

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Community of the Holy Name

(1888 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1888, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Religious organisation

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### Summary

The Community of the Holy Name was founded within the Diocese of Melbourne and was the first Anglican Order in Australia. Emma Caroline Silcock ( Sister Esther) established the community, which was one of only four such communities in Australia. The Melbourne Diocese did not recognise it until 1912 when it was given its charter. The Sisters continue to work in parishes, as Chaplains in hospitals and nursing homes, as well as in spiritual direction and leading retreats.

### Published resources

#### Book

Out of the silence: a study of a Religious Community for women: The Community of the Holy Name, Strahan, Lynne, 1988

#### Resource Section

Silcock, Emma Caroline (1858 - 1931), Jolliffe, Peter, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A110621b.htm>

Sister Esther: An Anglican Saint (reprinted from <i>The Melbourne Anglican</i>, September 2001), Stewart, John W and Sister Marie, 2006,  
<http://localhistory.kingston.vic.gov.au/html/article/190.htm>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### Community of the Holy Name

[Community of the Holy Name records](#)

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