



# Jubilee 2025



## Jubilee of Consecrated Life

25 – 26 October 2025

This weekend, we celebrate the Jubilee of Consecrated Life, giving thanks for those who have dedicated their lives fully to God through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We honour the women and men in religious communities who serve with humility, faith, and deep commitment, embodying the Gospel through their lives of prayer, service, and sacrifice. Consecrated persons enrich the Church and the world, bringing hope, compassion, and healing wherever they go.

Today, we give thanks for their witness of faith and love, and we pray for their continued strength and inspiration as they live out their sacred calling. May their lives remind us of God's boundless love and the beauty of a life devoted to His purpose.

## Prayers

### Example prayers of the faithful

For all those who have dedicated their lives to God through consecrated life, that they may continue to be strengthened in faith, filled with hope, and sustained by God's love as they serve others. May their commitment inspire all of us to grow closer to Christ and live out our own calling with joy. **E te Ariki ...**

For those living a consecrated life, that they may be renewed in their mission to serve God and others with humility, joy, and perseverance. May their witness of faith inspire the world to seek holiness and unity in Christ. **E te Ariki...**

### Other prayers for Consecrated Life

Loving and Faithful God,  
You have called women and men throughout the ages to follow You with undivided hearts, devoting their lives to prayer, service, and the proclamation of Your love. Today, we give thanks for the gift of consecrated life and for all who have answered Your call with courage and commitment.

Bless these faithful servants with the joy and strength they need to continue walking in Your light. May their witness of faith inspire us all to draw closer to You and serve the world with





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compassion. Guide them in their mission to bring hope, healing, and peace to the lives they touch.

Lord, we ask that You renew their spirit each day, filling them with wisdom, perseverance, and love. Help them to live as signs of Your presence in the world and to model the beauty of a life consecrated to You.

In this Jubilee year, may we join together in gratitude, celebrate the richness of their vocation, and support them in their journey. Through the intercession of Mary, our mother, and all the saints, we ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Prayer for our Religious Sisters and Brothers

God of loving kindness, we remember those religious sisters and brothers who have been part of our diocese over many years, and we give thanks for their inspiration, dedication, sacrifice and life of service.

Bless all who continue to keep alive their spirit in schools and institutions throughout the diocese. May we be ever grateful for the example they gifted us in following Jesus.

God of inspiration, we pray for the religious sisters, brothers and priests who continue to be a sign of your loving care.

May their lives of prayer and service lived through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience be an inspiration to us to continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Continue to bless them in their lives of love and care for your people. Amen.

*Written by Sr Carmel Cole RNDM*

## Reflection on the Jubilee of Consecrated Life

*Read the following reflection out during Mass/within your faith communities over the weekend of 25 – 26 October 2025, or distribute for personal reflection.*

The Religious Life you see today in the diocese is different from that of 50, 60, or even 20 years ago. However, we still follow the same commitment as those who went before us: to follow Christ in a particular way. The founders of the various Religious Congregations each heard a call and established a congregation or society with a unique charism. Today, although it may outwardly look different, that particular charism remains the foundation of our lives.





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As a Sister of Our Lady of the Missions, my life is based on a Trinitarian spirituality with Contemplation, Communion, and Mission taking central roles. We live the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in our world today. The vow of poverty is about sharing what we have and living as sisters sharing everything in common. The vow of chastity is about loving in an inclusive, non-possessive way. The vow of obedience is about listening attentively and seeking what God is calling us to do at this particular time and place.

Today, we can understand ourselves as the leaven in the bread of the world or the seed planted in the soil that is silently growing. No longer are we a large and visible group in the Church. Today, like the leaven in the bread, we may not be as visible, but we are still very much part of the Church, living the particular charism of our founder, often as a contemplative presence, and taking our part in bringing about the Kingdom of God in our world today.

*Sr Carmel Cole RNDM*

## Suggestions for celebrating this Jubilee in your communities

- **Use the provided prayers of the faithful or write your own**  
Pray for consecrated men and women who have devoted their lives to God, asking for strength, joy, and continued inspiration in their vocations.
- **Incorporate prayers in gatherings throughout the week**  
Include prayers for consecrated life in Masses, group meetings, and private devotions during the week to honour their service.
- **Read the reflection during Mass or in faith communities**  
Share a reflection on consecrated life during Mass or gatherings, and provide copies for people to reflect on privately.
- **Invite consecrated individuals to share their stories**  
Arrange for a panel or Q&A session where consecrated men and women can speak about their faith journeys and what drew them to this calling.
- **Recognize anniversaries of vows**  
Publicly honour those celebrating milestones in their vows of consecration, presenting them with a certificate or small gift as a gesture of gratitude.
- **Encourage young people to explore consecrated life**  
Host a session or event for youth to learn about consecrated life, ask questions, and meet those who have chosen this vocation, inspiring openness to different paths in faith.
- **Offer a special blessing during Mass**  
Include a special blessing for consecrated men and women in your community during a Sunday Mass, showing appreciation for their commitment and service.

