

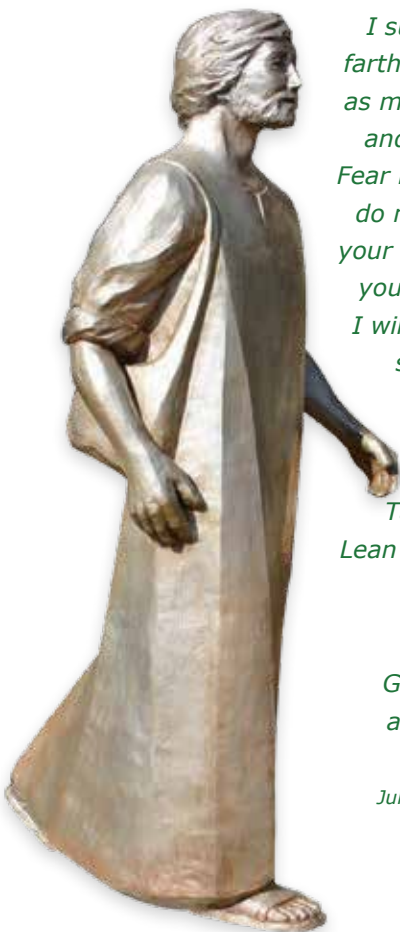
NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

Day Four

Focus

Today we give thanks for those who will carry the mission of the Sisters of St Joseph into the future.

We are mindful of St Joseph, the courageous one, who, in response to God's call stepped out into the unknown.



*I am bringing you back
from the ends of the earth,
I summon you from its
farthest corners; I call you
as my own: I choose you,
and will not reject you:
Fear not, for I am with you,
do not be afraid for I am
your God. I will strengthen
you, I will help you, and
I will uphold you with my
strong right hand.*

Isaiah 41:9-11

*Take fresh courage.
Lean more on God and less
on ourselves.*

Mary MacKillop 1877

*God will bless you, I
am sure, in all your
undertakings.*

Julian Tenison Woods 1863

Reflection

As you ponder the words of the prophet Isaiah and the writings of Mary & Julian what touches your heart?

(Your name) take courage, your God is with you
now and always.

How is the mystery of God's mission unfolding
in your life?

(take as much time as you can to reflect on this)

To what does this call me today?



Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart

*United with those who will carry the Josephite Charism
into the future, we pray:*

*We give thanks for God's generosity
in calling the Sisters of St Joseph into being.*

*For Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods
the first sisters, the children in schools
the families around them
the friends supporting them.*

For the vision, energy and legacy they left.

*We give thanks for the Josephite spirit in God's mission
for the women who heeded the call
the people who supported the mission
the families who welcomed the sisters.
For the love and healing in our parishes.*

*Join with us, all who have gone before
walking the Josephite way
supporting the Josephite vision
drawn into Josephite communion.*

Join us in praising God's abounding kindness.

Amen.