

WILLS AND BEQUESTS GUIDE



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Sisters of Saint Joseph Bequest Program

Over many years the works and ministries of the Sisters of Saint Joseph have been generously supported through bequests left by people both known and unknown to us. Through these bequests the Sisters have been able to carry on many valuable works especially to the most vulnerable in our world. St Mary MacKillop responded to the needs of her time by providing education for the working class poor and children in isolated and rural communities. The Sisters also undertook other much needed charitable works. St Mary MacKillop had a profound trust in the Providence of God which provided her and the Sisters with the means of bringing God's compassionate care to so many. She saw the face of Providence in the many generous donors of her time. Today the Sisters continue this work in places where humanity is diminished right across our world.

If you would like to assist with the continuation of St Mary MacKillop's legacy in the years ahead you may wish to consider making a bequest in your Will. Our bequest program helps continue works in the spirit of St Mary MacKillop as described in this guide. I invite you to read this booklet and to give consideration to making a bequest.

May you and your loved ones receive blessings in abundance from our gracious and generous God.

Sr Monica Cavanagh
Congregational Leader



INTRODUCTION

From her earliest years, Mary MacKillop was galvanised by the love of the God who impelled her, and by her belief in the value of education as foundational for a full and fulfilling life.

Her motto: “never see a need without doing something about it” led her to minister in many different ways with those who were poor and pushed to the margins. In reverencing the dignity of each person and sharing with them her vision of a new world, she created new opportunities for those she served, responding to needs in the new colonies: educating the poor, caring for the sick, providing shelter for woman and children.

Today, Josephites continue to be motivated by these same convictions. We participate in God's mission by serving in a wide range of ministries, to meet needs in a variety of ways. Josephites can be found in rural areas, schools, shelters, universities, detention centres, parishes, hospitals, courtrooms, ships, isolated places, indigenous communities, prisons, aged care facilities, retreat centres, family care centres, health facilities, on housing estates and in hospices and counselling rooms. We are educators, nurses, therapists, social and pastoral workers, advocates, administrators, spiritual directors, lawyers, administrators, chaplains, parish ministers, theologians, psychologists, artists, authors and musicians, serving in many roles, as we try to live the Josephite charism in a new world.

Josephites still seek to “never see a need without doing something about it: and in our present society we know that this is simply everything that calls humanity to life and to God. The spirituality that underpins our mission, and all that we do then, is one of relationship – with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

You can choose to continue the important works of the Sisters of Saint Joseph by making a bequest. A bequest is a gift of part of your estate made in your Will. Your estate is the total of all of your assets and possessions when you pass away. By making a bequest, you will provide support for the works and ministries provided by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Your generosity will make a difference to the lives of many.

If you would like to make a bequest, there are many ways to do so. Some examples are:

- Making a gift of specific monetary amount of your choosing
- Making a gift of a particular belonging such as jewellery or art work
- Making a gift of a particular property you own
- Making a gift of a specified part of your estate (such as a percentage of your estate)
- Making a gift of that part of your estate that remains after you have provided for loved ones
- Making a gift of your whole estate

By making a bequest, you can also elect to contribute to a specific important work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. This way you can be certain that your gift will make a difference to the area in which you might have a particular interest.

Never see a need ...

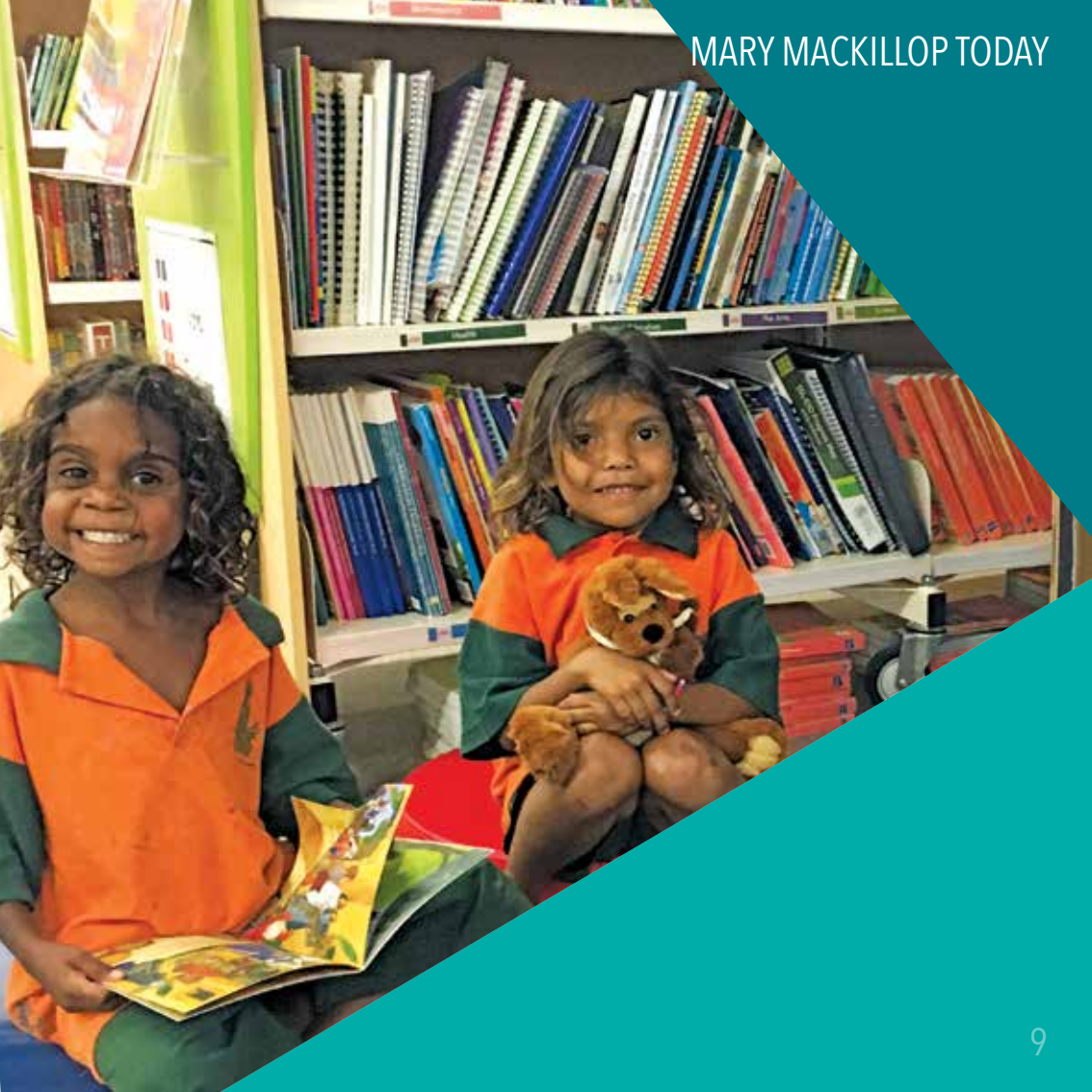
MARY MACKILLOP TODAY

Mary MacKillop Today

In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop, Mary MacKillop Today's focus is on building dignity through education, health, financial inclusion and livelihoods.

We are committed to continuing the works of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, with the utmost respect for our great past and we look to the future for transformation and change.

without doing something about it





St Anthony of Padua, miracle-worker, friend and confidant of the Holy Child Jesus, beloved of children is the Patron Saint of St Anthony's Family Care.

Inspired by the goodness and child-like qualities of St Anthony, the services look to share his love and compassion, his gentleness and acceptance of all, especially children who require special care.

Inspired by St Anthony's understanding that every child is a child of God, St Anthony's Family Care places those with special needs at the forefront of our work.

Our core services focus on supporting children and young adults with disabilities to develop lifelong skills, become valued members of society and achieve their greatest potential in life.



SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY OF THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

These words of Mary MacKillop in 1871 and the teaching of Julian Tenison Woods “for us to have faith in God’s presence in every circumstance”, sums up what spirituality is for the sisters of Saint Joseph.

Spirituality is the name we give to the inner quest as the human heart seeks meaning and recognizes that there is a dimension of life that leads us to the transcendent, the Other, our God. For all of us this is a unique search that flows from the life experiences that shape and influence us.

Since the time of Mary and Julian, Josephite Sisters and others have reflected deeply on the spirituality of these two people. A spiritual tradition has developed and resonates in the hearts of many people today.

Kincumber

Joseph’s Spirituality and Education Centre is located Kincumber South, in a natural bushland setting in a quiet corner of the beautiful Central Coast of NSW. The spacious grounds from the Kincumber Broadwater create an atmosphere of tranquillity and peace that enhances the spiritual and reflective nature of the Centre.

Kincumber is a place where people can be recharged, re-energized and spend precious time connecting with each other and nature. St Joseph’s organises retreats annually, live-in seminars and conferences accommodating such groups as Spiritual Directors, Boards, Communities, Universities, Schools etc, which hold meetings and conferences in this place of solitude.



Baulkham Hills

St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living

Formerly the House of Formation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, the Centre has been attractively refurbished, providing a range of facilities for retreats, conferences, chapters, seminars, workshops and functions.

St Joseph's Baulkham Hills invites you to experience a place apart from the everyday. Located only thirty minutes from the centre of Sydney, St Joseph's nourishes the heart, the mind and the spirit.

The Centre offers you a place to unwind, a place to breathe and be filled with the presence of the Spirit. Wander the gardens, explore the Labyrinth, visit the chapel, take time to reflect in our intimate sacred spaces. It is a Centre founded in the spirit of Mary MacKillop and reaching to all people everywhere.

YOUR WILL

For your final wishes, including any bequests to be honoured, you must have a valid Will. For this reason, it is very important that you arrange to have a Will drawn up by a solicitor.

If you would like us to assist you with information required to plan your bequest, please feel free to contact the Secretary-General on 02 8912 4853.



APPROPRIATE WORDINGS FOR BEQUESTS

If you would like to assist the Sisters of Saint Joseph, we recommend the following clause:

(a) *I GIVE to TRUSTEES OF THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH (“the Sisters”) the sum of \$.....*

OR

(b) *I GIVE to TRUSTEES OF THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH (“the Sisters”)% of the rest of residue of my estate.*

I DIRECT that the receipt of the Secretary-General of the Sisters shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executor without my Executor having to see the application thereof.

If you would like your bequest used by the Sisters for a particular purpose, for example:-

- Mary MacKillop Today
- St Anthony's Family Care
- Spirituality Ministry of the Sisters

then it is suggested that you add after the words (“the Sisters”) the words “to be applied by the Sisters for the purposes of [then insert one of the above dot points].

Carroll & O’Dea, Lawyers, who act for the Sisters can be contacted for specific wording if required (www.codea.com.au) or telephone: (02) 9291 7100.

CHANGING YOUR WILL

If for any reason you wish to amend your current will we will be happy to assist with relevant information. It is important to revise your Will on occasion where family and/or financial circumstances change.

Certain situations can include:

- Marriage
- The birth of new children
- Career changes and retirement
- Changed financial circumstances
- Serious or ongoing illness, injuries or conditions
- A change in the relationship you have with your children, loved ones or friends
- A change in the relationships of your children, loved ones or friends
- Guardianship of children
- Divorce
- Deaths of family or loved ones

Your solicitor can advise you about how to change your Will to reflect your intentions at a particular point in your life. Your solicitor will also be able to advise you about specific changes to your circumstances that may mean part or all of your Will may no longer be valid. To ensure your wishes remain current and in a valid Will, it is important to ensure appropriate legal advice is obtained.

By having an up to date and valid Will, you can make sure that your estate is dealt with in accordance with your wishes.

Continuing St Mary MacKillop's Legacy in your Will

We would be honoured for you to include a bequest for a purpose of the works and ministries of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in your Will. If you wish to make a bequest and leave either money or part or all of your estate to the Sisters of Saint Joseph please review this guide with your solicitor.

The Law Society in each State provides a listing of solicitors:

Australian Capital Territory

www.actlawsociety.asn.au - 02 6247 5700

New South Wales

www.lawsociety.com.au - 02 9926 0333

Northern Territory

www.lawsocietynt.asn.au - 08 8981 5104

Queensland

www.qls.com.au - 07 3842 5888

South Australia

www.lawsocietysa.asn.au - 08 8229 0222

Tasmania

www.lst.org.au - 03 6234 4133

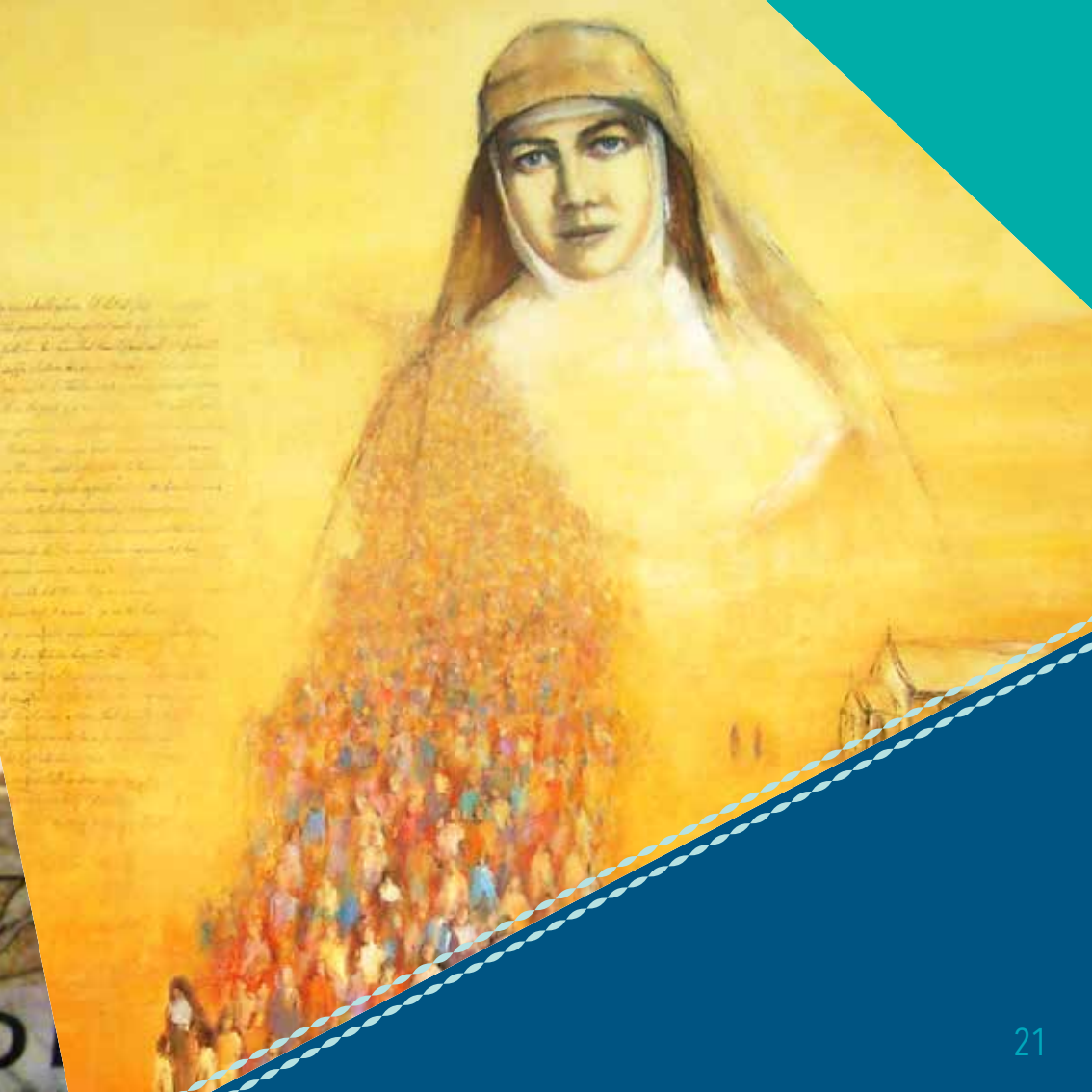
Victoria

www.lsb.vic.gov.au - 03 9679 8000

Western Australia

www.lpbwa.org.au - 08 6211 3600





CONTACT US

It would be our pleasure to discuss with you the good works of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and how your bequest could help to continue those good works.

Please contact the Secretary-General if you would like us to assist you by providing information required for planning your bequest.

CONTACT DETAILS

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MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

The sacred site where the tomb of Mary MacKillop is located. Mary MacKillop Place keeps the legacy of Mary, her work and spirituality alive.

For information about a donation or bequest please contact

Administrative Assistant +61 2 8912 4884 or visit the website

www.marymackillopplace.org.au/support-us/donations-and-bequests

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cover Mary MacKillop 1882, Mary's letter cross hatched

Page 5 The Vision by Jan Williamson

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MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER

Compassionate and Loving God,
We praise you for all you do
in the lives of saints!
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop

To listen to your whisperings within her heart,
To trust in your Providence,
To reach out to the most needy,
To forgive even when it is difficult.

As we journey through life
We trust that your Spirit will guide our hearts
making us more like Saint Mary MacKillop
in thought, word and action.

We ask Saint Mary MacKillop to pray with us
for the special need we confidently place
before you

N:.....

We make our prayer through Jesus
Who showed compassion to all in need.

Amen



Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart