

DIRECTORY OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES – DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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CONGREGATION OF SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



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CHARISM AND MISSION

The Charism of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In the passionate spirit of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, we joyfully, participate in the redeeming love of Jesus which impels us to proclaim the Good News of God's unconditional love for all. We embrace Mary, the first disciple, as our model of a life rooted in God.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

St. Ephrem Convent
935 Bay Ridge Parkway
Brooklyn

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

- Education
- Healthcare
- Pastoral Ministry
- Social Services
- Spiritual Ministries

HISTORY

The Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, Pennsylvania, we are a community of Catholic women religious dedicated to God and service to God's people. While currently serving in United States and Latin America, we live our mission by engaging in and sponsoring a variety of ministries that meet contemporary needs and foster the full development of human potential.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We are an apostolic religious institute characterized by joyful, loving, hospitable, and self-emptying service to the people of God. All our ministries are works for justice and peace; they receive and give life in relation to the depth of our spiritual union with Jesus and our participation in His mission.

Our Outreach Extends to:
United States in 16 states and the District of Columbia in 33 dioceses.

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DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM



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CHARISM AND MISSION

Bringing the message of Wisdom to all people – especially women and children who experience injustice, violence, poverty, and oppression

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

St. Matthew's Parish, Brooklyn

- S. Mary Gate of Heaven, Ozone Park
- St. Jude, Canarsie
- Our Lady of Mercy, Brooklyn
- St. Virgilius, Broad Channel
- DW Formation House, Broad Channel

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

- Education
- Pastoral Ministry
- Catechetical Ministry
- Formation

HISTORY

The Daughters of Wisdom were founded by St. Louis Marie De Montfort and Blessed Marie Louise Trichet

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As an international congregation, we are able to welcome candidates from many ethnic populations.

DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS



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CHARISM AND MISSION

Ours is a joyful life of prayer, silence and solitude lived within a vibrant community. We are women of diverse backgrounds and interests, united in our search for God. Our charism combines a life of solitary and communal prayer with the Gospel ideal of pouring oneself out in love and service.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

The Carmelite Monastery – Beacon, NY

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

A life of silence and solitude lived within a vibrant community

HISTORY

The Carmelites were founded by St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross.

**DOMINICAN
SISTERS
OF
AMITYVILLE, NY**



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CHARISM AND MISSION

- To Praise
- To Bless
- To Preach

**MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS
IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE**

Preaching and a variety of ministries
throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

The Sisters do a variety of ministries
responding to the needs of the people.

HISTORY

The Sisters of St. Dominic were founded by St. Dominic.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR



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CHARISM AND MISSION

As Little Sisters of the Poor, we care for the elderly in the spirit of humble service which we have received from Jeanne Jugan. We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

Eldercare

Queen of Peace Residence

110-30 221st St.

Queens Village, NY 11429

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

United communities welcoming the needy elderly to homes for the aged and day centers in the USA and in 31 other countries.

HISTORY

Founder: Jeanne Jugan

"The work of the Little Sisters here has succeeded far beyond what I ever expected." Today as we serve the elderly poor in 32 Homes in North America, we share in the conviction of Father Lelievre, and of Blessed Jeanne Jugan, that all of the calculations we could ever make, the wisest is to abandon ourselves into the hands of God's loving Providence.

Father Lelievre

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Volunteer and live-in experiences available in this diocese and abroad.

MARYKNOLL SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC



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CHARISM AND MISSION

We are women of faith of varied cultures and backgrounds. Rooted in Christ and in the charism of our foundress Mother Mary Joseph Rogers, we cross boundaries for Christ... making God's love and compassionate justice visible worldwide.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

New York City

Yonkers, NY

Maryknoll (Ossining), New York

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Advocacy for justice and peace and integrity of creation; empowerment of women and men (especially the poor and deprived) toward just relationships; preservation/protection of the environment; pastoral work, catechesis, education both formal and informal, counseling and spiritual accompaniment; ministries with youth, the elderly and the physically challenged; ministry with indigenous peoples; interfaith dialogue; community health and HIV-Aids care.

HISTORY

Founder: Mary Josephine Rogers

The Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic or simply Maryknoll Sisters are a group of Roman Catholic women religious founded in New York in 1912.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to the USA, we do mission Asia, Africa, the Americas and Pacific Islands.

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SISTERS OF MERCY MID-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY



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MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

- Catherine McAuley High School, 710 East 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY
- Dorothy Bennett Center, 273 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
- Mercy First (formerly St. Mary A. & Angel Guard.), 525 Convent Road, Syosset, NY
- Mercy Home, 243 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY
- Our Lady of Mercy Academy, 815 Convent Road, Syosset, NY

HISTORY

Founded by Catherine McAuley, since 1855, the Sisters of Mercy have provided services to people in need in Brooklyn and the neighboring communities. Originally they provided homes for orphaned children and training for unemployed immigrants, but over the years have extended their ministries to help others in need, such as children and adults with developmental disabilities, children and adolescents who are abused and neglected, families who need services, and children who need a safe place to learn.

CHARISM AND MISSION

The mission of the Sisters of Mercy is to serve all people, most especially those who are poor and marginalized, with a special concern for women and children. They do this through ministries of education and health care, social, spiritual and pastoral services that seek to empower others to live full lives with hope and dignity.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Working with women and children in need and serving them with mercy and compassion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to the sponsored ministries mentioned above, over 70 Sisters of Mercy live and/or work in the Brooklyn area serving as teachers, school administrators, pastoral associates, religious education coordinators, and in prison and hospital ministries

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH



CONTACT IN FORMATION

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CHARISM AND MISSION

Called as Sisters of St. Joseph to give full expression to our giftedness as women in the Church, we participate in the mission of Jesus who came to bring about the reign of God by revealing God's love and by healing, redeeming and liberating all people.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

The Sisters of St. Joseph began ministering in the Diocese of Brooklyn in 1856. We minister in parishes, schools, and social service centers.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Our mission challenges us to discern the needs of the times and to respond. From our earliest foundations, we had no particular ministry. We do what is needed.

HISTORY

Three hundred fifty years ago in the hills circling the village of LePuy, France, the Spirit of God touched the hearts of a young priest, Rev. Jean Pierre Medaille, SJ and a group of women, firing them with love for others and a vision of union with God and neighbor. This vision, a "little design," which would bring about this union, was to be achieved through prayer, service and reconciling love. Its vision was unique in its time, a concept of a "secret congregation" -- not cloistered -- including women of all classes and all backgrounds

SISTERS OF THE VISITATION OF BROOKLYN



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CHARISM AND MISSION

Profound humility before God and gentleness toward others and self. "Living Jesus" in the gentle spirit of our Founders and Salesian Tradition and Charism.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

Visitation Monastery

Monastic presence in the neighborhood of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn since 1855

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

- Prayer
- Spiritual presence in our Girl's Academy within Monastic ground and Retreats for Women.

HISTORY

Founded by St. Francis DeSales and St. Jane de Chantal, in France in 1610.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cloistered Community

Not particular age limit but sound health mental and

physically. All ages are welcomed if you have true Monastic Contemplative Vocation.

BROTHERS OF THE HOLY CROSS



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CHARISM AND MISSION

The Brothers of Holy Cross live extraordinary lives in service of others. From the founding of the University of Notre Dame to ministering in East Africa and Latin America, the Congregation has encouraged hundreds of men to develop their gifts and talents — all with the singular mission of bringing hope to others.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

Holy Cross High School
Flushing, Queens

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Education, Mission work in East Africa and Latin America, Social Services

HISTORY

The Brothers of the Holy Cross were founded by Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

“Spread Your Wings, Anchor Your Soul”

BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART



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CHARISM AND MISSION

Evangelizing the young through education

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

- McClancy High School, Queens
- St. Clement Pope Parish

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

- Teachers, Counselors
- Campus Ministers
- Youth Ministers
- Tutors, Coaches
- Spiritual Directors
- Missionaries

HISTORY

Father Andre Coindre, founder of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, was born in Lyon, France, in 1787.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We serve in 32 countries throughout the world

FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF BROOKLYN



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CHARISM AND MISSION

Each Brother seeks Christ, as Francis of Assisi did, through prayer and continuous personal conversion and detachment from the values of society while serving God's people, particularly those in need, through education and other ministries.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

- St. Francis College, Brooklyn
- St. Francis Prep, Queens
- Serving in Bishop Ford HS, Brooklyn
- Parish Service in Brooklyn

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

- School Administration and Services
- Camp Alvernia
- St. Anthony's HS on Long Island
- Diocesan and Parish Work
- Campus and Prison Ministry
- Housing Ministry

HISTORY

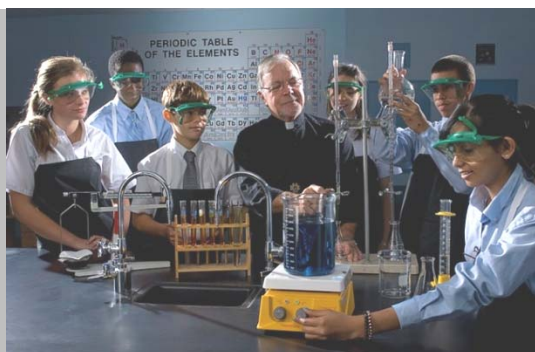
In 1858, two Brothers, Brothers John McMahon and Vincent Hayes, from the Mt. Bellew Monastery in county Galway Ireland, arrived in Brooklyn and founded The Religious Brothers of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, soon to be known as the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn. St. Francis Academy (later to become St. Francis Prep) was founded as well as St. Francis College. The Brothers would also respond to the need of the Brooklyn Diocese as teachers and administrators of parish schools.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Currently, young men desiring to become Franciscan Brothers spend about a year in Contact, as they prepare for formal admission to Candidacy.

Candidacy lasts a year or two, followed by canonical novitiate for a year, in preparation for vows. First vows (Poverty, Chastity, Obedience) are for three years, then followed by final vows.

MARIST BROTHERS



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CHARISM AND MISSION

The mission of the Marist Brothers is the Christian education of young people, especially those most neglected.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

- Archbishop Molloy High School, Queens
- St. Agnes High School, Manhattan
- Mount St. Michael Academy, Bronx
- Mid-Hudson Valley Camp, Esopus
- Marist High School, Bayonne NJ
- Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle, NJ.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

- Catholic Secondary Education
- Counseling
- Social Work
- Youth Ministry, Summer Camps
- Evangelization
- Youth at Risk
- Overseas Missions

HISTORY

The order was founded in France, at La Valla near Lyon in 1817 by Saint Marcellin Champagnat, a young French priest of the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers).

PAULIST FATHERS



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CHARISM AND MISSION

We give the Word of God a voice in pulpits and print, on radio and television, on the Web and the wide screen. We search out those who have no church home, and welcome home those who have been away. We share the passion of St. Paul for unity in faith and solidarity in mission among all the baptized in the body of Christ. We build bridges of respect and collaboration with people of other world religions. We welcome people of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds in our parish, city center and campus worshipping communities.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

- Midtown Manhattan, Westside
- North America
- The Paulist Generalate Offices are located in Jamaica, Queens

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

- Parish Ministry
- Campus Ministry
- Communications
- Young Adult Ministry

HISTORY

Fr. Isaac Thomas Hecker, CSP
Servant of God

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Paulist Generalate Offices are located in Jamaica, Queens

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SOCIETY OF JESUS



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CHARISM AND MISSION

Characteristics of the Jesuit charism:

- Deep Personal Love for Jesus Christ
- Contemplative in Action
- An Apostolic Body in the Church
- In Solidarity with Those Most in Need
- Partnership with Others
- Called to Learned Ministry
- Men Sent, Always Available for New Missions
- Ever Searching for the *Magis* – the greater good

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

St. Ignatius Parish
Brooklyn Jesuit Prep

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Education, retreat centers, spiritual direction, parishes, foreign missions, and a wide range of works serving the poor.

HISTORY

Founded in 1540 by St. Ignatius Loyola and commonly called the Jesuits, the Society of Jesus is the largest religious order of the Catholic Church.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Serving in 112 nations on 6 continents, we number nearly 20,000 priest, brothers, and men in training worldwide, all of whom observe vows of poverty, chastity and obedience

SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART



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MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

- Baltimore, MD
- Washington DC

HISTORY

Founded by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan. The Josephite Fathers and Brothers or, more properly, Saint Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, Inc. (abbreviated post-nominally as S.S.J.) are an American society of Catholic priests and brothers, founded in 1893.

CHARISM AND MISSION

Called to live and serve within the African American Community.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

- Parishes and Schools in the South of the US
- Chaplaincies
- Teaching
- Priesthood and Brotherhood Formation
- Pastoral Services and Research
- Ministry Consultancy
- Archives and Black Catholic History
- Spiritual Direction
- Retreat Work
- Workshops and Seminars
- Parish Missions and Revivals

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The community was formed in 1871 by a group of priests from the English Foreign Mission Society of Saint Joseph, also known as the Mill Hill Fathers. They decided to establish a mission society in the United States dedicated to newly freed people after the American Civil War.

XAVARIAN BROTHERS

BROTHERS OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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CHARISM AND MISSION

We are a community of vowed laymen dedicated to following Jesus through lives of prayer, community and service. Inspired by the vision of Ryken, our Founder and the zeal of St. Francis Xavier, we strive to live lives rooted in the Good News of God's saving love for all people. Blending a life of contemplation and action, we are attentive to the call of God's Spirit to be BROTEHRS to the people we serve throughout the world.

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

Xaverian High School, Brooklyn, NY

Nazareth Regional High School, Brooklyn, NY

Nativity School, lower Manhattan, NY

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Evangelization through Missionary and Educational Apostolates in the U.S.A., Bolivia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Kenya, and Sudan.

HISTORY

The Xaverian Brothers, a congregation of lay religious, were founded by Theodore James Ryken (Brother Francis Xavier) in Bruges, Belgium, in 1839, for the education of youth, especially in America.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Unable to carry out his plan to found a religious body in Holland for catechetical work, Brother Theodore James Ryken went to serve the American mission in 1831.

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD



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CHARISM AND MISSION

To be co-workers of the Diocesan Bishop and to serve, most often, as a parish priest

MINISTRIES AND LOCATIONS IN BROOKLYN DIOCESE

Serving the Diocese and the 200+ parishes in Brooklyn and Queen

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Parish ministry, primarily, but also diocesan responsibilities as appointed by the Bishop.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For men considering Diocesan priesthood, our diocese has a high school and college seminary, and a House of Discernment for men who are working and/or attending a local college.