

OUR STORY

The Associate movement stems from the teaching of the Second Vatican Council with its vision of Church as community.

The Congregational Chapter of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1983 addressed the issue and stated: "The Superior General and Council will explore the possibilities of extending our concept of Josephite membership." In light of feedback from the Congregation a decision was made to explore the possibility of a Josephite Associate Movement.

Lay communities in Europe were visited and the simple motto and organization of the young San Egidio Movement in Rome attracted the Sisters' attention. Their motto was Friendship, Prayer and Service.

In September 1986 an expression of potential Josephite Associateship was published in the Congregational Newsletter. The hope was to enter into a spirit of communion between the Associates and the Sisters, with St Joseph as a model in his love and caring of Jesus and Mary.

Today Josephite Associates live the values of friendship, prayer and service, shaped by the Josephite charism in the spirit of Mary MacKillop.

We invite you to be a part of the Associates

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Josephite Associates have a particular way of loving and living discipleship according to the Gospel.

Are you a man or woman who is seeking something more in your spiritual life?

Are you attracted to the Josephite charism?



Josephite Associates

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

An invitation to respond to the call to live the charism of

MARY MACKILLOP

in your daily life
in your own unique way

In South Australia there are currently groups of Associates in:

Adelaide - Jamestown - Murray Bridge -
Port Lincoln - Riverland

Associates:

- Live the Josephite charism in daily life
 - Receive a quarterly Newsletter
- Are invited to gatherings and activities and to undertake formation
 - Participate in opportunities for spiritual development



FRIENDSHIP

PRAYER

SERVICE

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

We express our involvement in many ways:

- Making time for prayer
- Approaching life with an awareness that Christ is always with us
- Caring for the needy, the poor and the lonely in a sensitive way
- Meeting with other Josephite Associates for prayer, reflection and friendship
- Living family life with St Joseph as our model
- Participating in social justice activities
- Taking affirmative action for justice on behalf of others
- Supporting the work of the Sisters
- Ministering to others in our everyday life and activities

OUR MISSION

As Josephite Associates we respond to the call to live the charism of

MARY MACKILLOP

in our daily lives in our own unique way.

We support one another by

FRIENDSHIP PRAYER and SERVICE

to make a difference in our local area and so further the Reign of God in our world.



BECOMING A JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATE

Who can become a Josephite Associate?

Anyone who is drawn to the spirit of the Josephite charism.

What happens if I accept this invitation?

You will be offered opportunities to grow in appreciation of Mary MacKillop, Julian Tenison Woods, the Josephite charism and the Associates' movement.

You will be invited to meet at designated times with Associates in your own area.

Can I formalise my commitment?

Yes. At an appropriate time you can request or be invited to formalise your commitment to live the Josephite charism as an Associate.

How will this happen?

There will be a prayer ritual of welcome and a commissioning to live the Mission of Jesus as a Josephite Associate in your own life context.

A charism is a gift or calling of the Spirit given to be shared with others for the building-up of the Reign of God.