



Josephite Associates

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Spring Newsletter

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Dear Associates,



CANONISATION NEWS

Canonisation celebrations will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral in Elizabeth Street, Brisbane commencing at 4.00 pm on Sunday 17th October. The actual canonisation will be on Sky news and ABC 24 news from 6.00 pm. There will be entertainment and displays in the Francis Rush Centre and Cathedral grounds. The Cathedral building will be a place of prayer. There will be two big screen televisions set up for viewing the canonisation, one inside the cathedral and the other in the Cathedral grounds. You are all most welcome to this event.

- ABC's Compass program will have a special feature at 10.00 pm on 10th and 17th October
- A live web stream of the ceremony will be available complete with commentary from Sydney website the XT3 social network site or the Mary MacKillop site. *Groups might like to gather in homes, parish halls, or on big screen sites around Queensland.*
- The Papal Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls has been confirmed as the venue for the Mass of Thanksgiving in Rome and will take place at 10.00 am Monday, October 18, with Cardinal George Pell as chief celebrant and many bishop and priest concelebrants from around the world. The Basilica was founded by the Roman Emperor Constantine over the burial place of St Paul. The size of the Basilica will mean that all Canonisation pilgrims will be accommodated in comfort. It is also a place where Mary herself would have visited during her time in Rome.
- The Mass of Thanksgiving is one of the three key events to be held in Rome. The first will be a Vigil celebration of Mary's life to be held on Saturday October 16. Because of the number of Pilgrims two consecutive celebrations will be held at the Auditorium Conciliazione.
- Archbishop Philip Wilson tells us: "When Mary MacKillop is canonised in October this year she will be under the title of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The cross is a very important part of the spirituality of Mary MacKillop" (Mary MacKillop Blog July 5).

SPECIAL PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

We congratulate John and Margaret Barber on their 50th wedding. We offer our deepest sympathy to Keith Erbs on the death of his much loved wife "Letty" and to Mary Hoffman on the death of her husband Roy. . We also remember in our prayers Pat Hilton – much loved wife of Paul and mother to Mary. May they Rest In Peace.



Introducing Petra Milaudi – our New Core Group Member.

Hi, my name is Petra and I have been a Josephite Associate for almost one year and in recent months have joined our Queensland Core Group by kind invitation of Sr Joan Finucane. It is a privilege to be a part of this community. I was born of Italian parents and did some of my schooling with the Sisters of Mercy. At an early age I felt called to be part of a religious community but life for me did not take the path that I thought it would. Over the years though, no matter where I was or what I was doing I found myself continually drawn to Religious Women and their ministry.

Throughout my life I have been actively involved in ministry, both formal and informal, starting (my beloved late mother told me) at the age of four years going to help the old lady up the street make the beds and visiting the man next door who had throat cancer and could not talk properly... She told me the other children in the street were afraid of Mr Robinson because of the noises he made, but I loved visiting him and talking with him.

My life has taken me on a journey of ministry in jail, nursing homes, the streets and in schools. Currently I am employed by Brisbane Catholic Education as a Campus Minister four days a week, the rest of my week is taken up ministering in other areas and caring for my sick father. My hobbies include reading, walking, cross stitch, quilling, and crocheting.

Being part of the Josephite Associates has given me the prayerful support and 'family' I have needed and longed for to enable me to continue ministering to the people often marginalised by our society.

In 2006 I was fortunate to spend time in Papua New Guinea and most recently (July 2010) I visited East Timor on a scholarship with Catholic Mission. Sadly, on both of these trips I was not fortunate enough to meet any Josephite Sisters but made connections with other congregations and the local people; listened to their stories and came home advocating for them in my community. I continue to build on my connections and nurture my relationship with these people. I hope to return to one or both of these places to undertake more ministry should the opportunity arise.

While journeying through my time of contemplation and discernment I did not actively search out the Josephite Charism yet somehow it found me. I was living it without knowing it and as I became more aware and knowledgeable in it and of it. (I am still learning) I felt a true sense of homecoming.

I thank Sister Brenda, Sister Genevieve and Sister Joan for their friendship and support. Also the many sisters from other congregations whom I have talked with and stay in contact with, and those who have helped me to more fully align myself with God's will.

Living a life, with Mary MacKillop, Joseph, and John the Baptist as role models, to be the hands of Jesus is a rich blessing, I look forward now to my time working with the Associate Core Group and meeting many of you at our various functions.

Peace, *Petra*

DONATIONS TOWARD EXPENSES

Many thanks to those who so generously contribute to the cost of printing, stationery, postage, envelopes, travel, etc. Every little piece of assistance is gratefully appreciated and received.

If you would like to also assist with Associate Expenses I would be extremely thankful. If you are unable to personally assist you might consider collecting donations at your Group Meetings.

Donations can be sent to me at the following address:

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JOSEPHITE WEBSITE

The Sisters' website www.sosj.org.au has been updated. Some of the exciting things you can do through the new website include:

- Read the Associate newsletters from the other Provinces.
- Pray at Mary's tomb and leave a prayer.
- Find a prayer or reflection for the day.
- Print out material to share with others.
- Make sure you share this website with your friends and the local Parish Schools in your area.

There is also a Mary MacKillop website www.marymackillop.org.au

These websites are extremely interactive and should give you hours of fun exploring.

Dates for 2010 Diary

- Cairns: At Mater Dei on the 2nd Friday of each month starting at 10.00 am.
- Pittsworth 2nd Tuesday of the month after lunch
- Moorooka Monday 8th November at 9.30 am

- October 17 Canonisation Event, St Stephen's Cathedral and Precinct from 4.30pm
Canonisation viewing 6pm

I urge you to try to attend a regional meeting, especially if you could not get there in 2009. What you receive from the friendship, prayer, service and sharing of the day is invaluable. You might even like to invite someone who could be interested in the Josephite Associate Movement!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATES

There are many new associates so a very big welcome to each of you.

Finally there are many things happening this year so I hope you can make it to some of the events. A special thank you to the great hospitality that I received recently when I was with you. On this feast of the Sacred Heart may the heart of Jesus rekindle the fire in each of us.

Our Moorooka Associates

I would like to thank Jean White, Mary McKew and Sr Giuseppe Walsh for their untiring efforts for the Associates over many years. I know you will be on call if Clare Irvine or Jay Tobin need a hand and we know all will support you as well.

As we celebrate the gift of Mary MacKillop let her words assist us: "Let God's glory absorb your thoughts, deliberations and actions". 1904



Yours sincerely,

Sister Joan Finucane (for the Core Group)

PS: For more media television, web and radio coverage of events relating to Mary MacKillop and the Canonisation visit the enews website.



2010 JOSEPHITE CALENDAR



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