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# Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Ordinance 1954

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An Ordinance to incorporate the Reverend Mother Superior of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood in Malaya.

[28 October 1954]

Whereas the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood were constituted at Guildford in the County of Surrey in England on 26 November 1935:

And whereas the said Franciscan Missionaries have established a nursing mission in the Colony of Singapore for the purpose of carrying on and maintaining hospitals and for the treatment and nursing of the sick and infirm and for the training of women in nursing and the treatment of the sick and infirm and for the purpose of the propagation of Christianity:

And whereas the said Mission has for some time and is now conducting its work at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Trafalgar Home in Singapore and intends to build and conduct a hospital to be known as the Mount Alvernia Hospital in Singapore and to extend its work both in the said Colony and in the Federation of Malaya:

And whereas the said Franciscan Missionaries have invested and will invest money in the purchase of property both movable and immovable within the said Colony and the Federation of Malaya:

And whereas the said Mission and any hospital church convent or other building now or hereinafter to be acquired for the purposes of the said Mission will be managed by the Reverend Mother Superior of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood in Malaya the present Reverend Mother Superior being the Reverend Mother Mary Angela:

And whereas for the better carrying on of the work of the said Mission it is expedient that the said Reverend Mother Mary Angela and her successors, being the Reverend Mother Superior of the said Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood in Malaya, should be incorporated:

It is hereby enacted by the Governor of the Colony of Singapore with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:

### **Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Ordinance 1954.

### **The Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood to be a body corporate**

2.—(1) The said Reverend Mother Mary Angela and her successors for the time being in office of the Reverend Mother Superior of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood in Malaya, duly authorised and appointed as hereinafter provided, shall be a body corporate, hereinafter in this Ordinance called the “Corporation” and shall hereafter for the purposes of this Ordinance have the name of the “Reverend Mother Superior of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood in Malaya”, and by that name have perpetual succession and shall and may have and use a corporate seal.

(2) The said seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as the Corporation thinks fit.

(3) The Corporation may acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description, and may sell, convey, assign, surrender and yield up, mortgage, demise, re-assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any movable and immovable property vested in the Corporation upon such terms as the Corporation shall think fit.

### **Use of corporate seal**

**3.—**(1) All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the Corporation shall be sealed with the seal of the Corporation in the presence of the Reverend Mother Superior for the time being or her attorney, duly authorised by power of attorney deposited under section 48 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1886 and shall also be signed by the said Reverend Mother Superior for the time being, or her attorney so authorised as aforesaid.

(2) Such signing shall be taken as sufficient evidence that the seal was duly and properly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Corporation.

### **Notification of appointment of Reverend Mother Superior**

**4.** A notification in the *Gazette* of the appointment of any person to exercise the office of Reverend Mother Superior of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood in Malaya shall be conclusive evidence that such person was duly authorised to exercise the said office.

### **Saving of Government and other rights**

**5.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the right of the Government, all bodies politic and corporate, and all others except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance, and those claiming by, from or under them.

[7/97]

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF THE  
DIVINE MOTHERHOOD  
ORDINANCE 1954

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**1. Ordinance 21 of 1954 — Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Ordinance, 1954**

Bill	:	19/1954
First Reading	:	15 June 1954
Second Reading	:	20 July 1954
Select Committee Report	:	Council Paper No. 59 of 1954
Notice of Amendments	:	12 October 1954
Third Reading	:	12 October 1954
Commencement	:	28 October 1954

**2. 1955 Revised Edition — Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Ordinance (Chapter 299)**

Operation	:	1 July 1956
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**3. 1985 Revised Edition — Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Ordinance (Chapter 362)**

Operation	:	30 March 1987
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**4. Act 7 of 1997 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1997**  
(Amendments made by section 6 read with item (19) of the First Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	6/1997
First Reading	:	11 July 1997
Second and Third Readings	:	25 August 1997
Commencement	:	1 October 1997 (section 6 read with item (19) of the First Schedule)

Abbreviations

C.P.	Council Paper
G.N. No. S (N.S.)	Government Notification Number Singapore (New Series)
G.N. No.	Government Notification Number
G.N. No. S	Government Notification Number Singapore
G.N. Sp. No. S	Government Notification Special Number Singapore
L.A.	Legislative Assembly
L.N.	Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian Subsidiary Legislation)
M. Act	Malayan Act/Malaysia Act
M. Ordinance	Malayan Ordinance
Parl.	Parliament
S.S.G.G. (E) No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Number
S.S.G.G. No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette Number