



# Laity of the Chevalier Family Australia

Spirituality of the Heart in an Australian Lay Context

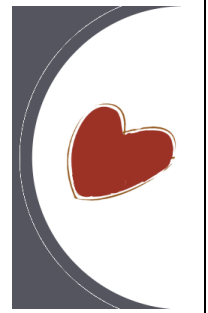
## Laity of the Chevalier Family Australia Logo Explanation

The *Laity of the Chevalier Family* logo was designed at the *Third International Assembly of Laity of the Chevalier Family* in 2017. Differing from the explicitly Christian images of the *Missionaries of the Sacred Heart* (MSC), the *Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart* (FDNSC/OLSH Sisters), and the *Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* (MSC Sisters), this logo points to the lay charism, where we live in families, earn our living in our communities, and commit ourselves differently to the professed members. Additionally, the logo links to foundational scriptures: *It is in him (LOVE) that we live and move and exist* (Acts 17:28), *this LOVE of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit* (Romans 5:5), and *whoever fails to LOVE does not know God, because God is LOVE* (1 Jn 4: 8).

### The Heart of Love

The heart is the universal symbol of love.

It is the human interconnection and interrelationship that are identifying features of our shared charism.



### The Cross of Jesus

The softly drawn *Cross of Jesus* is central to our faith.

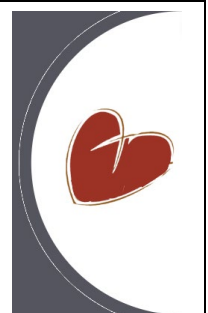
We are explicitly Catholic in our beliefs and know that Jesus walks with us on our journey.



### The Sacred Heart

The *Heart of Love* combines with the *Cross of Jesus* to form the *Sacred Heart*.

This *Sacred Heart* draws us into the transformation of our own hearts that comes through offering our lives to the Heart of Christ.



### The Dancing Figures

The figures' shape and posture are gently intertwined but loosely held.

The different forms are reflective of gender, culture, and worldview, but most importantly, all flow from the Heart of Christ.





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## The Flame of Charism

The *Flame of Charism* connects the interior symbols to the outer circle.

It is from the *Flame of Charism* that the transforming hope flows out of the heart encircling the people.



## The Circle of Creation

Green is the colour of hope and reflects Creation in which we live and from which we are sustained.

It reminds us, as laity, of our sacred task to commit to preserving and protecting the Creation from which all life comes.



## The Family Name

Our name sits within the *Circle of Creation*, and the *Flame of Charism* points directly to our name.

This identifies the place of the laity within the Chevalier Family as a distinct group yet wholly connected to the shared vision.



## The National Identity

Our country name, Australia, was added to the International Laity of the Chevalier Family logo.

This identifies us as our own distinct entity, though still very much a part of the International Family.



With deep respect and love, we acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (the traditional custodians of this land) and their Elders - past, present, and emerging.

We support the *Uluru Statement From The Heart* and recognise the importance of ensuring First Nations people have a voice in Australia.



We commit to a "greater love for our Creator, each other, and the home we share". (Laudato Si 14).

We live in the *Spirituality of the Heart* and are called to love and care for Creation.