



Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of Saint Joseph's contribution to...

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT – SPIRITED PEOPLE

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre is an educational resource for teaching the Victorian RE curriculum through the story of Mary MacKillop, Julian Tension Woods and the Sisters of St Joseph and their contribution to Catholic schooling and social welfare in Australia.

This program provides a direct response to the **Year 2** curriculum unit **Alive in the Spirit – Spirited People**, as outlined in *Coming to Know, Worship and Love: A Religious Education Curriculum Framework for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne*, Catholic Education Office, Melbourne 2005.

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. Psalm 16:3

OVERVIEW

In 2010 Mary MacKillop became our first Australian saint. Saints are ordinary people who use their gifts to live the Gospel values. Christians can learn how to live through the stories of saints' lives. The saints are part of God's family and the story of the Church.

ACTIVITIES

Students will:

- listen to stories about Mary MacKillop, St Mary of the Cross, our first Australian saint;
- examine and name artefacts that are linked to practices of Catholic faith;
- engage in activities to identify a saint;
- identify sacred objects in the Museum that are important to the Catholic faith; and
- pray in the Chapel just like St Mary MacKillop.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the conclusion of this program students will have:

- Knowledge of the criteria for sainthood.
- Identified qualities of Mary MacKillop that led her to sainthood.
- Understood that religious objects can enhance our faith.