



Josephite Companions Aotearoa
Nga hoa pumau o Hato Hohepa ki Aotearoa
Friendship # Prayer # Service
June 2021

Kia ora koutou.

Greetings everyone. We send our thoughts and prayers to those of you in the South who have been badly affected by the recent storms.

Our prayer sheet this month has prayers for the earth and for Matariki our own New Zealand celebration.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SISTERS WHO HAVE JUBILEES IN 2021

Tanzanite (80 Years Professed)

Sister Eileen Mary Atkins

Platinum (70 Years Professed)

Sister Mary Ellen Kerin



Diamond (60 Years Professed)

Sister Paula Cronin

Golden (50 Years Professed)

Sister Yvonne Munro

Sister Rosemarie Lawson

Sister Angela McArthur

Sister Marina Norris (RIP)

Sister Kathleen Williams

Ruby (40 Years Professed)

Sister Meg Hills

*Congratulations,
Joining you
in grateful prayer
for the past
and for God's
continuing blessings.*

What an achievement 480 person years of service – how do you add that up for the Charities Commission???

We send our love and prayers from the Josephite Companions to all of you who have reached such wonderful milestones.

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS WEBINAR

Please keep Saturday 4th September free as we explore our original theme of “**Be Courageous and Full of Hope**” through some input and discussions online. We are hoping that Sr Monica Cavanagh, Congregational Leader, will be a key speaker at this time. We are aware that many more of us have become more ‘technology literate’ through our Covid lockdowns so we are excited and hoping that many will be able to find a way to access our proposed mode of Conferencing.

ZOOM GROUPS HAVE BEGUN:



The Josephite Companions Administration handbook states that “being connected to a group is a key component of being a Josephite Companion. The groups provide a forum for sharing and supporting one another. Because of distance, being part of a group for some Companions may involve being linked by telephone or social media in a way that enables them to have a sense of belonging to a cluster that provides support and companionship.” This is essentially what we are trying to provide in the Zoom groups.

We had a small beginning last week when 5 of us gathered on zoom. We shared our stories and prayed together. We talked about the charism in our lives and the new symbol for the Josephite Companions. We felt the friendship between us and talked over some possibilities for other such occasions.

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The subscription fee is to cover the costs for newsletters and for the running of the organisation both our own group in New Zealand and for our leadership team JCoLT.



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Name of account - St Joseph’s Associateship.

Unfortunately cheques can no longer be used. If you are depositing finds into our account please include your name so that we can send you a receipt.

The work of our Josephite Companions Leadership Team (JCoLT) has been generously supported by the Congregational Leadership Team for several years and for this we are very grateful. We hope to gradually take on the responsibility of us becoming more self-sufficient as a Movement as we recognize that we have a significant part to play in our local communities and in our wider Church community.



RIP

Sister Helen Winter rsj who died in Whanganui
Gordon Maisey of Te Aroha (father of Sr Jane Maisey rsj)
Richard Puanaki of Wairoa composer of many hymns and waiata
including Ka waiata kia Maria

Deepest sympathy to all their families. May they rest in peace.

A PROJECT SOME PEOPLE MAY LIKE TO SUPPORT



PINK SHOES INTO THE VATICAN PROJECT SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021 WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE DAY AOTEAROA

**Join the campaign for gender equality in the
Catholic Church**

We are planning a major action for Suffrage Day this year to highlight the fact that while women can hold the highest offices in Aotearoa NZ, we still can't have full membership in the Catholic Church!

It's called Pink Shoes into the Vatican. We are going to make a trail of shoes from the Suffrage memorial

steps in Khartoum Place to the door of St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland around the time of the Mass.

Each pair of old shoes will carry a label with the christian name of the owner and a record of her work for the church. She wore them out in service BUT is still not able to participate equally in governance and leadership of the church.

Our aim is to keep the justice conversation alive in NZ and encourage women to be involved.

PLEASE consider sending us a pair of your old shoes and please encourage other women to do the same.

AND please send them in now! This exercise is going to take a lot of organisation and we would love to get ready ASAP.

Please attach a tag with your first name and a line or two about YOU and your journey with the Church. You do not have to be a practising Catholic to participate. We need to receive the shoes by 31 August 2021 to be included in our project.

Put the shoes and their tag into a Postal Bag addressed to: Pink Shoes Into The Vatican Project, 449 Ruakura Rd, Newstead, HAMILTON 3286.

We will continue to keep you updated with emails and our website also has information: <https://bethechangecatholicchurchaotearoa.wordpress.com/events/>

The next newsletter and prayer sheet will be distributed at the beginning of June

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JOSEPHITE COLLOQUIUM



Thirty three people gathered at St Francis Friary in Auckland for a Josephite Colloquium. Most were from Josephite Schools in both North and South Islands. There were others from Josephite ministries- Quinlan Court and Mary MacKillop Centre and some from parish ministries. The Friary provided an excellent place to meet with walks possible in the grounds and in Monte Cecilia Park next door.



The characters in the Josephite story were explored – Joseph, Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods. The Josephite Companions told of their way of being Josephite in their daily lives.

Everyone went to Mary MacKillop Centre in Mission Bay and looked at the archives and chapel. Some of the Sisters who live there gathered with the participants. Then Sister Moya cooked some delicious soup and buns for tea.

On day two, ways of raising our consciousness of love and bringing what we have to our ministry were explored. The final activity was to design a poster to encapsulate the heart of each person's Josephite ministry.



One of the finished posters

One participant wrote

I just wanted to say a big thank you to you all who were involved for the wonderful couple of days at St Francis. I learnt so much about the sisters and their mission.

I also loved meeting you all and seeing your faith and strength in action. I feel like a fellow Josephite! It was a time truly filled with the spirit.



Poster making