

Laureate Award Sister Jan Ogilvy op

Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Education in New Zealand

Sister Jan Ogilvy OP has made an outstanding contribution to the professional formation and education of students and teachers for many years.

After completing her teacher training, Sister Jan taught in various Catholic schools including Rosary School, Pine Hill and St Theresa's School, Invercargill.

She later served as Religious Education Advisor, and as the Diocesan Coordinator of the Catechetical Studies course offered in cooperation with the University of Otago College of Education and Department of Theology and Religious Studies. She has held this position for more than thirty-three years.

Sister Jan is an outstanding teacher, tutor and mentor. She shares her supportive, compassionate and no-nonsense attitude with her students, while living the Gospel as example and sharing the Gospel with the students she encounters.

She is regarded highly by her colleagues for the pastoral care she provides, as well as for her professional competence and organising skills.

Sister Jan has been personally involved in the preparation of over 1800 religious education teachers. The strength of New Zealand's Catholic schools has been influenced significantly by her contribution, and schools around the country are extremely grateful to her.

Among her other roles she has lectured and presented papers for The Catholic Institute, assisted in the Prayer Symposium in Palmerston North, lectured in the National Prayer Symposium, taught NZQA courses in the Hamilton Diocese and was a Walk By Faith Lecturer.

Sister Jan continues to demonstrate the Dominican pillars of ministry, community, study and prayer. She shares Saint Dominic's passion and desire to preach the Good News.

Today we express our gratitude and honour her.

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