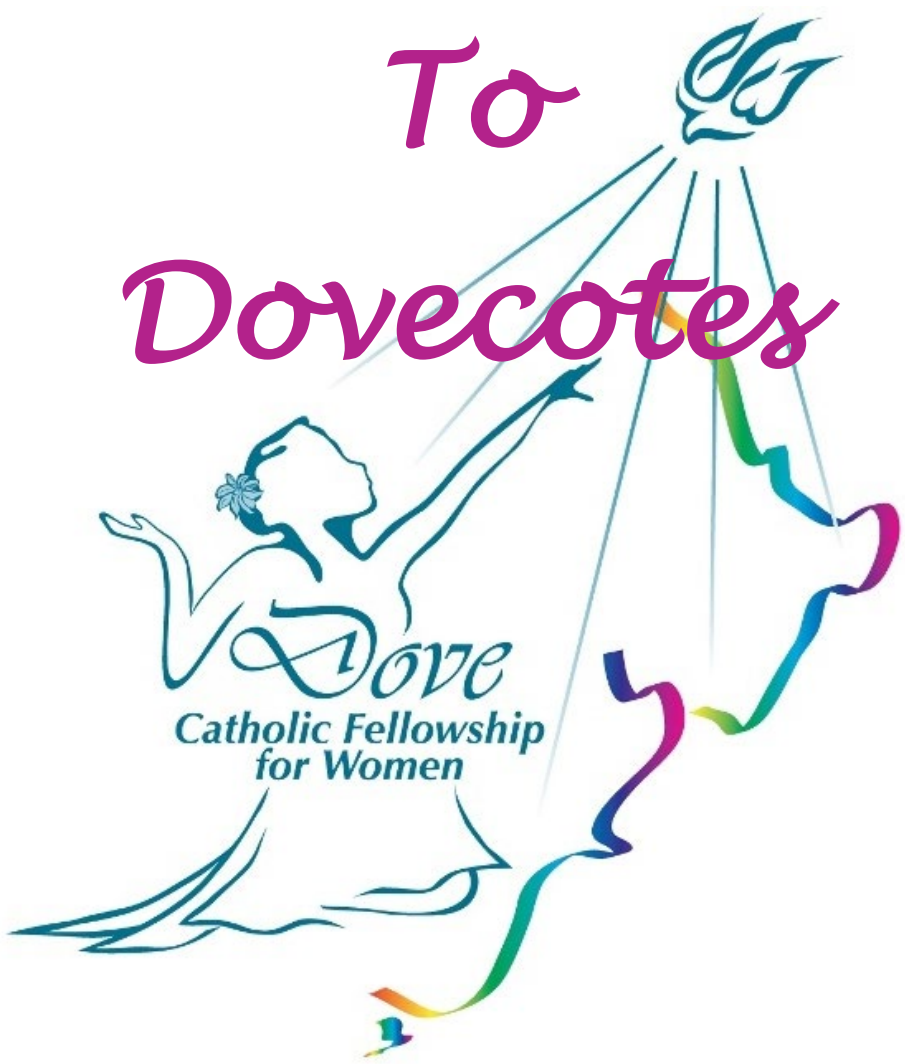


*Welcome
To
Dovecotes*







Haere mai. Tena Kotou katoa.

Welcome to Dovecotes.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, is excited to be launching a new initiative called “Dovecotes” for the women of New Zealand

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us by forming a Dovecote group in your parish.

To form a Dovecote, two or more women, would gather regularly for prayer and support.

You can meet in person or on line. Invite the Holy Spirit into your group to guide you on your journey together.

The Holy Spirit will show you when and where to meet and who you are to invite to join your group.

As a group, prayerfully discern the Vision and Values of Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women provided on the next few pages, to decide if this is the right fit for you and your group.

When you feel ready, return the registration form to the National team.

You can scan and email it to: Gloria Stafford:
dovenational.leader@gmail.com

Check out our website: www.dove.org.nz to get to know more about us.

Nga Manaakitanga

Blessings

Gloria Stafford

Dove National President.

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Song of Songs 2:10-13

My lover said to me, “Rise up, my beloved, my fair one, and come away. For the winter is past, and the rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up, and the time of singing birds has come, even the cooing of turtledoves. The fig trees are budding, and the grapevines are in blossom. How delicious they smell! Yes, spring is here! Arise my beloved, my fair one, and come away.” (NLT Catholic Version)

Scripture enlarged to include verse 13 with the blessing of Mary Rose Webb, first president of Dove, 10 November 2016.

Invocation from Vatican 11 Document:

Chapter 4: Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church

“Every disciple of Christ has the obligation to do his part in spreading the faith. Yet Christ the Lord always calls whoever He chooses from among the number of His disciples, to be with Him and to be sent by Him to preach to the nations. Therefore, through the Holy Spirit who distributes His charismatic gifts as He wills for the common good, Christ inspires the missionary vocation in the hearts of individuals. At the same time He raises up in the Church, certain groups which take as their own special task that duty of preaching the gospel which weighs upon the whole Church.”

ORIGINS:

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women originated in Auckland in 1984 to meet the needs of Catholic women, to be nurtured and trained in the ways of the Holy Spirit as taught in the Church and by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

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DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER: (1 Cor 12) (Dec.Laity Ch.1.3)

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women has a specifically Catholic Charismatic spirituality and freely uses the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in its ministry, particularly through healing in body, soul and spirit, evangelisation in the home, parish and community, and in providing teaching of our Catholic faith.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

To provide a setting where Catholic women and women from other or no church affiliation and of all ages, cultures and vocations may join together to learn the ways of the Holy Spirit.

To educate women in the basic teachings of the Catholic Faith.

To develop women as effective evangelisers, teachers and ministers of healing in order to realise their fullest potential as women of God in their homes, parishes and workplaces.

To encourage Catholic women to work in harmony with other groups within Current of Grace and the wider church.

To enable Catholic women to make a valuable contribution to goodwill with other Christian women by participating in interdenominational women's gatherings where appropriate.

The objectives, for which the Fellowship is established, as set out above, shall at all times be restricted to operation within New Zealand.

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Te tirohanga / Our Vision



All women, all walks of life



*Bonding together in the power of
the Holy Spirit*



Supporting one another



Building up family life



*Leading women to a personal
relationship with Jesus*



Evangelizers of others



Gentleness & love

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| Ō mātou uara / Our Values | |
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| Openness | <p>Dove welcomes women of any, background and culture to join together, to grow closer to Jesus through the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Matthew 18:20 “Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.”</p> |
| Scripture based | <p>Every action in Dove is scripture based. We give priority to knowing, believing and living the Word of God.</p> <p>Psalms 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”</p> |
| Spirit-filled Service | <p>We share the baptism of the Holy Spirit as widely as possible.</p> <p>We pray for one another with the laying on of hands and using the gifts of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>1Cor 12:27 “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”</p> |
| Accountable | <p>Dove operates under the authority of the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand, in close association with Current of Grace. We adhere to the spirit of our written guidelines.</p> <p>1Cor7:17 “...each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him...”</p> |
| Discernment | <p>Whenever we make new plans or decisions in Dove, we ask God what He thinks first. We do this through a process of group discernment.</p> <p>Matthew 6: 33 “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”</p> |
| Praying through praise and worship | <p>We use a unique form of prayer in which we sing songs of praise together, consciously praying the words of each song, until we feel the presence of God, and worship Him as the Spirit leads us.</p> <p>Psalms 42: 8 “..His song is upon my lips, a prayer to the God of my life”</p> |

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GUIDELINES FOR DOVECOTES:

PURPOSE:

A Dovecote is a nesting box for doves. A Dovecote is a name for a small group of women, who meet regularly, either in a parish or home setting, offering one another a safe, non-threatening place to grow in their personal faith journey. They are a place for support, encouragement, learning, sharing and growth.

“The primary focus of Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is on leading women to a personal and ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, to become fully immersed in the life of the Church and to become effective evangelizers of others”.

Dovecotes are led by the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit, (as outlined in I Cor 12-14) are used at the meetings so that members grow and mature in the use of these gifts, and in love, support, and care for one another.

Dovecotes are actively outreaching to new women to bring them into a personal relationship with the Lord and provide ongoing nurture of that relationship.

PRACTICAL POINTS:

SIZE:

A group may be formed by several women, preferably from three to ten. This gives each one, opportunities to participate fully and actively. If the group grows bigger, we recommend breaking into two small groups.

WHO:

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is an adult faith sharing platform. Members need to be 18 years or over, able to make independent decisions about their faith. There is no upper age limit, but Dovecotes are nesting boxes so the emphasis must be on passing the essence of Dove to younger generations. Multigenerational groups would be encouraged. Dovecotes are encouraged to be parish based. A parish may have more than one Dovecote. In accordance with the aims and objectives, “To provide a setting where Catholic women and women from other or no church affiliation and of all ages, cultures and vocations may join together to learn the ways of the Holy Spirit.” a Dovecote welcomes women from all walks of life.

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It is recommended that women with years of Dove experience involve themselves with Dovecotes as mentors and spiritual guides to the less experienced members. The mentor does not have to attend every meeting, but may do so, or may be available by phone or computer as circumstances dictate. Her job is to answer questions and guide the group in the practice of the Vision and Values. If there are no such mentors available in the local area, the National Team will provide this support.

WHEN:

Fortnightly meetings are recommended. Each group will choose a day of the week and time that works best for its members. One hour, to one and a half hours is usually a good amount of time. If a group chooses to operate online, (e.g. to enable rural women to participate), this is also encouraged.

WHAT:

Dovecotes are charismatic prayer groups. Each Dovecote is free to adopt whatever format works for them while being aware that each meeting should include Praise and Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry, and Fellowship. Members are encouraged to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit when they pray for one another's needs.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEADERSHIP:

- A Dovecote needs to be affiliated with Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women.
- Members operate under the authority of the Dove National Team
- Dove Fellowship operates under the authority of the Bishop.
- Each Dovecote forms within a Parish.
- This gives spiritual protection and a basis for sound and safe practice.
- These guidelines form a basis for implementing the new vision for Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women. Given to the National Team 2022.
- The guidelines will be reviewed and changed as required.





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DOVECOTE REGISTRATON FORM

We have read and prayerfully considered the founding scripture, aims and objectives, and core values of Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, and the guidelines for Dovecotes.

We would like to form a Dovecote in (name of Parish)

We are ready to commit to meeting regularly, (choose one: weekly, fortnightly, monthly) _____ for a period of six months, initially.

We undertake to provide a safe, supportive and loving group as described in the Guidelines.

We accept the authority under which Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women operates. We undertake to follow policies as directed by the Bishops, Parish Priest, and Dove National Team.

We understand that Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is a voluntary organization, whose only income is donations from members and supporters, and charges for teaching days, or retreats.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women National Team, endeavours to support each Dovecote through prayer, mentoring and teaching. Please give us contact details of two members of your group to enable us to do this for you.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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