

# NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

## Day Eight

### Focus

Today we give thanks for colleagues in Ministry with the Sisters of St Joseph.

We are mindful of St Joseph who responded to God and together with Mary nurtured Jesus.



*'The Holy Family with the little bird' by Bartolome Esteban Murillo*

*Out of his infinite glory, may God give you the power through the Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth: until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.*

*Ephesians 3:16-19*

*Truly our great God will be gratified by the love and the zeal of many. Mary MacKillop 1873*

*Try earnestly to correspond with God's grace.*

*Julian Tenison Woods 1868*

## Reflection

As you ponder the words from Paul's letter to the Ephesians and the writings of Mary & Julian, what touches your heart?

(Your name) who in your life are in most need of nurturing?

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 are colleagues in Ministry with the Sisters of St Joseph, 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.*