

# *NEWS ABOUT....*

## *Blessed Mary MacKillop*



### **Pope brings canonisation closer with second miracle confirmed**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph, The Archdiocese of Sydney and The Australian Catholics Bishops Conference are pleased to announce that Pope Benedict XVI in the Vatican has confirmed that the cure of the lady from inoperable lung cancer through the intercession of Blessed Mary MacKillop is a true miracle.

Sister Anne Derwin, Congregational Leader of The Sisters of Saint Joseph, is thrilled at the news as it opens the way for the final decision to be made to canonise Mary MacKillop.

The Sisters, The Catholic Church and the faithful are now awaiting that decision and the announcement from the Vatican for the date of the canonisation ceremony.

It is hoped that the ceremony will take place in Rome sometime in 2010.

"Today is a special day not only for the Sisters but also for Australia and the universal Church. It is a day to acknowledge Mary who is not only truly saintly but also one of Australia's true heroes," says Sister Anne.

"Mary was a woman truly ahead of her time; she was bold and tenacious and let nothing stand in the way of her care for others. Her strength, humour and egalitarian vision have important relevance in today's busy and complex times.

"The universal recognition of Mary's holiness for the Church and the whole world will inspire future generations both in Australia and throughout the world."

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**MEDIA CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON  
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.30am  
AT THE CHAPEL ENTRANCE TO MARY MACKILLOP'S TOMB  
MARY MACKILLOP PLACE  
7 MOUNT STREET, NORTH SYDNEY**

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