

Sainthood comes in moments ...

*"Love one another and bear with one another
and let love guide you in all your life."*

Mary MacKillop (1909)

Sister Ethelberga, Mary's nurse, said of her: '*I never knew her to speak an unkind word to anybody. Neither would she permit any Sister to do so in her hearing.*'

As we go about our days, we teach, not so much by preaching lessons, as by *the way we are* in this world. Our way of seeing things and people will come through in our responses. Mary knew this instinctively:

"We must teach more by example than by word." (1867)

A very young Sister Laurence (who later became the third Superior General of the Sisters) once said to Mary: '*Mother, I think you are especially kind to people who give you trouble and worry.*'

"Ah, you little rogue!"

was the lovely reply of a compassionate and human Mary.



Sainthood comes in *moments*:
of gentleness, of humour, of kindness,
of times when we choose to do the
loving thing.

And for our 'companions on the journey',
such moments help to keep their hope
alive.

"If we love one another, God lives in us..."

(1 John 4:12)

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