



THE DELARGEY AWARDS 2024

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference sponsors the Delargey Awards and are pleased to now be calling for nominations for 2024.

The Awards recognise significant and outstanding contributions made in the field of Catholic ministry with young people in Aotearoa New Zealand. They are named in honour of Cardinal Delargey (biography attached). The aims of the Awards are:

- To provide recognition for ministry workers and supporters of ministry with young people in New Zealand
- To educate the community about ministry with young people
- To raise the profile of Catholic ministry with young people in New Zealand
- To recognise the place of long-term involvement in Catholic ministry with young people

The Inaugural Award Ceremony took place in 2004 with Awards presented biannually subsequently.

Delargey Award Recipients

2004: Gil Price, Auckland, *Advocacy*; Kevin and Helen Plant, Wellington, *Leadership Development*; Fr Peter Fahy, Palmerston North, *Community Life*

2006: Mary Bennett, Palmerston North, *Catechesis*; Philippa Pidd, Wellington, *Advocacy*; Raylene Dwyer RSM, Christchurch, *Leadership Development*

2008: Kitty McKinley, Wellington, *Justice and Service*; Br John Paul Wilson FMS, Auckland, *Evangelisation*; Susie Jorgensen, Dunedin, *Pastoral Care*

2010: Br Doug Dawick FMS, Auckland, *Pastoral Care*; Tina Shore, Auckland, *Pastoral Care*; Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Buchanan, Kirsty Campbell, Palmerston North, *Pastoral Care*

2012: Fr Mark Chamberlain, Dunedin, *Community Life and Pastoral Care*, Fr Frank Bird SM, Auckland, *Leadership Development*; Ron Allen, Palmerston North, *Leadership Development and Community Life*

2014: Linda and Paul Darbyshire, Palmerston North, *Pastoral Care*; Norma Bellamy, Palmerston North, *Pastoral Care*.

2016: Anne and Andy Lovell, Wellington, *Evangelization*; Joanne Bell, Dunedin, *Catechesis, Prayer and Worship*; John Rogers, Wellington, *Advocacy*.

2018: Delphina Soti, Auckland, *Justice and Service*; Pesamino Tili, Dunedin, *Community Life*

2020: Antje Duda, Christchurch, *Justice and Service*; Susana Fiu-Fetalai, Auckland, *Pastoral Care*; Jennifer Martinez and Sam Mano, Auckland, *Pastoral Care and Leadership Development*; Dave Mullin, Palmerston North, *Advocacy*

2022: Janette Bradbrook & Mike Fidow, Christchurch, *Catechesis*; Michelle Schaare, Palmerston North, *Advocacy*; Peter Fuga, Auckland, *Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Evangelisation, Leadership Development, Prayer and Worship*.

Each award indicates the component of ministry with young people in which the significant contribution is being recognised.

Components of ministry with young people	
Advocacy	Justice and Service
Catechesis	Leadership Development
Community Life	Pastoral Care
Evangelisation	Prayer and Worship

The Nomination Process

To nominate a person for an NZCBC Delargey Award

1. Complete the nomination form online: <https://forms.office.com/r/qtSYrTDY6Z>
2. Ask a second person to write a letter of recommendation and provide a copy via email to secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz

The nomination is not eligible without the additional letter of recommendation from a second person.

Nominations (with letters of recommendation) are due by close of day **15 May 2024**.

A person who has been nominated in a previous year may be nominated again through the completion of a new nomination form.

Your support in promoting the Delargey Awards amongst your youth and young adult ministry contacts would be greatly appreciated. Let us all continue to promote Catholic ministry with young people and the wonderful work being done by so many talented and gifted people.

Ngā mihi nui,
Damian Dempsey
NZCBC Executive Director

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Writer Name: _____ (Not to be Nominator)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

TO: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

RE: _____ (Name of person nominated)

Letter of Support: *You may use the space below or a separate piece of paper.*

Signature

Date



REGINALD DELARGEY

Born in Timaru in 1914, Reginald Delargey went to school in Lawrence, Patea, Napier and then to college at Sacred Heart in Auckland. On completion of his secondary education, he entered Holy Cross Seminary, Mosgiel, before being asked to complete his study in Rome where he was ordained in 1938.

Back in New Zealand, Father Delargey was appointed Director of the *Catholic Youth Movement* (CYM) in 1942 and later introduced the work of the *Young Christian Students* (YCS) into New Zealand Catholic secondary schools.

He had witnessed Catholic Action first hand during his time in Rome and was impressed by the then relatively novel methods of this movement in working with young students and workers. He applied the lessons learned then throughout his life, and many young New Zealanders benefited from the inspirational leadership he brought to the CYM.

In 1957 he represented New Zealand at the Congresses of *Young Christian Workers* and the *Lay Apostolate* in Rome. The dominant theme was the role of the laity in the social change needed to transform the world order, and Delargey returned with even more enthusiasm for lay participation in the Church.

On 27 February 1958 he was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop to Archbishop James Liston of Auckland and proved to be an inspiring and effective leader of lay people. He went to the *Second Vatican Council* and upon return, began to put its ideas and principles (such as the parish and diocesan pastoral council) into practice.

In 1970, Delargey, as the newly appointed Bishop of Auckland, set up a team to work with him - the forerunner of today's Diocesan departments.

Approval of Delargey's efforts was evident in the decision to appoint him Archbishop of Wellington on 16 July 1974, and in his elevation to Cardinal almost two years later. Uncertain of his reception among priests and people who did not know him, Delargey soon won them over by his constant availability and patent sincerity.

Cardinal Delargey died in Auckland's Mater Misericordiae Hospital on 29 January 1979 and is remembered fondly for his work with young people of the *Catholic Youth Movement* and all Catholic people of New Zealand.