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**AND**  
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**AND**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF**  
**THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

By Pontifical concession of His Holiness Pius X, "Dilectionis Filium,"  
of 8 July 1909, I **approve** the National Statutes of the Association of the  
Miraculous Medal in Australia

Rome, 28 February 2008



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Superior General

Director General of the Association of the Miraculous Medal

# **Statutes of the Association of the Miraculous Medal Australia**

## **The Association of the Miraculous Medal within Australia:**

Devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal has been fostered within Australia over a number of years, particularly through the ministry of the Vincentian Priests and Brothers and the Daughters of Charity. In a special way, through the Novena of the Miraculous Medal conducted in many parishes throughout Australia, devotion to Mary under this title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal has increased, and many of the faithful have been enrolled in the Medal.

The Association of the Miraculous Medal (AMM) is the renewal of the Association of the Holy Medal of the Immaculate Conception which had its origin in the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to St. Catherine Laboure.

The Association of the Holy Medal of the Immaculate Conception (Association of the Miraculous Medal) was approved by Pope Pius X on July 8, 1909.

By the decree of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life of February 9, 1998, the Holy See approved the General Statutes which govern the Association in all the countries where it exists.

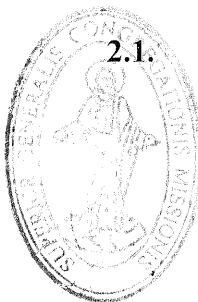
The Association in Australia was established at Marsfield, in the Archdiocese of Sydney in 2000, and, since that time membership has continued to grow within the Sydney region and beyond.

## **Article 1. PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

### **The purpose of the Association is:**

- to honour Mary conceived without sin
- to assist the faith development of its members
- to render some form of service to those in need, “to bring good news to the poor and set free the oppressed” (Luke 4:18).

## **Article 2. LEADERSHIP:**



### **2.1. Director General:**

The Director General of the Association of the Miraculous Medal is the Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission and the Daughters of Charity. He approves the current National Statutes of the Association or those changes which the Association in that country would make in the future.

- 2.2. **National Director:** The National Director, nominated by the Visitatrice of the Daughters of Charity, after consultation with the Provincial of the Congregation of the Mission, is appointed by the Director General and, under his authority, leads the Association within Australia.
- 2.3. **Diocesan Advisor:** The National Director may propose to a diocesan bishop a Diocesan advisor and requests his/her appointment. He/She works with the National Director for the members in that particular diocese. His/Her task is centered on the formation and the animation of the members of the Association.
- 2.4 **Leadership Team:** Under the guidance of the National Director, and appointed by him in consultation with the Provincial and Visitatrice of the Vincentians and Daughters of Charity respectively, a team comprising Coordinator, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and other Committee members, is responsible for the operations of the Association and of the National Office. The term of appointment for each member is 4 years renewable only once.
- 2.5 The **National Team** will meet at least twice a year to plan activities and will strive to keep in contact with all the local centers of the Association.

### Article 3. MEMBERSHIP:

- 3.1 **General Members:** Any members of the faithful who wear the Medal can be general members of the Association and share in the spiritual benefits of the Association. It is fitting that they receive the medal blessed by a priest, and that they wear it around the neck. It can be conferred by a priest or a delegated lay person according to the rite approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship.
- 3.2 **Particular Members:** Particular members are those who have been registered in the records of the Association. This registration occurs when the completed application form requesting membership has been received at the National Office of the Association and when the names of those requesting membership are recorded as members. The particular members commit themselves to the goals of the Association in its apostolate and its formation.
- 3.3. **Finances:** There is no membership fee, but members of the Association are invited to make a donation each year. Monies raised in this way are used for ordinary operating expenses, with most of these funds being forwarded to specific foreign missions decided upon by the Association's leadership team.



### Article 4. BENEFITS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

#### Spiritual Benefits:

Members of the Association enjoy the indulgences granted in perpetuity according to the rescript of the Sacred Penitentiary on October 27, 1995.

1. on the day of investiture,
2. on the feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal,
3. on the feast of the Queenship of Mary,
4. on the feast of St Catherine Laboure,
5. on the feast of St Vincent de Paul, and
6. on the anniversary of the establishment of the Association.

Particular members share in all of the spiritual benefits of the Association, especially the monthly celebration of the Eucharist offered for them and their intentions.

**4.2 Activities:**

- Service to those in need;
- Support for foreign missions, especially in the Pacific Region and those of the Congregation of the Mission and the Daughters of Charity;
- Other gatherings of members for Novenas, Retreats, celebration of Feasts, etc.

All members of the Association are encouraged to wear the medal around the neck, to pray frequently the prayer on the front side of the medal – ‘O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you’ – to pray regularly the Novena Prayer, and, imitating the compassionate heart of Mary, to be open to the needs of others, especially the most needy.

**Article 5. National Office of the Association:**

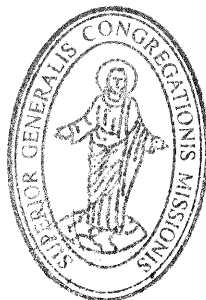
The Centre and National Office for the Association in Australia is situated at 172 Balaclava Rd, Marsfield, NSW, 2122, Australia.

**Article 6.**

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the funds and good will come to be administered for the poor by the Congregation of the Mission or the Daughters of Charity.

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*28 February 2008*



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