



The Daughters of Divine Zeal are an international Catholic organisation of women who offer service to the needs of the Church in various parts of the world. The Daughters of Divine Zeal was founded by Saint Annibale Maria Di Francia (1851-1927) in Messina, Sicily, Italy in 1887. Saint Annibale Maria Di Francia is known as the Patron of Vocations and the Father of the Orphans and the Poor. The origins of the Daughters of Divine Zeal's work began in Italy and has since spread.

The Daughters of Divine Zeal work all over the world. They are spread throughout Albania, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, India, Italy, Mexico, Rwanda, South Korea, Spain, United States of America, Vietnam and of course Australia. They have had a ministry in Church Street, Richmond, opposite St Ignatius' Church since their arrival in Australia in 1959.

The Sisters run the [Madre Nazarena Student's House](#) which provides female student accommodation for tertiary students. They are also involved with sacramental preparation of students at non-Catholic schools and preparation for adults seeking initiation into the Church. They also visit the sick at home and in hospital, coordinate funeral services, coordinate the sacristy at St Ignatius' Church and welcome various groups through prayer in their Chapel.

On the 19th March 2012 the Daughters of Divine Zeal celebrated the 125th anniversary of their founding.

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