



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

*“Sister Monica Cavanagh
Congregational Leader
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In this year of Saint Joseph, His Holiness Pope Francis sends cordial greetings and good wishes to you and your sisters, and to all associated with your various apostolic works. He joins you in giving thanks for the abundant fruit your Congregation has borne in its variety of charitable and educational activities, particularly those carried out in rural and indigenous communities, especially in recent months when the global health crisis has increased the needs of so many of our brothers and sisters. It is his hope that this year will be an occasion for the sisters to renew their commitment to the founding vision of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop and take up anew the urgent work of evangelisation, sharing the joy of the Gospel through the humble, courageous and persevering service to others, spurred by the example of Saint Joseph, who devoted his entire being to the service of God’s saving plan (cf. Patris corde 1). May they persevere joyfully in their evangelical witness of poverty, chastity and obedience. Commending all of you to the intercession of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, His Holiness cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State.”*