



WA Josephite Associates' Newsletter



Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends ...

As we arrive into the Winter Season we will remember all those who have died and shared their life with us – I would like to thank each one for the cards and prayers that I received for my Sister Colleen. I was grateful that I was with her at this time to share her life to the end. We thank all our Associates as we share the time for Friendship ... Prayer ... Service, also remembering Mary during this month of May.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop wanted to make a difference in her world. With Julian Tenison Woods, she established the Josephite family to bring about this dream of friendship, mutual support and action for justice. You may already share in their spirit ... as a friend ... being hospitable ... as a volunteer ... giving hope ... as a listener ... being helpful.

... from Sister Denise, and the Central Committee – Dot, Meg, Fay, Margaret, Maureen and Mary and all the Associate Committee members – Annette from Dardanup and Helen from Esperance.



Southwest Associates' Gathering

With the help of Sr Denise and Annette Morellini, I organized a retreat in Manjimup on the 2nd May 2014 at the Manjimup Parish Centre - so that local Associates and all interested people could have access to the wonderful retreats the Sisters hold.

Being a first time effort one is never sure how it will go! Thank God, He provided and all went smoothly and peacefully. Fifteen ladies attended; some local and others from Eton, Bunbury, Brunswick, Dardanup and Australind.

The retreat was presented by Sr Wendy Lailey and helper, Tina.

Sr Denise, co-ordinator of the Associates in WA also attended. Four of our local ladies were drawn to the spirit of the Josephite Charism signed up to be Associates as a result of the gathering.

The theme was *Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Woman of Encounter*. The Charism of St Mary MacKillop was overwhelming. Sr Wendy presented it all so well, together with the Josephite Associates who shared their experience of our special *Saint Mary MacKillop*.

When I went home and reflected on this wonderful day and read an

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article in the WA Josephite Associates Spirituality & Mission booklet - I felt an echo in my heart and spirit:

"I was amongst these ladies today who embodied the spirit of the Josephite family."

Quote: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop wanted to make a difference in her world.

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established the Josephite family to bring about this dream of friendship, mutual support, prayer and action for justice. - Rosina Evans, Associate, Manjimup



Quotes from

"The Francis Effect - Living in the Joy of the Gospel"

A quote from Fr Stephen Bevans, SVD

In a talk at the Australian Mission: one heart, many voices Conference in late April and early May of the year (2013), I quoted a line from the late nineteenth century philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. The problem with Christians, Nietzsche is supposed to have said, is that "they don't look redeemed!" The fact is, I emphasized, Pope Francis, then just elected Pope, really does 'look redeemed'. And, it seems to be, that the way Pope Francis 'looks' has made all the difference.

I was in Rome at the end of November and early December, and what struck me is that there is a new atmosphere in the city – the sense is that we have a Pope who not only looks redeemed, but who wants urgently to share the secret of his redemption with the whole world.

Pope Francis has given us an incomparable gift in his Exhortation. He teaches us from his own experience of a joyful pastor of the Gospel.

A quote from Fr Noel Connolly SSC

A Pope who converses with us

Pope Francis chose to write an Apostolic Exhortation rather than an Encyclical. It seems a deliberate choice. It allows Him to speak in a more personal and conversational style and that 'speaks volumes' in itself. It embodies the style of Church he wants; a friendly, compassionate, conversational and persuasive one. He prefers to share rather than lecture, to invite rather than order, to persuade rather than command. His style is deeply pastoral and encouraging. He is comfortable with being fallible and is not at all defensive. He models the virtues he attributes to Mary.

"In her we see that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves."

A leader who doesn't want to control

Pope Francis has a remarkably new and refreshing view of the Pope's role. He doesn't believe he should have the answers to all the questions facing the local Churches.

Pope Francis encourages us to dialogue with the world, with the state, with the sciences and with people of other faiths. We have much to learn as well as to give.

A quote from Mr Graeme Mundine - (Executive Officer - Aboriginal Catholic Ministry)

Leadership for Mission with Aboriginal People

I welcome Pope Francis' joyous invitation to renew our personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is a timely call for change and for renewal within the Church as a whole. One of the areas that Pope Francis talks about that particularly resonates with me is the relationship between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal peoples.

In Evangelii Gaudium we are reminded to live with a spirit of joy inspired and redeemed by the infinite love of God. Enthused by God's love we are called to "go forth" and sow the good seed and share God's love with others. It is a call to plant the seed and let it flourish in the ground on which it lands. As Pope Francis writes, "once the seed has been sown in one place, Jesus does not stay behind to explain things or to perform more signs; the Spirit moves him to go forth to other towns." In the same way, the Spirit is a constant presence which nurtures the seed so that new life will grow in the place in which it has been planted.

The good seed has been planted in Aboriginal peoples and has flourished. The Holy Spirit has always been in this land and we have always known about God. We called God by different names but we have always been in relationship with the Creator. In more recent times a new seed was planted and Aboriginal people began a relationship with Jesus Christ. We encountered Christ as Aboriginal peoples and we express our faith in ways as culturally diverse as we are.

Upcoming Events!

in the Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop 2014 Australian Pilgrimage

22 October - 1st November

Contact Laura for brochures / application forms

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Taizé Meditative Prayer

Where: St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St South Perth

When: 7pm to 8pm Sunday (chapel doors open at 6.30pm) on the 3rd Sunday of the following months: June, August, September, October & November

Enquiries: Sr Maree - 0414 683 926

Bring a Torch & a Friend!



PRAYER DAY AT PENOLA BY THE SEA

Focus: "The Earth is full of the Goodness of the Lord!"
When: 10.00am to 3.30pm Wednesday 25th June 2014
Where: 27 Penguin Road, Safety Bay
Presenter: Sr Dora Maguire rsj
Cost: Donation
RSVP: Sr Kathleen Dawe rsj (08) 9527 2517

ALL WELCOME!



Reflection

God's presence seems to follow everywhere and makes everything I do, or wish to do, a prayer. (Mary MacKillop 1890)

Pope John Paul said 'Mother Mary's life speaks eloquently because it was firmly anchored in something which every heart longs for: inner peace.' Yet if we don't learn to *listen to the silence*, and find *some peace within ourselves*, our quest for God will be in trouble.

Australian Aboriginal people have a concept known as 'Darirri' it's about *deep listening* and *quiet, still awareness*. Miriam Rose Ungunmeier-Baumann writes: '*My people are not threatened by silence. They are completely at home in it.*' This makes great sense, because *silence can put us in touch with God and with ourselves.*

"The Little Brown Book Too" - by Sue and Leo Kane

*Gone
to
God*

We pray for these people and ask God to give them eternal rest:

Colleen Harrington (Sister of Denise)

John Maxwell Thomas (Husband of Robyn)

May they rest in peace



All very welcome

SOUTH PERTH GATHERINGS FOR 2014



Winter Gathering
Sunday 8th June

Spring Gathering
Sunday 14th September

Advent – Christmas Gathering
Sunday 14th December

WA ASSOCIATES SOUTH WEST GATHERINGS 2014

Feastday of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

When: 9am Mass followed by 9.30 morning tea on **Friday 8th August 2014**
Where: Dardanup Prayer House
Bring: A plate of finger food please
Enquiries: Annette ph. 9797 1156 Nancy ph. 9728 1037

Retreat Day

When: 9.30am - 3.30pm Thursday 18th September 2014
Where: Dardanup Prayer House
Presenter: Sr Wendy Lailey rsj
Bring: A plate of finger food for a shared lunch
Enquiries: Annette ph. 9797 1156 Nancy ph. 9728 1037

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2014 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(in the Function Room)

When:
10am Thursday on 21st August (followed by lunch with the Sisters)
10am Thursday on 20th November (followed by Christmas lunch)

