



A Legacy of Compassion

 *compassion te pūaroa*



“Let us love God alone. Let Him be really ours and let us be really His. Let Him reign in us, and let us live in Him. He is ever near us with His kindness and mercy, which He desires to pour on souls. Let us respond to His designs by the practice of charity.”

Suzanne Aubert
Foundress
Sisters of Compassion



WHO ARE THE SISTERS OF COMPASSION?

The Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion, usually known as the Sisters of Compassion, was founded by Suzanne Aubert in 1892. It remains the only New Zealand-founded congregation of Sisters.

For more than a century, the Sisters have taught, nursed and provided homes for children, frail and elderly people in New Zealand and the South Pacific. Their mission is to be a practical example of Christian love to all and strive to meet the needs of those society tends to ignore.

The Sisters, and the staff they inspire, are committed to deliver compassionate care throughout their community by providing meals, food and basic needs to those who have very little; caring for the elderly, and providing individual and family support. They are committed to supporting those of all creeds and none.



Icon of Suzanne Aubert

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WHERE DO THE SISTERS WORK?

The Sisters and their staff provide compassionate care in four main centres:

In **Wellington City**, the Compassion Centre includes the city's soup kitchen.

The home of the Sisters in **Island Bay**, is also a Retreat House; a place of prayer and pilgrimage where people can refresh and recharge from life's pressures.

St Joseph's Home of Compassion Rest Home and Hospital at **Heretaunga** is a care facility for elderly people, which also caters especially for people with dementia.

And in **Upper Hutt**, Compassion Housing provides 90 houses for elderly people at a discounted rate.

The Sisters also run Chanel Home for the elderly and those with disabilities in **Suva, Fiji**.





WHY DO THE SISTERS NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Amid the challenging and fast-changing world around us, the Sisters and their staff continually adapt to ensure they meet the calls for help, no matter what form they take, without judging or condemning.

In answering God's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and to try and see the face of Christ in all, the needs are great and the demands are just as many.

It takes significant financial support to provide compassionate care. The Sisters rely heavily on donations from individuals. They can only do what they do, responding to people in need, because of the generosity of supporters like you.

The donations the Sisters receive enable them and their staff to carry out their mission, including providing support for those who visit the soup kitchen or live at St Joseph's Home of Compassion. They enable them to work with Māori Pastoral teams and in other chaplaincy work up and down the country.

It is only with your help that the Sisters will be able to continue caring for people in need in future generations.



WHY LEAVE A BEQUEST TO THE SISTERS?

We all want to help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bring hope to the marginalised.

One of the most significant ways to do this and demonstrate your compassion is to leave a bequest to the Sisters in your Will.

Bequests are regarded as very special gifts and are used with extra care. The Sisters make a promise to you that they will use your bequest for the purpose you have specified. If you are passionate about a particular issue, contact us before you complete your Will so that together we can look at how your gift can be used in the way you would be most proud of.

The generosity of the Sisters' benefactors enables them to meet specific needs, or for major capital items to improve people's lives today and into the future.

I am a great fan of Suzanne Aubert and the dedicated Sisters of Compassion who follow in her footsteps. They really are an inspirational group of women. I hope you'll consider leaving a gift to the Sisters in your Will. It will help them put their Christian love into action for many generations to come, in such a positive way."

- Cardinal John Dew

THE SISTERS ARE A GREAT CAUSE TO SUPPORT

"The Sisters of Compassion acknowledge their foundress, Suzanne Aubert, for her conviction of the positive transformation of society so that individuals have the opportunity to develop in the best possible way to - in her words - give glory to God. The Sisters of Compassion continue because of Suzanne's courage and faith but also with the courage and faith of all those women who chose to join her in 1892 and over the next 100 years. Suzanne said that the sisters of the first 100 years are all foundation stones. We continue to sing 'Thanks be to God' and to be grateful for all those who support us with their prayers and donations."

- Sister Margaret Anne Mills

LEAVING BEHIND A WILL - A HELPFUL GUIDE

A Will is a valuable personal document. Once you have made one, you can be sure your estate will be distributed according to your wishes. In the absence of a Will, your estate is divided according to the law.

To ensure that the people and causes that matter to you most are taken care of when you are gone, it is vital to make sure your Will is always up to date.

The need-to-knows

- Everybody over the age of 18 should have a legal and up-to-date Will.
- A solicitor or a trust company can help you draw one up.
- You need to nominate a guardian for young children in your care.
- Your Will must incorporate new and relevant amendments to the law (such as tax or superannuation) or it may be considered invalid.
- Your executor and at least one other person need to know where the Will is kept.

If your family or marital situation changes - through marriage, de-facto marriage, divorce, births or deaths - or if your financial status changes significantly, you should update your Will accordingly.

The easiest way to change your Will

You don't need to create a whole new Will if you decide you would like to include a bequest to the Sisters of Compassion. You can simply add a clause known as a codicil. It is not complicated or expensive and often does not involve much more than advising your family solicitor or legal advisor of the desire to make a bequest to the Sisters and using wording similar to that in the **Codicil for Existing Will** page of this document.

Adding a codicil to my Will

Making provision for the Sisters of Compassion in your Will requires adding a codicil. The wording on the **Codicil for Existing Will** page is the type that you can use when consulting with your legal advisor.

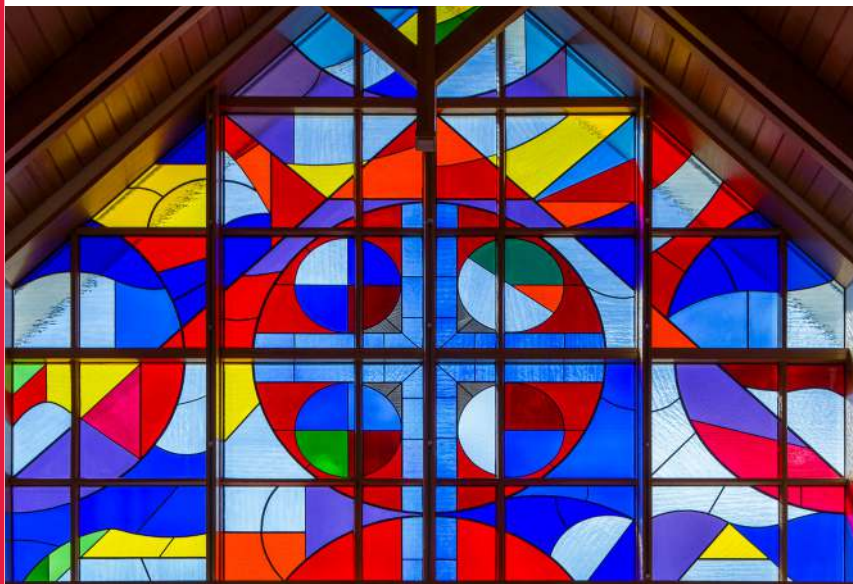
Your Bequest: An enduring contribution to the future

A lot of us feel that we would like to do more to help the causes we care about, but many of us are not in a position to do so.

*Whether you have a little or a lot to contribute, it all helps.
You will be remembered in the Sisters' daily prayers.*

"I constantly give thanks for your generosity. You are part of our history and the Sisters of Compassion thank you. You are part of our lives today as the Sisters and our co-workers are committed to the services made possible by your generosity. It is with your support that we look to the future with hope to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, and show the compassionate face of Christ to all in society."

Sister Margaret Anne, Congregational Leader



CODICIL FOR EXISTING WILL

Title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other (please specify): _____

My full name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

This is a Codicil to my last Will dated the ____ / ____ / ____

I give, devise and bequeath (free of all charges and duties) to The Mother Aubert Home of Compassion Trust Board, the sum of \$ _____

or (*nominated property*) _____

or _____ % proportion of my residuary estate for the general purposes of the said The Mother Aubert Home of Compassion Trust Board.

I further declare that the receipt of the Chief Executive or Treasurer of The Mother Aubert Home of Compassion Trust Board shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my trustees for the same and my trustees shall not be bound to see the application thereof. In all other respects I confirm my said Will.

Date ____ / ____ / ____ Signed by: _____

Full name: _____

Signed in our presence and attested by us in his/her presence and in the presence of each other:

Signature of witness:

Signature of witness:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Address: _____

If there are inserted figures or changes by hand or deleted sections in the bequest, or more than one page, these should be initialled by the person making the codicil and the witnesses.



Thank you,

for taking time to consider supporting the Sisters of Compassion through our charitable trust - The Mother Aubert Home of Compassion Trust Board - in your Will. If you decide to leave a bequest to the Sisters, please consider letting us know. We would love to be able to say thank you and keep you in our prayers. Your personal details will be kept in the strictest of confidence and we fully respect your wishes if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

Title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other (please specify): _____

My full name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please tick the appropriate boxes:

I have already made a gift to the Sisters of Compassion in my Will.

If you would like to provide further information about yourself or your gift. please do so here (optional):

I would like more information about leaving a gift to the Sisters of Compassion, please contact me: by phone by email

I am not interested in leaving a gift to the Sisters of Compassion at this time but I would like to be contacted at a later date.

Please return this form to:

Fundraising Manager, Sisters of Compassion, PO Box 1474, Wellington 6140.



