

CHAPEL REBUILD

CARMELITE MONASTERY ~ CHRISTCHURCH ~ NEW ZEALAND

5 February 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Happy New Year Greetings for this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope!

We had a lovely, albeit wet, summer break over the Christmas period, and now that businesses are back up and running in New Zealand we are moving forward again with the plans for our new Chapel and wish to share some updates with you below.

Our architect, Daniel Hyndman Architecture, has completed the exterior 3D image. We have shared this in a new YouTube video update which we've just posted. You can see it here:

<https://youtu.be/Qb1uNqvJGL4>

We have now launched the fundraiser! For New Zealand donors, our bank account details are now available on our website. For international donors, we have set up a charity fund with TrustBridge Global, enabling a fast and secure online payment method with possible tax benefits. The details for this charity fund are also on our website Chapel Rebuild page, and we are placing this donation information on the bottom of our YouTube videos going forward.

We have engaged Damien Walker at The Studio of St Philomena (<https://www.thestudioofsaintphilomena.com/>) for the interior design of the Chapel. It is early days for the interior design aspects, but his work will include the designing of a marble Altar, Lectern and Tabernacle Stand, and stained glass windows of our Carmelite saints. When these items are designed and priced, they will be listed on a separate sacred art fundraiser hosted by The Studio. We will provide the link to the sacred art fundraiser when it is ready.

We've been encouraged by the early donations we've received, totalling NZD\$52,100.09 from 14 donors. We are so grateful for God's providence and the signs He is sending of His pleasure in this undertaking.

We ask for your prayers for the success of our Chapel rebuild: for all aspects of the preparation, design, fundraiser and building. For our part, we are already praying very much for all those who will be involved. We trust in the Lord's plans for the rebuilding of our Chapel, and we hope that this sacred building will be a reflection of His goodness and beauty on earth, all for His Praise and Glory.

Your Sisters in Christ,

Sister Catherine of Christ,

on behalf of Mother Cushla of Mary Immaculate and Sisters

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