



Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart



BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

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We Josephites owe an enormous debt of gratitude and thanks

*You have offered our sisters the hand of friendship and the privilege
of experiencing the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture,
family life and spirituality.*

*You have provided us with a way (and companionship on that way)
to work toward Reconciliation and right relationships.*

*You have helped us to know and acknowledge the historical injustices
and disadvantage that the Aboriginal peoples have suffered since colonisation
and our Josephite part in that.*

*You have accepted our apology, our “sorry”,
and our efforts to bring about healing and justice.*

*Despite the ups and downs of our relationship, you continue to walk with us in faith,
as together we try to build a shared future of hope towards self-determination
for Aboriginal peoples and the healing and reconciliation of our nation.*

*To you, our Aboriginal Sisters, we the Sisters of Saint Joseph express our heartfelt thanks
during this NAIDOC Week of 2018, so aptly titled, “Because of her, we can!”*

We owe you an enormous debt of gratitude.

*We thank you for offering our Sisters the hand of friendship,
and for allowing us to experience something of the richness of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander culture, family life and spirituality.*

*We thank you for helping us to begin to know of the historical injustices
and disadvantage that First Nations peoples have suffered since colonisation,
and to acknowledge our Josephite part in that.*

*We thank you for accepting our apology, our “sorry”,
and our efforts to bring about healing and justice.*

*Despite the ups and downs of our response and relating, we are grateful
that you continue to walk with us as together, in shared hope,
we work towards self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
and for the healing and reconciliation of our nation.*

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