



Josephite Associates, Victoria~Tasmania Winter Newsletter 2013



FROST AND COLD, PRAISE THE LORD

My dear Associates,

Greetings from Bacchus Marsh where this could be a hard saying at 6 am in the morning, but the sunny days that follow can be a joy.

Since our last newsletter we have a new Pope, Francis the first, a simple man from South America. Let us keep him in our prayer as he leads a Church that is suffering in many ways throughout the world.

As you will see, an International Gathering of Josephite Associates will be held in Sydney in July with representatives from all Regions. The Core-Team urges you to respond to the questions set out in the Newsletter, either as a group or as individuals. Their ability to present your thoughts etc is very important to the success of this gathering.

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1. Prayer Sheet: Holy Spirit

Some of you will already know that our Congregation no longer has Provinces, but has been divided into five regions: Victoria/Tasmania; Western Australia/South Australia and Northern Territory; New South Wales and Goulburn/Canberra and East Timor; Peru, Queensland and New Zealand/Whanganui; Ireland and Scotland. The Leadership groups in each Region will be smaller.

You will have noticed Canberra/Goulburn is included as this Congregation was fused with us on 19th March. On 24th August the Whanganui Congregation of Sisters of St Joseph will experience fusion. We can rejoice in the guidance of the Holy Spirit as our prayer for unity has been answered in ways beyond expectation.

In November this year we will be having our Chapter, a meeting of Sisters from all over the Congregation, to look at our future and to elect a new Congregational leader. We have much to thank God for the leadership of Sr Anne Derwin during the last six years. We ask you to pray with us for the success and guidance of this Chapter. You will find on the back of the prayer sheet a prayer for you to pray, when and how you wish. It is the same prayer the Sisters are using adapted for your use.

Our first Regional Days proved to be most enjoyable for all present giving them space and time for reflection. We hope as many as possible will make the effort to take part in one of these days of spiritual formation.

Also note the several pilgrimages organised around Melbourne. You may like to come as a group and visit the sites connected with Mary MacKillop, where she lived with her family and worked as a Sister in the 1890's.

This is the 140th Anniversary of Mary MacKillop's journey to Rome to have the Constitutions approved. About 30 Sisters travelled to Rome on 10th May to follow in her footsteps returning on 22nd May. Anyone going to Rome can obtain a small book which outlines the places Mary visited while there.

Pentecost has been celebrated and the prayer sheet, prepared by Colleen Nazareth, gives us some thoughts on the Holy Spirit. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is 7th June, the expression of God's love.

Gandhi once said : *I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian Baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practice what they preach.*

Peace be with you all.

Mary Fermio RST



Friendship Prayer Service

WINTER REFLECTION

During April when attending a day at the Convent, Williamstown, we were lead in a reflection by Anne O'Brien, an experienced educator, who at 80 years of age is still studying on-line. Anne introduced us to the question WHO IS GOD? and during the next hour and a half we explored insights into the Mystery we call God.

We were presented with the words of Joan Chittester osb:

- ♦ *What we believe about God colours*
- ♦ *everything we do in the name of God*
- ♦ *everything we think about other people (and ourselves)*
- ♦ *everything we determine about life itself..*

Many of us grew up with an image of God that may have limited our understanding and our relationship with God.

WHAT IMAGES OF GOD DID YOU HAVE AS A CHILD?

Was God a scorekeeper? one who punishes? one who could make things better if we prayed hard enough? Can you name others.....

HAVE THESE IMAGES CHANGED AS YOU HAVE GROWN INTO A MATURE ADULT?

Some find the scriptural images of God more appealing: Shepherd, Eagle, Father, Mother, Fire, Gentle Breeze, Light, Potter, Midwife, Faithful lover, Rock.....

HAVE YOU A FAVOURITE IMAGE OF GOD FROM SCRIPTURE?

Anne demonstrated one image of God as LIGHT. Taking an unlit candle she asked us how many things did we see: ONE, a candle. She then lit the candle and asked the same question: ONE, but changed. it was now alight with a flame. This flame can be shared endless times by lighting other candles. We see especially at Easter that Jesus is the Light. Jesus said: *You are the Light of the world*. And this light was not to be hidden. So from Baptism each of us is part of this light, part of God's light and so this affects how we treat each other, who share this light and life with us.

One way of doing this is to take a gathering eg family, friends, Associates and to light a candle and to share how each person has been a FLAME to others in their daily lives. Maybe as each person holds the candle, the others in the group can share how that person was a FLAME in the Parish, in the family, in the community.

An awareness examen in the evening could be to ask yourself:
GOD, WHERE WAS I A FLAME TO SOMEONE TODAY?
Let God tell you where you were a flame to someone today

Mary Fermio rsj



MARY'S BROTHER—JOHN MACKILLOP

Great rejoicing would have been heard in the house of the MacKillop and MacDonald families in late February 1845.

The first son, named John, had been born to Alexander and Flora MacKillop, then living in the Heidelberg-Fairfield area. After two daughters, the arrival of a son would have created much discussion as to his future—a Landowner? A priest? A Lawyer?

Like all parents, their dreams would have been built and hoped for. Yet this son, the first in his family, would be the first of the seven children, who survived their childhood years, to die in another country before the age of thirty. Alick, the second son died at 11 months.

John was a good son who cared much for his mother and hated hurting her in any way. In 1858 he wrote a letter to Mary telling of his skill at making a carriage for Peter, then nearly 12 months, using a box Mary had sent. In later life Peter became a builder and repaired the old stable in Penola for Mary's first Josephite school.

It was John, who at 13 years, accompanied Mary, 15 years, on their long walk from Port Melbourne to Somerton, a distance of 12 miles (19km) to inform the relatives of their arrival from Sydney and the fact that Flora and the other children needed transport and somewhere to live.

Flora was in late pregnancy with the youngest child Peter. Her husband had returned to Melbourne previously, leaving Flora to find her own way home.

John's affection for his father was revealed when he accompanied him to New Zealand in a quest for employment, probably on the goldfields being opened up at the time. Alexander's failure to do so brought on depression and John spent many hours with his father trying to rally him. Alexander finally borrowed fare money from John to return to Australia. John stayed on working as a builder until his job ended and, unable to get permanent work and becoming more destitute, he returned to Portland where the family was living.

A horse accident kept him grounded and resulted in him going to Penola and using his skills on the stable for his beloved sister Mary.

Living with and being dependent on relatives was difficult for John, who felt he could only be of use to the family by working elsewhere. "Anywhere in the world rather than in Portland" he wrote. So he returned to

New Zealand and his many letters revealed his happiness. His greatest worry was that his mother would lose faith in him. In one letter to his mother he pointed out "I am my own master in New Zealand at least."

His last letter was a reply to his parents' birthday letters and he signed himself 'Your affectionate son.' Contact with Mary through letters was very important to John. When Mary left home to begin her religious life, her letters became less frequent and he wondered whether this life of Mary's was too hard. Her photo was a great comfort to him.

It is believed that a young woman from Penola followed John when he returned to New Zealand and it was she who wrote to Maggie to tell of John's premature death.

John had a fall from a horse. Tetanus resulted and he died on December 7 at 22 years of age. Mary received her news on January 6, 1868 and the next day wrote to her mother from Adelaide: 'Let us not mourn for John. We may safely hope that he is not far from his loving Redeemer. His wishes were always good and his life innocent. You have not got him to comfort and take care of you on Earth, but from Heaven he and our little Alick will watch over you and all of us, I trust.'

John was buried in Christchurch cemetery and this site was probably visited by Mary during her travels in New Zealand as she seemed to have great respect for the graves of loved ones.

The tombstone, discovered by Josephite Associates in New Zealand, has been perfectly preserved over the past 140 years by a tree which literally enfolded it. The tree now has had its branches trimmed so the headstone is now clearly visible from the road.

Main source: *MacKillop Family* Philomena McGuigan rsj (rip)
Photo: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
To read more about John and his death in NZ
Google: grave of john mackillop new zealand



WHAT'S ON IN 2013!

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Walk reflectively in the footsteps of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and be challenged in your own life by Mary's example

OPEN DAYS

On the following
Saturdays in
2013:
3 August
19 October
23 November

10am --- 4pm

Pray in the Chapel

Take a tour of the Museum

Visit the Gift Shop

Light refreshments provided

NEW Guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour

362 Albert Street

EAST MELBOURNE

For more information:

Phone (03) 9926 9300

Visit www.mmhc.org.au

ETHICA WINTER CELEBRATION

Thursday 13th June 5-8 p.m. Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Peruvian food, Fair Trade Chocolate for sale plus Handcraft items made by the women and men of Peru.

RSVP 9926 9300

RETREAT PROGRAM

DIRECTED RETREATS -

1st July -7th July;

Srs Yvonne Hart rsj and Therese Quinn rsj

30th Sept-6th Oct

Srs Lynette Young rsj and Moya Unthank rsj

GUIDED RETREATS -

26th Aug-1st Sept; Sr Yvonne Hart rsj

25th Nov-1st Dec. Sr Yvonne Hart rsj

THE SONG OF SONGS -

12rd Sept-29th Sept. Sr Therese Quinn rsj

PRAYING WITH HILDEGARDE OF BINGEN-28th Oct-3rd Nov-Sr Moya Unthank rsj

PRIVATE RETREATS AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION IS AVAILABLE

Contact: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Ph 03 9926 9300

MARY MACKILLOP FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING DINNER

AUGUST 30 2013

Mount St Joseph's Girls' College 133 Maidstone St, Altona West

3 course Dinner, Silent Auction, and bidders Auction - A GREAT FUN EVENING?

For tickets contact: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre 9926 9300

Donations of jewellery, vouchers, handcrafts, preserves, toiletries, etc etc

are all gratefully received a week beforehand: all money raised goes to the many projects the Foundation supports all over Australia.

Part of our Josephite Service.

ORGANISE A TABLE OF FRIENDS

PILGRIMAGES 2013

MARY MACKILLOP'S MELBOURNE

During March a three day Pilgrimage visiting the sites in Melbourne connected with Mary MacKillop and her family and with the years she was in Melbourne working at the Providence and Boy's Home Surrey Hills, was held for the Sisters of St Joseph. The four Sisters from Queensland and South Australia stayed at the Heritage Centre and three days were spent walking and travelling around Melbourne. Leaders were Garry McLean, CEO of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and Mary Fermio rsj.

This pilgrimage was such a success that we are wondering if some of the Associates might like to experience it. So we are offering the following Pilgrimages during the week. *Participants would need to be able to walk without the assistance of a walker.*

- A.** Two days with an overnight stay at the Heritage Centre Units - Minimum of 4 people incorporating Pilgrimages **B and C** **Includes 2 lunches**
Twin Share approx. \$150 Single approx. \$200
- ♦ One day starting at 9.30 a.m and finishing around 4 p.m. with choices of the following sites:
- B.** A Walking Pilgrimage to the Birth site, Catholic University, St Francis Church, St Patrick's Cathedral, Madame Brussels Lane and Latrobe St.
Cost: \$25 + BUY YOUR OWN LUNCH
- C** Melbourne General Cemetery, Pioneer Memorial, Richmond Sites, St Joseph's Boys home. Travel by bus or car depending on numbers
Cost including 2 course lunch \$65
- D** Point Ormond, Richmond sites, St Joseph's Boys Home
Travel By Bus or car *Cost: including 2 course lunch \$65*
Numbers will be negotiable.
All pilgrims are provided with reading material, brochures and reflection sheets.

If you or your group are interested please contact:

Garry McLean on 9926 9300 or garry.mclean@sosj.org.au

Or Mary Fermio rsj 5367 2078 or mary.fermio@sosj.org.au



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT MARY MACKILLOP NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

For more detailed information see Autumn Newsletter

Email: garry.mclean@sosj.org.au

THANK YOU TO CORE-TEAM MEMBER

Marie Mitchell of Numurkah has had to hand in her resignation as member of the Core-team due to personal circumstances.

We thank Marie for the many times she has made the journey to Melbourne to be with us and for her contribution. Marie remains as co-ordinator of the Numurkah group.

We would like to have someone from the Sandhurst Diocese to replace Marie so are looking for volunteers. If you wish to know what this involves please contact Sr Mary Fermio.

We wish you good health and every blessing for the future Marie and look forward to meeting you at Regional Meetings.



REGIONAL GATHERINGS 2013

SATURDAYS 9.30 a.m. for 10 a.m. start to 3 p.m.

- JUNE 22nd** **LAKES ENTRANCE -** East Gippsland: Bairnsdale, Orbost,
Maffra, Lakes Entrance
Parish Centre, Princes Highway Lakes Entrance
- SEPT 14th** ******* MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE 362 Albert St East Melbourne**
inner and outer Melbourne and anyone else who missed out elsewhere
- NOV 9th** *******MURCHISON—North Central: Rushworth, Nagambie,**
Numurkah, Euroa and Shepparton
Murchison Church—over Goulburn R.Bridge, Turn Right immediately
Travel to T intersection, left into Impey St. Church 2nd building on the
right next to the Uniting Church.

***** NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH Host group to provide morning tea. Donation \$5
BRING A FRIEND OR SOMEONE INTERESTED
IN BECOMING AN ASSOCIATE
Travelling shop will be available with some Peruvian handcrafts.

THEME FOR 2013: CALLED TO SERVE

We have planned to look at the three J's of our Josephite emblems

JESUS, JOSEPH, and JOHN THE BAPTIST



There will be time for prayer and reflecting on what we can learn from their lives and their example. Some of you have never come to a regional meeting for the last two or three years, and we would love to meet you at one of these days. These days are extremely happy days of getting to know others who have similar interests at heart.

Travelling together is companionable.

We have changed the venue for the Melbourne day as we felt it is easier travelling from Southern Cross Station and is accessible from other areas. Parking at the back of the Centre can be booked by ringing 9926 9300

SPIRITUALITY DAYS

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT, 16 ESPLANADE, WILLIAMSTOW

every second Thursday of the month—

afternoon 1.30 p.m. and evening 7.30 p.m.

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| June 13: Hildegard of Bingen—
Moya Unthank rsj | July 11: Grace in Transitions -
Yvonne Harte rsj |
| August 8: Celebrating a Woman of Faith
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Therese Quinn rsj | Sept 12: Remember the Old
Embracing the New
Judy and Mike Cain |
| Oct 10: The Life Journey of Mary Mackillop's
Mother, Flora
Eileen O'Loughlin rsj | Nov 14: Feelings are Your Friends
Patricia Williams rsj |

REGIONAL DAYS—WONTHAGGI

A most enjoyable day was spent by 27 Associates at Wonthaggi on 27th April when two new Associates were enrolled. The day was spent reflecting on Joseph, John the Baptist and Jesus who were called to serve and considering our call to serve as Josephites. During the day a moving ritual reminding us of our Baptism and a renewal of the Associate Commitment, was part of the reflection on John the Baptist. AnneMarie spoke to the Associates on the International meeting of Associates to be held in July and urged them to take up the invitation to respond to the questions in this newsletter. Jan Bowman made the point that they received much food for thought and material for our meetings in the future.



Meg Shaw, Leongatha



Bev van der Heyden, KooWeeRup



REGIONAL DAY—SUNBURY

Twenty Associates from Sunbury, Woodend, Bacchus Marsh and Sebastopol gathered at Sunbury Parish Centre for a day of sharing and reflection on the three J's so much part of the Josephite emblems. Many insights were shared together and in small groups. Annemarie Wilkinson again explained the purpose of the International Gathering of Associates in Sydney and some thoughts from the Hawthorn East group on the Handbook were shared with the group. The Travelling Shop was popular and many took advantage of the books give-away. Thank you to the Sunbury Associates for preparing the venue and delicious morning tea. A very happy and enjoyable day.



Annemarie leading us in song.



Christiine and Celine looking at photo-



Lunchtime discussion

PENPALS WITH ST MARY

Article taken from Catholic News website.

In the backstreets of Mitcham, SA, two piles of stacked bluestone rocks sit amid the real estate oasis of one of Adelaide's most leafy-green suburbs, reports *The Southern Cross*. (SA's Catholic Newspaper)

Some of the stone making up the triangular-stacked cairns comes from the very convent Mary MacKillop built for her Sisters in Mitcham. The four-year-long process to build the cairns has revealed a deep connection between Australia's first saint and the Presbyterian matriarch of one of Adelaide's wealthiest pioneering families.

'Mary's relationship with Joanna Barr Smith and the Barr Smith family was a significant and treasured one for both Mary and Joanna,' said Regional Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, Sr Marion Gambin. 'It was a friendship that lasted a life time.'

Joanna and Robert Barr-Smith were well known for their generous donations to the University of Adelaide, the art gallery and many more Adelaide charities and institutions.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Joanna met some time after Mary arrived in Adelaide from Penola in 1867 and before she established a women's refuge in Mitcham in 1870. Robert and Joanna, who lived a short distance away at Torrens Park, assisted Mary in running the Mitcham Refuge to help rehabilitate and provide life skills to outcast women—unmarried mothers, prostitutes and former prisoners.

Mary was in her late 20's, as was Joanna. Joanna was born in Scotland and Mary's ancestry too is Scottish. Their friendship lasted four decades and ended only with the death of Mary in Sydney in 1909. In that time, the friends wrote many letters to one another. It is clearly evident by the letters written between these two women that theirs was a strong and close relationship,' said Mitcham Mayor Michael Picton. 'In a letter written by Joanna in 1873, she closes: "I can only send you these brief lines dear Sister Mary and explain my sad position. I wish you a very happy New Year and a speedy reunion with your beloved helpmeets in the South. Ever your attached friend Joanna Barr-Smith," he said.

'And in return Mary closes: " but I must stop. Forgive me if I have said too much, you know I love your soul, and that I cannot be false to it. Believe me dearest Mrs Smith, affectionately yours in JMJ Mary of the Cross."

Added: On 17 July 1907, 3 weeks before Mary's death, Joanna wrote: "Oh, my dear friend, I wish I could see you again or hear your voice. Living or dying, my beloved friend, I am ever the same to you and am proud to look back on nearly 40 years of unbroken friendship. My husband and I send dearest love."

The marble top of Mary MacKillop's tomb was paid for by Joanna Barr Smith and is a lasting memorial to their friendship.

The book *Mary MacKillop—Inspiration for Today* by Pauline Wicks rsj contains a lovely article titled *Mary MacKillop and Joanna Barr Smith* written by her great granddaughter Lady Mary Downer.



The tomb of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
Chapel , Mary MacKillop Place,
North Sydney



Joanna Barr Smith

AROUND THE TRAPS

SWAN HILL



Swan Hill Knitters Group

About twenty were present at the last Knitting day. The ladies generously provide an item for a raffle. There is no charge for the day and all enjoy the company as well as knowing they are helping others. Well done!

WOODEND

Sr Mary met up with the Woodend group in April joining their meeting held while having lunch. The three members present have been working very hard with the school and invited the children to do a drawing of St Joseph for his feast day. These will be displayed in the Mary MacKillop Chapel at the front of the Church. A special candle has been purchased for this chapel.

EAGLEHAWK/BENDIGO

Eaglehawk Associates are very proud of the fact that a relic of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop has been placed in the Bendigo Cathedral. This relic, which is strands of hair, will be made available to parishes within the Diocese. The frame is of red gum from an historic local tree and the relic is set in a silky oak partial representation of the Josephite emblem. As well, a statue of St Mary has been commissioned for the Cathedral grounds and should be finished in 2014.



BEECHWORTH

Sr Helen Barnes rsj visited St Joseph's School Beechworth and helped our Juniors to design an Associates Logo for our Brigid and Mary Group. It consists of the Brigidine Cross, the Mary MacKillop Cross, the Southern Cross and the Lamp of Learning. The children will decide on the colours. Sr Helen also read her new book "Broken Hill Charlie" to my grade. The children enjoyed her visit very much and Helen met up with an Indigenous Elder (Uncle Wally) who was visiting our school. They managed to swap a few stories! Our school is a "Fire Carrier" school and we promise to make Indigenous Studies a priority.

Linda Murcutt

RUSHWORTH



Judy Phelan and Nan Jessup sharing a word.



A cuppa at the Bakery after a Mass of Thanksgiving

ENROLMENTS: at Rushworth

Lucy Caygill,

Jenny Leahy



INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF ASSOCIATES

In the middle of July Associates from all over the world are gathering in Sydney to share prayer, ideas for the future and get to know each other.

Sisters were present at the last gathering two years ago and I found it a very stimulating and life-giving time for me. I am sorry to say that Sisters are excluded from this gathering, so I will not be able to report back to you after it, so am hoping that the next newsletter will include a report from those attending.

Victorian Associates attending are Annemarie Wilkinson, who is on the organizing team, Noreen McLeish, Colleen Nazareth, all members of the Core-Team, Bill O'Brien of Eaglehawk and Chris van Order from Woodend. Kathy Cuthbertson and Christine Edwards are representing the Tasmanian part of the Region.

If you have any matters or ideas to put forward to this gathering please forward them to me and I shall pass them on to the seven representatives. Maybe your group could have a special meeting to share your ideas and one person forward your thoughts and suggestions.

Your participation is very important.

During the Conference there will be a **HANDBOOK REVIEW**. I urge you to read the following and if you have any comments etc to send them to us.

Taken from results of survey:

1. **USE OF HANDBOOK:** How do you see the use of a Handbook in your formation and life as an Associate? Have you any suggestions as to how it can be used?
2. Most sections of the Handbook need **UPDATING**. What changes do you envisage are needed either in the wording of the handbook or in the content?
3. Would you like to see more reflective material on **Friendship, Prayer and Service and the Charism?** And if so, how would you like this presented and what type of material would you like to see included?
4. Have you any comments about **FINANCES** with regard to Associates? For many years in Victoria the Sisters have subsidized the costs associated with the newsletter, administration and personnel.
5. How do you see the relationship with the Sisters continuing and yourself as being the Josephite Voice in the Parish? With fewer Sisters living in country areas have you suggestions for maintaining contact with the Sisters of St Joseph? And how important is this **association** with them?
6. One suggestion was for a simple handbook for those who are joining and a more detailed reference book for leadership groups which could be developed.. Have you any comments or suggestions?
7. The NSW group of Associates is now Incorporated with Constitutions and a Committee of Volunteers. What are your thoughts about Victorian Associates becoming **incorporated**?
8. **You may have thoughts about other aspects of Josephite Associates. Please share them.**

Some of these thoughts can be used by our Core-team in future planning as well.

**BELIEVE
IN THE WHISPERINGS
OF GOD
TO YOUR OWN HEART**

Mary MacKillop 1868



FLORA MACKILLOP

—A Truly Blessed Mother

By Bernadette O'Sullivan rsj

A very beautiful book telling the story of Flora, the mother of St Mary of the Cross, Fr Donald MacKillop and Lexie, a Good Shepherd Sister.

Her deep faith and trust in God sustained her through the poverty, hardship and times of homelessness when she and her family depended on relatives for a home.

While St Mary acknowledged her mother's example and influence, Flora was able to call herself 'a truly blessed mother', as she said herself she had 'raised all her children for the glory of God.'

Available from the Heritage Centre \$24.95

WHY BOTHER PRAYING

Richard Leonard sj

The author of the highly acclaimed *Where the Hell is God* has written another excellent book. William A. Barry sj, an internationally famous writer, says 'Richard Leonard has done it again, tackled a difficult theological and spiritual question with honesty, deep knowledge, humor and a warm heart'. It will open your mind to new insights about your prayer and how one can pray.

Pauline Books and Media \$19.95

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MAGAZINES .

THE SWAG This magazine has only recently come to my notice and I read it from cover to cover. Published by the National Council of Priests the articles written by Australian Priests mostly, cover relevant topics in today's Church. Very informative and stimulating. Some of the articles would make good discussion material for a group. Why not have one subscription for a group and pass it around?

Published four times a year Sub. \$33 available from
NCP National Office
PO Box 295 BELMONT VIC 3216

Others well worth reading are:

THE FAR EAST Columban Fathers

And

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS Victorian Jesuits

Usually free at most Churches.

REFLECTION

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.'

John 15:9

'Another month as passed and now we are in that of the Sacred Heart—and may that loving Heart bring to one and all of you its own true spirit—its spirit of love, true charity and sweet humility' Mary MacKillop 2nd June 1890

INTERCESSIONS:

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to cast fire on the earth and would that it was already enkindled.'

1. That all on our life's journey may experience the fire of God's love through us.
- R. May the flame of the love of Christ keep burning in our hearts.**
2. That with listening ears and open hearts, we may be alive to the needs of our world **R.**
3. That those who are homeless may feel the warmth of care **R.**
4. That the mentally ill may have peace this night. **R.**
5. That all who are ill may experience in a new way the love of the Christ who suffered and died for all. **R.**
6. That those in darkness and the shadow of death may receive a new light. **R.**

Prayer: Christ Jesus, you draw us to salvation with the loving heart of a friend. Teach us to find rest for our spirits in your way of meekness and humility. Set our hearts ablaze with zeal for the coming of your reign, fullness of life, both now and forever. Amen.

Blessing: Stay with us Sacred Heart of Jesus and bless us for you are our light and our life.



ASSOCIATES' BULLETIN BOARD - WINTER 2013

HELP FOR PERU

Recently the Fe u Alegra School school in Tarma in the Andes, where three Sisters of St Joseph, including Sr Patricia Day from Victoria, work, was severely damaged by a landslide causing thousands of dollars of damage to school and retaining walls. Fortunately no one was injured. Some costs will be met by the Ministry of Education and the school system, but much help is still needed to meet this crisis.

Any help that you could offer to repair the damage would be much appreciated.

Donations can be sent to

Mary MacKillop International

PO Box 1508

NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059

Or donations@sosj.org.au

Their website is

www.marymackillopinternational.org.au



Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord.

In love and prayer, we are mindful of those who mourn the death of family members and friends.

Vic Whelan, husband of Ida, Reservoir
(Brother-in-law of Srs Maureen & Anne Cahir)

Tom Shanahan, husband of Jill, Orbost
Don MacDonald, brother of Carmel Shea,
Bacchus Marsh, relation of Flora MacKillop
William Koch, husband of Marguerite, L/gatha

Sr Bernadette Cunningham rsj

Sr Baptista McCarthy rsj

Brian Bourke, husband of Judy, Koo Wee Rup

Sr Monica (Moir) Milner rsj

Anne Pelly, Sister of Margaret Harty, Sebastopol

USED STAMPS

Used postage stamps have raised thousands of dollars for the Peruvian Mission. Please leave a border of about 1cm around the stamps.

Please forward stamps to:

STAMPS

St Joseph's Province Centre

Locked Bag 3031

BURWOOD NSW 1805

Thank you.



FROM THE OFFICE:

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NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

Many thanks to all those who have forward subscriptions and those who have added a donation.

We are most grateful for your generous contributions which support the Josephite Associates' expenses.

Please return the form sent with the Autumn newsletter with your contribution -

The email copy may have still had 2012 on it!!!

My apologies.

If you do not wish to receive the newsletter please let Sr Mary know.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you move to another address, please make sure you advise the office. Otherwise you may find yourself deleted from the mailing list if your newsletter is returned.