



THE DELARGEY AWARDS 2020

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference sponsors the Delargey Awards and are pleased to now be calling for nominations for 2020.

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*

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 the NZCBC Delargey Award

- Complete the nomination form.
- Ask a second person to write a letter of recommendation (Suggested form attached)
- Send nomination form and supporting letter to

NZCBC
Catholic Centre
PO Box 1937
Wellington 6140

or email to Siobhan Dilly (sdilly@nzcbc.org.nz)

Nominations are due at the NZCBC Office by **17 January 2020**

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.

Yours sincerely,

Siobhan Dilly
NZCBC Executive Officer

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NOMINEE

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Award Category:

<i>(Tick one)</i>	Advocacy	Catechesis	Prayer and Worship
	Evangelisation	Pastoral Care	Justice and Service
	Community Life	Leadership Development	

Years of service in Catholic ministry with young people:

What significant contribution has this person made to ministry with young people in the category they have been nominated for?

NOMINATOR

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

I know the person nominated for this award and I endorse their nomination

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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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

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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.