

#### **Mission Statement**

The Order of Christ the Saviour (OCS) is a Dominican dispersed community that is devoted to the academic study, teaching, and practice of Anglican deliverance ministry-- intended to share Christ's merciful healing and liberation in the modern world. The Order is primarily influenced by the Rule of St. Augustine, and its Friars and Sisters are vowed to tenets of traditional Dominican spirituality in regular observance of daily prayer, life-long formation, community service, and frequent participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Members are confirmed communicants in good standing within an Anglican denomination in communion with the See of Canterbury.

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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls





## Christ's Healing for the Body of Christ

An Anglo-Catholic Dominican Order in The Episcopal Church



## Who We Are

We are vowed Dominican Friars and Sisters with a specific vocation to Anglican deliverance ministry, either as a scholar or practitioner. Our members receive comprehensive initial and continued formation in both the Dominican charism and deliverance within the Anglican tradition. Due to the nature of our ministerial focus, all members require endorsement from their local Ordinary, and most members are usually specially appointed Diocesan Exorcists / Deliverance Ministers.

We do not license, commission, or appoint exorcists. This is solely the right of a Bishop Diocesan. However, we do provide robust formation through the lens of Dominican spirituality and Thomistic theology. We also provide fellowship and community for professed members who have discerned a strong vocation to both deliverance ministry and the Dominican Rule. Friars and Sisters are both cooperator and ordained, and we do not discriminate on the basis of gender/sex, race/ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

## Vows & Rule

Professed members commit to vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience. Influenced by the Rule of St. Augustine, members may choose the degree of solemnity of the vows they profess. Members are also expected to:

- 1. Center life on the Holy Sacraments of the Church.
- 2. Pray, at the minimum, Morning Prayer and Compline.
- 3. Receive Spiritual Direction monthly.
- 4. Pray for the Order daily.
- 5. Wear a St. Benedict Medal and/or Brown Scapular daily.
- 6.Observe a solemn fast during Fridays in Lent and on the eve of the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel as one's health permits.
- 7. Attend annual assembly meetings, whether in-person or virtual, unless granted a dispensation by the Prelate or Provincial Council.

#### Canonical Status



The Order of Christ the Saviour is an Associate Member of the National Association of Episcopal Christian Communities with its Mother House at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in the Diocese of Springfield.

#### The Habit

- Cassock & Collar (Brother's or Clerical)
- Leather Belt Cincture δ Rosary (5 or 15 decade)
- White Scapular (Consecrated)
- Pectoral Cross of the Order (Not Pictured)
- Black Capuche



#### The Cross



The top left reflects our Anglican heritage, while the quadrant beneath conveys the sacramental nature of our Rule. The Baptismal Cross signifies our commitment to our baptismal covenant, and our hope for the resurrection. The top right depicts a monogram initially meaning  $IH\Sigma OY\Sigma$  ("Jesus"), now often interpreted as Latin for "Jesus, Saviour of Humankind".

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