

Vocation

Everyone is invited by God to share in his life and love and each of us has our own personal path as we journey into fullness of life with him.

Each path, or vocation, has its own character, demands, responsibilities and blessings. A vocation to the religious life involves a total personal commitment to God within the Community to which he calls them.



If you feel God is calling you to the religious life and wish to discern your call further, please contact:

Sister Carol, Mother Superior on 03 9583 2087

Supporting us

Many people feel called to share in the life and work of the Community and we are grateful to all who support us with their interest, gifts, time and prayer.

We welcome volunteers to pray for our work and, where possible, to assist in practical ways.



For more information, contact us at::

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CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY NAME



Serving God through prayer
and ministry since 1888

Associates

Associates of the Community are women and men, lay and ordained, who are active members of a Christian parish, have had some prior contact with us, and seek to deepen their life in Christ through a closer association with the life and ministry of the Sisters.

Associates keep a simple Rule of Life which includes praying for the Community and, where possible, assisting in practical ways. There is a probationary period followed by a Service of Admission, usually held in the Community House Chapel.

The Community supports Associates through prayer and fellowship and a regular program of speakers, Quiet Days and an annual retreat, as well as regular newsletters.

Priest Associates also have a Rule of Life which includes an undertaking to pray regularly for the Community, to make the Community known and to encourage interest in the religious life.

To find out more, please contact:

Sister Avrill on 03 9583 2087

For Priest Associates, please contact:

Sister Josephine Margaret on 03 9583 2087



Oblates

The Order of Oblates are Christian women and men who discern a vocation to make a self-offering to God alongside and in partnership with the Community of the Holy Name.

A person applying to become an Oblate is one who is called to a life of contemplative prayer and active service and who has a deep longing to live the spirit of the religious life in the world.

While living at home and following their normal way of life, Oblates know they are called to dedicate themselves to a life of prayer in association with us.

Their Rule of Life includes a commitment to the spirit of poverty, chastity and obedience, adapted according to the situation of each member. This commitment is made with life intention and is renewed annually.

At the Community House, we support the Oblates through a yearly programme of meetings which includes two Quiet Days (Lent and Advent), a retreat and a combined meeting with the Associates.

To find out more, please contact:

Sister Elizabeth Gwen on 03 9583 2087



Alongsiders

This program provides an opportunity for women to live with us, at the Community House, and so experience the religious life.

An Alongsider lives and works alongside us for an agreed period of time gaining the opportunity to seek a deeper relationship with God in community, to learn about the religious life in general, to explore and better understand living in community, and to take some of the core values of religious life back out "into the world."

She makes a total personal commitment to God within the community and follows a daily practice of personal prayer, spiritual reading and biblical reflection.

The Community designates a Sister to meet weekly with her, to discuss and reflect on the experiences, both practical and spiritual.

If you would like to experience a time of living in a Religious Community, please contact:

Sister Carol, Mother Superior on 03 9583 2087

