

Intellectual Property of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart

The Sisters of Saint Joseph (SOSJ) hold a large collection of artistic and published works detailing the life and legacy of their founders, St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, along with published writings, photographic, audio and digital material documenting the Congregation's history.

Today many parishes, schools and organisations share in the spirit of St Mary MacKillop, Julian Tenison Woods and the Sisters of Saint Joseph as they witness to God's love by discerning the needs of our time and responding to them in simple, ordinary ways. Many of these institutions seek to use symbols, images, or other material to show their connection to the Josephite story.

Using Sisters of Saint Joseph Intellectual Property

The Sisters of Saint Joseph appreciate the work of Catholic Education Offices, parishes and agencies in supporting organisations which have a Josephite heritage and are pleased to assist these organisations by authorising the reproduction of some of their intellectual property, including material pertaining to St Mary MacKillop.

Requests for the use of trademarked or copyright material can be made via the application form available at www.sosj.org.au/responding-together/image-requests/. This service is provided at minimal or no cost to the applicant where the use is non-commercial, for example for use in prayer or liturgical celebrations.

Where the intended use is commercial, the application must be approved by the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and an appropriate non-exclusive licence agreement established between the applicant and the Trustees.

Terms of Use

The following information describes the terms of use for the intellectual property held by the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Josephite Logo/ Emblem (Trademark Nos 507494 & 1345624)



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As a registered trademark it cannot be copied or reproduced without permission in writing granted by the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Josephite Monogram

The monogram was worn by St Mary MacKillop and the Sisters as part of their habit until the 1970s when the monogram was incorporated into the emblem of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.



Schools, parishes and other interested parties who have a genuine connection with the Josephites, can apply to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph for permission to use the monogram. The holder of the monogram is obliged to monitor its use and ensure that unauthorised use does not occur.

Using Mary MacKillop's Name (Trademarks 1345162, 1345165, 1355654, 1355655, 1355657, 1355660) The names Mary MacKillop, Saint (St) Mary MacKillop, Mary of the Cross, Saint (St) Mary of the Cross MacKillop, along with Mary MacKillop's signature have been trademarked. The purpose of these trademarks is to protect St Mary's name from misuse and/or exploitation for commercial gain.

Application Process

All applications for the use of any of the trademarked intellectual property can be made in writing, using the application form found on the Sisters of Saint Joseph Website: www.sosj.org.au/responding-together/image-requests/.

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The Sisters of Saint Joseph ask that the use of these images or any other published, digital or video recording acknowledges the authorship and/or ownership of the material.

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Commercial Use

Commercial use is any use of intellectual property which potentially generates a financial return to the applicant through publishing, merchandising, or sale.

All requests to use images, digital, video or text materials associated with St Mary MacKillop's name, or associated with the Sisters of Saint Joseph must be made in writing to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. These applications will be assessed for approval. Where approval is granted, a 'Non- Exclusive Licence

Agreement' setting out the terms and conditions for use will be required.

All commercial applications will be treated 'In Confidence' and in a timely manner in accordance with the complexity of the application.

Further Information

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