Within the Order’s celebration of "The Year of the Family of Saint John of God", the Brothers of the Christchurch Community created an opportunity on 15 September to thank the members of a 56 year old support group that had promoted the mission of Hospitality in New Zealand since the arrival of the first Brothers in that country in 1955. The aging of the members of the St. John of God Auxiliary (see above) had brought them to meet for the last time.

The Oceania Provincial, Brother Timothy Graham, was in attendance to express to the Auxiliary members the appreciation of the Order for their loyalty and support over many years. He also presented each member with a commemorative plaque. (See below Mrs Josi Parsons holding her plaque.)

The Mass that was an integral part of the celebrations, celebrated by Rev. John Weir s.m., included a reflection of women in the lives of Jesus of Nazareth and Saint John of God.

Monies raised by the Auxiliary in past years, especially by means of an annual fete that became of feature of the life of the city of Christchurch, have been invested in a Trust that will provide funds in the future to support the presence of the Order in New Zealand.