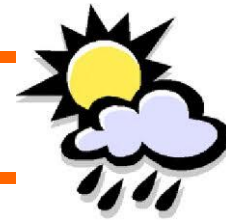




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Introducing our New Regional Leader

Sr Margaret Cleary rsj was appointed Regional Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph for the CentreWest Region on the 19th March, 2014. The CentreWest Region covers South Australia, Western Australia, Darwin and East Timor where 145 Sisters live and minister in a variety of ways to relieve suffering and bring hope to people in both city and far flung rural places. Here is her story.



The eldest of four children, I grew up in Brisbane and attended primary school at St Joseph's Nundah where the Josephites played a very significant role in my life and that of my family. Secondary education was with the Presentation Sisters where again I received an excellent education in the faith and curriculum.

After working for a year as a Stenographer, I entered the Sisters of St Joseph in 1963, professed in 1966 and have shared community with very wonderful Josephites who have been so inspirational, prayerful and encouraging. Their practical, down to earth acceptance and valuing of people and bringing out the best in each, have been a driving force in my life.

Chiefly involved in primary education throughout Queensland, I have had many opportunities and privileges in supporting, challenging, nurturing and pastorally caring for students in their learning. This has been in both rural and city sectors, from small to very large schools where I have immersed myself in school, family and parish life and also the wider community. My ministry in education has encompassed teaching, Teaching Principal, Religious Education Co-ordinator and mostly educational administration as Principal. Following nine years on the Queensland Provincial Team I spent six years as the Congregational Financial Administrator until taking up the present role as Regional Leader for the CentreWest Region.

It has been such a privilege to be at Mount Street, experiencing the sacredness of the site and the devotion of so many pilgrims to Mary's tomb and Mary MacKillop Place, and now to be in SA where the Congregation began at Penola and walking in Mary's footsteps at Kensington.

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I am humbled and overwhelmed to be called to be Regional Leader of the CentreWest Region and look forward to getting to know and journey with each Sister into the new communion to which we are called. With me I bring the influence and love of our Sisters in the TransPacífico (Queensland) Region and that of our Sisters in New South Wales where I have been so welcomed into the Region and Community life. It is such a privilege to be in

the Congregation at this time of embracing the new in the direction of God's call to each of us. I look forward to being with the Josephite family of Sisters, Covenant Josephites, Associates and all who embrace the Josephite charism.

My interests include reading, cooking, listening to music, walking and yoga as well as enjoying and being with family, friends and community.



*"May God grant you courage and true wisdom in all you do and say."
MMK 1875*

The CentreWest Regional Leadership Team

L-R: Srs Alma Cabassi, Mary Cresp, Margaret Cleary, Kenise Neill and Emilie Cattalini.

Read the stories of the rest of the Team in the next newsletter.

The Sisters Still Need ☞ YOUR ☜ Help

Sr Catherine Clark rsj continues to collect the stories of any of the Sisters of St Joseph to add to the collection before they are lost in time. If you are able to help in this way please write your story and send to Sr Catherine:

- by post: 25 Phillips St, Kensington, 5068
- by email: cathclark@bigpond.com

Stamps for the Missions

Stamps which are donated are processed, parcelled up and sold at auction. The money raised goes to *Mary MacKillop International* for the missions in Brazil, East Timor and Peru. Over the last few years thousands of dollars have been raised in this way. Please send your used stamps, leaving a 1cm border, to:

Sr Helen Saunders (stamps)
St Joseph's Congregational Admin Centre
PO Box 1508, North Sydney, NSW, 2059

Prayer Requests

Do you know of any Associates who have died or are ill and in need of our prayers? We could advise Associates of your/their need for prayers at our gatherings, as well as offering prayers at the Masses on the 8th of each month in St Joseph's Chapel.

If you would appreciate assistance in this way, please feel free to telephone Pat Sandretti on 8264 9658 or send an email to sa.associates@sosj.org.au or let one of the Committee members know.

**Last chance to purchase your new
2014/2015 Entertainment Membership
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The 2014/2015 Entertainment Book or Digital Membership are both still available to be purchased through the Mary MacKillop Foundation.

Both the printed and digital memberships are selling for \$65 again this year, **\$13 from the sale of each membership** will help raise much needed funds for the [Mary MacKillop Foundation's small life-changing projects](http://www.marymackillop.org.au).

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Thank you for your support.



Subscriptions for 2014 – 2015

Membership for the next financial year is due soon. Please complete your details below and post, together with your payment which may be made by cash or cheque, to our Treasurer Julie Langman who will also be at the gathering on Saturday, 9th August.

Monies collected go towards administration costs including the production and postage of the newsletters, resources, some travel expenses to conferences/events and in supporting Josephite ministries.

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My Ministry

by Sr Majella O'Sullivan rsj

Each and every morning I wake up to something new. I need to make sure the night before where I am going the following day! I am the Pastoral Associate with the Catholic Deaf Community. However, my interpreting skills come to the fore when I meet deaf people at the Doctors, Physio, Chiro, Centrelink and many other places.

Within the Church and Catholic School scene there are many times when I interpret at masses, funerals, marriages, baptisms, parent/teacher interviews and other occasions which allows me access to what is happening. I have been to at least three Year 12 Graduations from the same family, so I'm experiencing occasions which I may not otherwise have. Being an Interpreter allows the deaf person access to whatever the hearing population experiences.

My ministry is not only to the Catholic Deaf. Because the community is small I have the opportunity to be ecumenical.

Interpreting can be stressful in all aspects of

my life: emotional, psychological and especially physical. For example, I have had to inform a person and their family that the chemotherapy is not helping, and there is nothing more that can be done. It is hard to walk away from a situation like this, but as a Professional Interpreter that is what I must do. This really tugs at my 'strings'. A lot of the time I 'wait' with the deaf person at appointments so I am able to talk with them and support them in the best way I can.

Every year at Verdun (see the photo below) I interpret at the Lion's Hearing Dog Open Day. This is one of the fun times in the interpreting diary. The presenters try to catch me out with funny words etc. However, I seem to cope – most of the time!!

My ministry is vast and varied. What I have learnt over the last 25 years I cannot do or be without my God. I love the challenges which face me each day, and the reward is knowing that I've tried my best at giving a deaf person access to something I used to take for granted – the message that I hear.



*"We
can do
nothing
without
God."
MMK
1880*

MARY MACKILLOP – MODEL FOR PILGRIMS SEEKING CHRIST

❖ Introduction

Even though Mary MacKillop lived a full and active life, she made sure that she spent time each day in prayer and meditation – often late at night. With her focus on Christ she was able to live a holy and exemplary life and she inspires us to do the same. In September 1873, Mary was invited by Fr Christie sj to go on the great pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial in honour of the Sacred Heart.

❖ Gospel Reading: John 14:6

I am the way, the truth and the life; no-one comes to the Father except through me.

❖ From the Pen of Mary MacKillop

On the 25th March, 1873 Mary wrote to the Sisters:

I am going to Rome, to the feet of the Holy Father, there to implore his sanction for our Holy Rule, and I go full of hope, relying for the success of the undertaking upon the prayers, good observance and charitable dispositions of each and every one of my much loved Sisters... I will not conceal from you the many perils, many crosses and contradictions which attend this undertaking – many things which might discourage, were it not for a certain sense of God's watchful love which wonderfully strengthens me and which will also, I trust, give you all great courage.

❖ Reflective Moment

In what ways am I presently seeking Christ in my Life?

Pause to hold in prayer all those undertaking pilgrimages

❖ Prayer

O God of the pilgrim, Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life. We pray that we may grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery as she did, so that like her, we may reach our eternal homeland.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Mary of the Cross, pilgrim on life's way, pray for us.

❖ Call to Action

Take a reflective walk today being mindful of God's goodness in your life.

July, August, September @ the Mary MacKillop Centre

8th of Every Month in St Joseph's Chapel

- Mass: 10.30 am
Followed by morning tea in Bethany
For 8th August, Mass is still at 10.30 am but light refreshments will follow
- Reflection: 5.45 pm
Unpacking the early Adelaide Josephite story
Except Friday 8th August
Facilitated by Sr Catherine Clark rsj



Mary MacKillop's Mondays in Bethany

- Dates: 21st July, 18th August, 15th September
- Time: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
- Cost: Donation appreciated

Reflecting on the life, spirituality and practicality of St Mary MacKillop and her relevance to OUR times and lives.

Presented by Val De Brenni and Sr Mary Ryan rsj

Introducing St Hildegard of Bingen in Bethany

- Date: Wednesday 27th August
- Time: 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
- Cost: Donation Appreciated

An exploration of the life and works of St Hildegard and a reflection on her great love for our Creator God and all Creation.

Presented by Sr Moya Unthank rsj

Jesus Today in Bethany

- Date: Monday 29th September
- Time: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm
- Cost: \$25 or \$10 unwaged/concession
- BYO lunch. Tea/coffee provided

Reflecting on Jesus' way is a path that leads us to freedom. Inspirational works of contemporary artists invite us to embrace that way today.

Presented by Sr Therese Quinn rsj

6 Day Guided Retreat #5

*Leadership of Women in
John's Gospel*

- Date: 19th – 26th September
- Time: commencing 6.30 pm on the first day with evening meal
- Place: St Joseph's Convent, Largs Bay
- Cost: \$450

An invitation to contemplate the different styles of leadership of the women in John's Gospel.

How do these women disciples, called and sent, inspire me as I read the signs of the times today?

Facilitated by Sr Therese Quinn rsj

**Applications close
5th September**

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