacred Name, the Society of Saint Francis and the Sisters of the Love of God.
- There are historic expressions of dispersed community life living a professed life in the world, in accordance with a rule of life. These are the Third Order SSF; Associates, Companions and Oblates of the Community of the Sacred Name; Order of the Holy Cross; and Southern Star Abbey.
- Newer expressions of the religious life with an intentional focus on engaging younger people in prophetic witness. These communities have drawn inspiration from the historic religious orders. They include Urban Vision and the Order of St. Stephen.

# Prayer for Vocations to the Religious Life

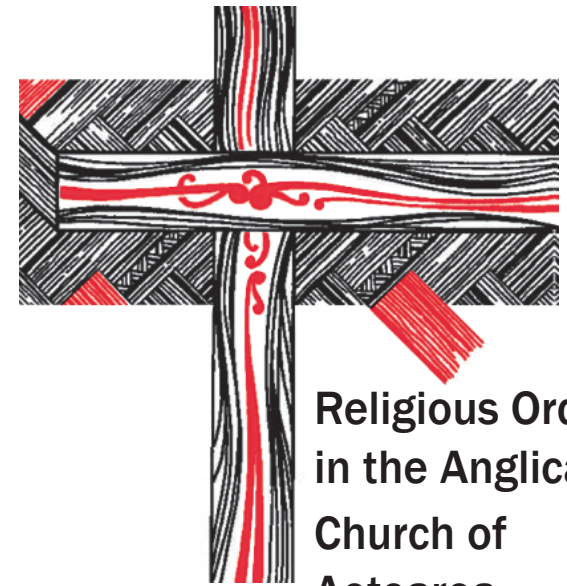
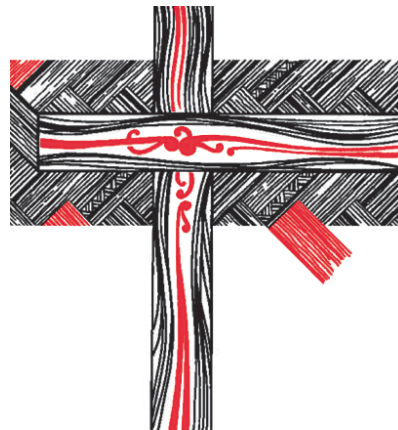
Lord Jesus Christ:

In your great love you draw all people to yourself; and in your wisdom you call us to your service.

We pray you to kindle in the hearts of many the desire to follow you in the religious life.

Give them grace to accept vocation readily and to make whole hearted commitment, and for the love of you, persevere always.

Amen.



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### In New Zealand there are several religious orders in the Anglican Church:

- Some live in community,
- Some are dispersed,
- All are united in dedicating their life to the service of God,
- They live by a Rule of Life, and commit their lives to a pattern of prayer and work,
- Many of the religious orders have associated groups who feel called to support them.

The third Sunday of August every year is Religious Vocations Sunday in the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, NZ and Polynesia.

# Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in Aotearoa New Zealand

## The Order of Saint Stephen (OSS)

The Order of St Stephen (OSS) is a religious order for young people between the ages of 16-30 years journeying together with God in Prayer, Community and Service within the Anglican Church.

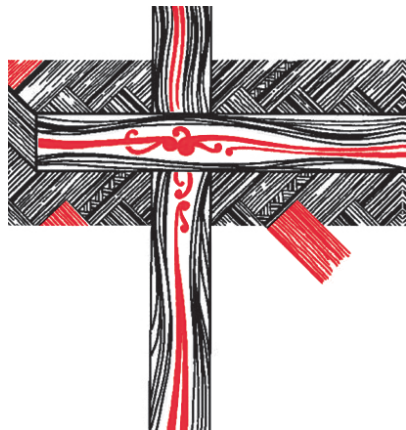
Contact: [www.facebook.com/OSS.AotearoaNZ](https://www.facebook.com/OSS.AotearoaNZ)

## Urban Vision

A contemporary order following Jesus on the margins.

People from different backgrounds and in different stages of their lives gather together to form teams linked by covenant. We vow to give “our best for the least”.

[nzurbanvision@gmail.com](mailto:nzurbanvision@gmail.com)



## First Order of the Society of Saint Francis

Men and women following Christ in the example of Francis and Clare, they live in communities under the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

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Website: [www.franciscan.org.nz](http://www.franciscan.org.nz)

## Community of the Sacred Name

A community of consecrated women inspired by the vision of Bishop Julius from Christchurch.

Their ministry is centred in parishes and the wider community, but the main focus is prayer. There are houses and ministries of compassion in Fiji and Tonga.

Email: [comsacnm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:comsacnm@xtra.co.nz)

## Sisters of the Love of God

A contemplative community in England for the praise and love of God, a witness to the consecration of all places and times to God. A member of SLG resides in New Zealand.

Email: [slg.st-isaacs@xtra.co.nz](mailto:slg.st-isaacs@xtra.co.nz)

## Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis

Inspired by Francis and Clare, an order of women and men, single or married, who want to live according to the Gospel in their own communities. It is based on a life of prayer, study and work. It is actively involved in peace and social justice initiatives.

Email: [mptssfpacific@gmail.com](mailto:mptssfpacific@gmail.com)

## Benedictine Order of the Holy Cross

Men and women, lay and ordained who are associated with the Order of the Holy Cross, an Anglican monastic order that follows the Rule of St. Benedict.

Email: [ecfairbrother@waiapu.com](mailto:ecfairbrother@waiapu.com)

Website: [www.ohcnz.org.nz](http://www.ohcnz.org.nz)

## Associates of the Monastery of Kopua

A Catholic monastery in Hawke's Bay in the Cistercian Order, a branch of the Benedictine family.

Associates of the monastery are lay people and clergy, male and female, Catholics, Anglicans and other denominations.

Website: [www.kopuamonastery.org.nz](http://www.kopuamonastery.org.nz)