



Sisters of Saint Joseph Works
FORMATION FRAMEWORK



Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart



Preamble

This foundational SOSJ Works Formation for Mission Framework captures the call of Josephite spirituality today.

Josephite spirituality is grounded in the lived experience of daily life.

It springs forth from a sense earthiness, connected to the beauty and messiness of life.

Its gift is the unique quality of being birthed in a unique and ancient land.

It calls each one to engage in the spirituality of First Peoples and to respect, honour and celebrate their contribution to an evolving sense of culture, spirituality and mission.

It recognises and embraces the belief that God is mission and God's mission has SOSJ Works.

We are all participants in God's mission.

Our roles in SOSJ Works, give us a focus for our involvement as well as a community to strive with.

That focus is underpinned by the words of Micah 6:8 and John 10:10, from which we receive an insight into who we are, as we live into our values of creative courage, mutual respect, conscious compassion and intentional inclusivity.

May this framework embolden you to take fresh courage.

May it illuminate your Josephite heart.

May your footsteps draw alongside our founders, Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods and all who have walked this journey.

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Congregational Leader
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**The SOSJ Works Formation Framework draws upon two scripture quotations
at the heart of our Josephite tradition**

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*This is what God
asks of you: to act justly
Only this, to love tenderly
to walk humbly
with your God*
- Micah 6:8

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*I have come that
you may have life
and have it to the full*
- John 10:10

OUR MISSION

We are a ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. We strive for positive transformative relationships with Earth and her people. We work in collaboration as partners in mission to create opportunities for generational change.

OUR VISION

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, 'Sisters of Saint Joseph Works' continues God's mission by responding to the needs of today, offering hope and life in its fullness.

OUR VALUES



**CREATIVE
COURAGE**



**MUTUAL
RESPECT**



**CONSCIOUS
COMPASSION**



**INTENTIONAL
INCLUSIVITY**



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Formation for Mission is an intentional, dynamic, collaborative process that is developmental, reflective, active and ongoing....

Principles for Formation

Our formation framework will be:

- grounded in God's mission
 - a means to evoke a personal response to our baptismal call, inspired by the lives of our founders, Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods
 - centred in seeking right relationships with First Nations people
 - inclusive in our response to reach out to those who are vulnerable, in need, victims of discrimination, without a voice, living on the margins
 - respectful of diversity in race, religion, culture and gender
 - shaped by contemplative dialogue and reflective action
 - collaborative in its approach
 - cognisant of different learning styles
 - appreciative of the past, present and future and the evolving nature of spirituality, global realities and SOSJ Works
 - supported by a range of resources
 - immersed in justice, fairness, respect and dignity for all
 - guided by Catholic Social Teaching and gospel values
 - focused on building capacity with those whom we serve
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Outcomes of Formation

Throughout the formation program participants will:

- be introduced to aspects of the lives of our founders, Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, so that with continued discussion and reflection, they will be inspired to work collaboratively for our future
 - be empowered to live out the vision, values and mission of SOSJ Works in response to contemporary, global and cultural realities
 - be immersed in different types of prayer and reflective practices
 - engage with and develop skills in reflective dialogue processes
 - understand relevant principles of scripture, Christology and contemporary theology
 - identify their own personal response to stewardship and leadership within a Josephite context
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