

JCoLT

newsflash

July 2025



Dear Companions,

On March 19th this year, Monica Cavanagh rsj, Congregational Leader and Pauline McGuire, Chairperson of JCoLT, co-signed an Auspice Agreement. This document cements an agreement between the Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) and the Josephite Companions Leadership Team.

Auspicing is a means of providing endorsement, support and guidance to a group. In our Agreement this is summarized in *'recognition and acceptance by the Sisters that the Josephite Companions are an authentic Josephite pathway to living a Josephite life'* and *'recognition and acceptance by the Josephite Companions that we walk in association with the Sisters and the wider Josephite family.'*

Key elements of this document recognize our levels of involvement as Companions, namely Local, Regional and International (JCoLT). It addresses obligations that we have to honour, such as Safeguarding, responsibilities re IT, Financial arrangements and Record Management, such as databases.

We as JCoLT are very grateful to the CLT for their ongoing investment in us a Companions: their wisdom, as well as resources such as personnel, time, financial and much more to enable us to deepen our opportunities to live the Gospel with a Josephite heart.

Our Charter, which complements the Auspice Agreement was signed at the same time. Below are links to both documents so you can read them in full:

[Josephite Companion Auspice Agreement 2025_signed_with appe...](#)

[Josephite Companion Charter 2025_signed](#)

JCoLT Team.

There where you are you will find God

(Mary MacKillop)

In our modern, busy world, we can often feel bombarded by what we see and hear. Yet, how often do we take time to be aware and truly notice what is happening around us?

Some stories from Mary MacKillop's time in Aotearoa NZ provide food for thought.

When Mary visited the Sisters in Arrowtown, Sisters later recalled how she cheerfully 'took on the household chores,' and that she would 'prepare our lunch and wash our dishes.'

When visiting Port Chalmers, when it was first established, the Sisters discovered on returning from school that Mary, with the help of postulants, had washed all the quilt covers but she was distressed that she hadn't got them all on the line before they returned.



When staying at Waimate, the Sisters were preparing the children for their First Holy Communion. On the first day Mary noticed a very poor, ragged boy in the group and fearing insults from the other children, Mary asked to take the child aside. On his Communion day he was wearing a beautiful suit.

Pope Francis in his final address to the Synod said we need:
"a church that hears the cry of the world... I want to say it, maybe someone will be scandalized...a church that gets its hands dirty to serve the Lord."

In noticing the details and taking care of the little ordinary things Mary provides a practical example of rolling your sleeves up and getting your hands dirty.

With our Friends, in our Prayer, and in our Service may we Companions be prepared to become more aware, to notice and to get our hands dirty to further God's mission.

Exciting Events:

Josephite Companions Day 



Webinar 30 August 2025
Companioning with a Josephite Heart

Guided Input: New Zealand Companions
Breakout Rooms - Open Discussions
To book your free ticket - Use QR Code or go to
<https://www.trybooking.com/CYVCD>
Bookings Open 1 July & Close 26 August 2025



AEST 11.00AM TO 1.00PM - SA 10.30AM TO 12.30PM - WA 9.00AM TO 11.00AM
NZ 1.00PM TO 3.00PM - TIMOR-LESTE 10.00AM TO 12.00PM
PERU 29/8/2025 8.00PM TO 10.00PM - BRAZIL 29/8/2025 10.00PM TO 12MN

Make sure you have pen and paper handy as there will be opportunity during the webinar for personal reflection

Save the Date
10-12 July 2026
Josephite Companions
Conference
North Sydney