



WA Josephite Associates



autumn lent 2011

Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends

Welcome to 2011 as we continue to celebrate with Saint Mary of the Cross.

Thank you for all the greetings, spiritual, financial and material support during 2010, a year of St Mary MacKillop to be remembered. Some donations were sent anonymously and all are appreciated very much. You are reminded that as yet we do not have a membership fee but once a year a seed envelope is included in the mailing for contributions towards printing, photo copying, petrol, mailing and phone expenses.

*Best wishes for all the blessings of Autumn,
from Denise & Associate Committee - Meg, Fay, Margaret, Pat, Maureen, Dot and Kate*

Pilgrim Prayer

God of the Pilgrim Way

*Be our companion as we journey through the difficult times of our lives.
As you guided Mary MacKillop through the struggles and crosses of her life,
be our guide and provider too.*

May we feel your comforting presence in our pain and tiredness

May we feel your encouragement to go the extra mile.

May we walk humbly through the hard times and remain confident that

You care for us as a hen gathers her chickens safely under her wings.

May we learn your wisdom and patience.

God of the Pilgrim Way guide us through this struggle.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the way of life.



Report for the Year Ending 2010 from the Central Associate Committee

2010 has been a remarkable year for the Sisters and Associates. Sisters Carla and Denise have been very busy with visitations in the many parts of the state, compiling newsletters and preparing quarterly gatherings, attending and arranging Formation Days. Enrolment ceremonies were held in several areas. In South Perth chapel there were eleven associates enrolled, they were presented with their badges and certificates. We all enjoyed our winter gathering together in the Function Room.

The highlight of the year of course has been the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, now known throughout the world as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This event has had an extraordinary impact throughout the whole world, and this wonderful woman is now widely known and recognized not only for who she was but for what she did and how she did it. To quote Professor Celia Hammond of Notre Dame University. "We celebrate and marvel at the example she set: her tenacity, her courage, her wisdom, her strength – but above all, we celebrate Mary MacKillop in the witness she gave to God...., an ordinary woman made extraordinary by her love and faith in God." The excitement of the event was taken up by the media, with television, newspapers and radio enthusiastically informing the public of Mary's life and achievements.

Masses were celebrated throughout Australia on the day of 17th October, and great crowds attended. St Mary's Cathedral was full to overflowing, and full of quiet joy. A river cruise was organised, and one hundred Sisters and Associates floated down the Swan River to Fremantle, enjoying the company and singing popular songs with words cleverly altered to suit the occasion. At Fremantle the group processed behind a Scottish Piper along Mouat Street to the University of Notre Dame Drill Hall. We were cheered along by crowds of spectators lining the street. Congratulations to all the organisers, especially Sisters Kathleen and Leonie.

Other happenings included a series of morning teas organised by Maureen Lanigan. These were well attended and funds raised were sent to Peru to help Sister Chris's craft workers produce their beautiful products.

We remember Mary Lailey, Sister Wendy's mother, and recently deceased Associates. Mary was a great help around the convent and ran the Bring and Buy Stall for years.

Now after eighteen years of tireless dedicated service as the Associate's Co-ordinator, Sister Carla is retiring from that role. Her energy and enthusiasm has been an inspiration to us all, and her creative input, especially at the conference

in Sydney has been much in evidence. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with her, and we know she will still play an active part in the Associates movement. We give thanks to you Carla, and will pray for you as you continue to bring comfort and joy to those you visit and meet along the way.

We assure Sister Denise of our love and support as she takes over responsibility as Associate Co-ordinator, and look forward to working with her next year.

Meg Phelan – President 12-12-2010

Josephite Associates Report from Esperance 2010

During the Lenten preparations of the year really initiated the return of this group being active again. When the Associates conducted The Stations of the Cross Father Marian commented on how well attended the evening was; on that occasion in the congregation were a couple from Galilee which added yet another dimension to the evening.



I sensed that there was a definite need to pull this group back together again. Realising that the Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop would be taking place this year, it was of paramount importance that her presence be not only felt in the Parish but with simple interventions our parishioners would be very much aware of what we know about her and equally wish for them to be more aware of her great works.

Gatherings resumed on the third Thursday of the month as it always was. The usual 'cuppa' followed by Mass at 9.0am. I must stress that the Associates are not about fundraising, however we can work toward a project. As a Josephite service towards the Parish to enable new folk a stepping stone in meeting others, a sewing craft morning was commenced. An Associate makes her home available on a set day of the week. Much has been achieved during these mornings. Little by little our stall for the Peruvian Missions has been achieving quietly. Recently, we were able to assist the Moir Family Appeal.

During September we were delighted to meet Sr Denise Casey. Her new role is the Co-ordinator of the Associates in the state. Such a role held previously by Sr Carla Curran who has made so many friends thorough the Associates. Let us not forget her, even though her role has altered. Esperance has much to be grateful for her input into our Spiritual growth.

Finally, the culmination of October was the Canonisation of St Mary of the cross. Our Parish priest prepared a wonderful homily for the day. Sr Maree Riddler had sent down to Esperance a large supply of memorabilia so that these far flung parishes didn't miss out. It was surprising to see just how many visitors appreciated the availability of such items. Our Anglican Parish is extremely grateful that we have remembered them in allowing access to these items for their congregation.

In closing, I will repeat what I mentioned in our last newsletter; the attendances on Thursdays doesn't give a true reflection of the Josephite Charism which is definitely out in the fringes giving unstinting support. Thank You.

Helen Johnston 29/11/2010

Josephite Associate Report from the South West 2010

This year has been a very busy and eventful year for our group. Our gatherings have been well attended and our Associates very involved and enthusiastic in their participation.

March 10th Sr Maree Riddler was our presenter, the title being '*Mary of the Cross – looking forward to Canonisation*', her presentation outlined Mary's life, the background and history of the Congregation she founded with Father Julian Tenison Woods in Penola S.A.

May 11th- 13th Our Annual Retreat was held at Irene Villa South Perth and given by Sr Kathleen Dawe with seven Associates participating. The group responded positively to Sr Kath's bright presentation of *Living the Beatitudes and a glimpse into the Life of Mary MacKillop*.

June 15th An Information Day on the life of Blessed Mary MacKillop was held in the Australind Church function room which was presented by Sr Maree Riddler. Over fifty people attended and was a great success, with Sr Maree's love and passion for Mary MacKillop reflected in the enthusiastic participation of all present, the room was full of energy.

August 5th Mary MacKillop's Feast day was celebrated this day in Dardanup with Eucharist and was very well attended with the entire school of Our Lady of Lourdes and staff. Sisters Denise and Rita came from Perth to be with us. Sr Denise gave a small talk to the children about Mary MacKillop. It was taken from the book "Saint Mary MacKillop Friend of Jesus." Judith M Steer rsj

The book was then presented to the school.

August 17th A four week study and discussion group titled '*A glimpse into the Life of Mary MacKillop*' which attracted a group of 13 -15 people weekly facilitated by Josephite Associate Annette Morellini and received with enthusiasm by the participants.

September 8th Follow up meeting of May retreatants in Australind, Facilitated by Sr Kathleen Dawe.

October 17th A number of Associates went to Rome – Dot Savage, Maud Morrison and Annette Morellini. It was a privilege to have been in Rome for the Canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross. A wonderful occasion.

November 24th *Advent Christmas Summer Gathering* - this gathering, the last for 2010 was presented by Sr Kathleen Dawe, her topic being "Joyful in Hope" a challenging and beautiful presentation.

Annette Morellini December 2010



Gone to God

Prayers are asked for the following recently gone to God and their relatives and friends of Associates:

Frank Maguire (Geraldton), Stephen Rigg (Grandson of Anne & Ray McDonald), Brendan Jarvis (son of Margaret and Brian), Mary Mulrennan (Tom Price benefactor) ... may they rest in peace

A Message from Sister Carla

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been the co-ordinator of the Josephite Associates in Western Australia for the past 18 years. Motor Mission experience for 28 years and the pioneering efforts of my three predecessors gave me a good start in this Apostolate. The successful moving forward would not have been possible without the many involved and I am most grateful to individuals and groups listed among the following.

Our own four Sister Provincials, their teams and the South Perth Communities have given support by attendance at gatherings, giving talks, conducting prayer days and some travelling to the country centres with me.

The Central Committee has been faithful to quarterly meetings, giving valuable advice and vision. Along with the Contact Associates in the country, the members have assisted with the delivery of newsletters, put notices in Parish bulletins, phoned and visited people, arranged venues in churches, halls and homes and organised food for midday and evening meals as well as morning or afternoon teas.

In the earlier times accommodation was welcomingly given by the Sisters in convents and as they were closed Associates came to the rescue. This made it possible to have gatherings in Merredin, Southern Cross, Boulder, Kalgoorlie, Mukinbudin, Koorda, Moora, Geraldton, Busselton, Esperance, Dardanup, Australind, Manjimup, Pemberton, Albany Tambellup and Collie. On the way to and from these venues there were stay-overs in Pinjarra, Katanning and Tambellup. Ex Navy friends also provided hospitality in Geraldton and Boyanup and priests in Geraldton, Manjimup and Pemberton.

At the beginning of my term of office my youngest sister typed up the quarterly newsletters and helped with filing in the office. Later another sister travelled with me followed for many years by my brother both of whom did some driving and assisted with setting up places for sessions.

Many thanks are given to everyone for attendance at Associate gatherings, celebrations and requiem masses. About a hundred Associates have already been called home to Heaven. The membership remains around 400. As well as the co-ordinators presenting sessions other guest speakers have given of their time, these include priest, sisters and lay people. Themes have been centred for the most part on St Mary MacKillop, the Josephite Associate movement and seasonal themes, Lent, Advent, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring.

Interstate and International conferences have been held in Kincumber, Penola and Sydney. They have been attended by the co-ordinators and Associate representative from the Metropolitan and Country areas.

Secretaries and some contact people have kept excellent records of meetings and events. Financial reports have been given regularly. A photographic record (still to be finalised) and files have been kept from 1989 until 2010.



This archival material is in the Josephite Associates office. As we move into this age of greater technology, thanks to the expertise of Sister Denise, written and photo material is on computer. The Province secretary has helped with this too.

For all involved in this review and much more I am deeply grateful and so thankful. My very best wishes to Sister Denise and know you will give her the love and support I have received.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and may you continue to live out your lives in the Spirit of St Mary MacKillop.

Your Sister in Christ ... Carla Curran

Angel gifted to Carla as a 'thank you'

wa Josephite associates seasonal gatherings 2011

Autumn Prayer Day

Where: Penola by the Sea, 27 Penguin Rd, Safety Bay
When: Wednesday 16th March 2011 - 10am – 3.30pm
Theme: THE PILGRIM – One who commits to the Spiritual journey
Lead by: Sister Anna Warlow SGS
Cost: Donation
Contact: Administration, Ph 95272517 - Fax 95273240 Email – PBTSSec@perthcatholic.org.au



South Perth Gatherings

Lenten – Autumn Gathering

Sunday – March 13th: 2:30 – 5:30 Prayer in the Chapel and followed by Raffle &. Bring & Buy and to share a Cuppa in the Function room.

Winter Gathering

Sunday – June 12th

Spring Gathering

Sunday – Sept 11th

Advent – Christmas Gathering

Sunday - Dec 11th: 2:30 – 5:30 Prayer In the Chapel and followed by a Raffle & Bring & Buy and share our Christmas cuppa in the Function Room.

All gathering enquiries: Dot Caughey 9330 5019

Central Committee Meetings 2011

When: 10 am Thursdays on 24th Feb, 26th May & 25th August (followed by lunch with the Sisters)
10am Thursday 24th Nov (followed by Christmas lunch)

South West Area

Lenten – Autumn Gathering

Where: Dardanup Church – Eucharist at 9am. Followed by Morning Tea
When: Wednesday 2nd March 2011, at 9:00. Eucharist & Enrolment
Presenter: Sister Leonie Mayne – “Our Patron of the 100th Fountain”
Please bring a plate of finger food to share with all.
Cost: Donation. All most welcome to this gathering.
Enquiries: Annette – Ph 97971156, Nancy – Ph 97281037



Peruvian Goods Sales: *As many of you are aware I am leaving the state in mid March. It is very important for the Peruvian poor that we continue selling the things they make. I have a few volunteers who will do some parish sales and look after the shop. I am asking if there are any Associates and friends who could possibly do a sale in their own or a neighbouring parish sometime during the year. If so please make contact with me or Sr Denise as soon as possible.*

Sr Chris Symonds 0428 612 750 9334 0940 marymackillopcentre@sosjwa.org.au

Taize Prayer Services 2011

South Perth (16 York St)
When: 3rd Sunday of March to Nov at 7pm to 8pm
Enquiries: Sr Maree – 0414 683 926

Safety Bay (27 Penguin Rd)
When: 5.30pm - 6.30pm, Sundays - 15 May,
14 Aug, 27 Nov

Enquiries: Sr Leonie - 9527 2517



Bring a Torch & a Friend!



MACKILLOP FOUNDATION BREAKFAST

When: 8am Saturday 12 March 2011
Where: Charles Patterson Park, Burswood
Bring: \$15 for brekkie, chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen, smiles
RSVP: Before Monday 7 March:
Laurie: 9271 5649, ljmayne@optusnet.com.au
John: 9383 2615, johnmccormack@westnet.com.au
Kerry: 9296 4945, kkatich@aapt.net.au



- Free raffle on entry
- Chrysanth's for Mother's Day and other plants in pots
- Same location in Patterson Park as last year
- Same chefs, friendly people, warm weather
- Just smell the food and follow your nose and signs !