

# THE ORDER OF THE COMPANIONS OF JESUS

A DISPERSED ORDER OF THE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH OF PRIESTS, PROFESSED SISTERS  
& ASSOCIATE LAY MEN AND WOMEN

One of the first things that anyone discerning a vocation to religious life will become aware of, is the great variety of forms there are of religious life. The main distinction is between monks and nuns who live in an enclosed convent or monastery and religious who work outside the cloister, for example, in education, healthcare or evangelisation.



There are hundreds of different religious orders or congregations, each of which contributes a particular gift to the life of the Church. Some are rooted in the great spiritual traditions, such as Franciscan or Benedictines; others are based upon a particular ministry, such as the Order of Preachers or of Missionaries who seek to care for the poorest of the poor.

The Old Catholic Church supports one such Congregation, consisting of men and women, who follow a simple rule of life. The Order of the Companions of Jesus is a dispersed order that mainly follow the traditions of St Francis of Assisi and St Benedict.

Mar Andrew Mathew the Abbot serves the male members of the Order who follow the rule of Saint Benedict; Mar Geoffrey Lazarus the Franciscan Guardian serves the female members who follow the rule of Saint Francis.

For further information or a request for an informal discussion

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