

# Women religious orders in Arkansas

The Diocese of Little Rock has 14 diverse women's religious orders. Here are 10 of the largest or longest-serving orders in the state.

Order	Type of order	History	Ministries	Vows/Habit	Formation	Contact
<b>Benedictines of St. Scholastica Monastery</b>	Monastic	Founded in 1879 in Logan County	Prayer and work	Promises of obedience, stability and conversion of life, which encompasses poverty and chastity. Optional habit of black skirt or suit and white blouse and optional veil.	Fort Smith	(479) 783-4147
<b>Daughters of Charity</b>	Society of Apostolic Life	Founded in Paris in 1633 by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise DeMarillac	Serve those living in poverty	Annual vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and service of the poor. Optional blue and white habit with a veil; or blue or white blouse with community pin.	Novitiate in St. Louis	(501) 664-0340
<b>Discalced Carmelite Nuns</b>	Contemplative	Original Carmelites were hermits on Mount Carmel. Order was reformed by St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross.	Prayer, both personal and communal	Solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Wears a habit.	Little Rock	(501) 565-5121
<b>Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception</b>	Apostolic	Congregation was formed in Poland in 1861.	Education and health care	Vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Wears a white habit with black cape and veil.	U.S./Canada province in Justice, Ill.	(708) 458-3040
<b>Missionaries of Charity</b>	Missionary	Founded by Blessed Teresa of Kolkata in 1950.	Service to the poorest of the poor	Permanent vows. Wears a common habit.	Motherhouse in India	(501) 663-3596
<b>Missionary Carmelites of St. Teresa</b>	Missionary	Institute founded in Mexico City in 1903.	Prayer and apostolic work	Vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Wears brown habit/uniform.	Provincial house in Houston	(281) 445-5520
<b>Missionary Catechists of the Poor</b>	Missionary	Founded in Mexico in 1926 during Christian persecution.	Serving preferably the poor and abandoned	Permanent vows. Wears a navy blue habit with white collar, long sleeves and white veil.	General superior in Monterrey, Mexico	(501) 609-9549
<b>Olivetian Benedictine Sisters</b>	Monastic/Apostolic	Arrived in Pocahontas in 1887 from Conception, Mo.	Education, health care and various ministries	Vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, reformation of life and stability until death. Wears a white habit with black veil.	Jonesboro	(870) 273-6872
<b>Religious Sisters of Mercy</b>	Apostolic	Founded by Catherine McAuley in 1831 in Ireland.	Education, health care and various ministries	Vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and service to the poor, sick and ignorant. Can wear a modified habit with or without a veil or wear simple clothing.	South central community in Belmont, N.C.	(301) 587-0423
<b>Sisters of Charity of Nazareth</b>	Apostolic	Founded near Bardstown, Ky., in 1812.	Health care	Perpetual vows. No habit.	Nazareth, Ky.	(502) 331-4516

Other orders serving in the Diocese of Little Rock include the Daughters of Divine Love; Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy; Catholic Teachers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; and Dominican Sisters of Tam Hiêp, Vietnam.

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