



Dame Colleen Bayer, DSG

FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL

BIO

Dame Colleen Bayer established Family Life International NZ in 1992. Inspired by the late Father Paul Marx (the great Apostle of Life), she realised the need for a pro-life, pro-family organisation in New Zealand which addressed all the life issues from natural conception through to natural death, was unashamedly Catholic, and would open its arms wide to every pregnant mother facing a crisis pregnancy, as well as the sick, disabled and elderly who may find themselves a target for euthanasia-type practices.

Colleen has been married to her husband Terry for 40 years. Together they have five children (four adopted, three of whom have special needs), and twelve grandchildren. Their eldest daughter, Michelle, also works for Family Life International NZ.

For many years Colleen and Terry have fostered and provided respite for 27 children with various special needs, truly opening their hearts and their home to those who are most vulnerable in society today.

In the 20 years prior to establishing Family Life International, Colleen was actively involved in SPUC (now Voice for Life), Operation Rescue, as well as praying and sidewalk counselling outside abortion facilities.

Pope Benedict XVI named Colleen a Dame in the Order of St Gregory the Great; an honour for her pro-life work with mothers and babies in New Zealand.

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