



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

SCHOOL AND CHURCH COMMUNITIES

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's and their contribution to Catholic schooling and social welfare in Australia.

This program provides a direct response to the **Year 7** curriculum unit, **School and Church Communities 2a** 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 2018, Chapter 8.

If anyone is poor among you ,... do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. ⁸ Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. ⁹ ... Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart;
Deuteronomy 15:7-10

OVERVIEW

As People of God, we are called to a life of service in the community. Students will investigate how Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph displayed dignity to all and lived a life of service.

ACTIVITIES

Students will:

- participate in a tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Museum and learn how Mary MacKillop lived a life of service;
- examine stories, recorded by Sisters of St Joseph who knew her, that demonstrate how Mary MacKillop extended dignity to all; and
- share a prayer in the chapel where Mary MacKillop prayed and participate in a reflection on her words and or writings.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the conclusion of this program students will have:

- Investigated how Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph were 'People of God' extending dignity to all and ensuring all felt a sense of belonging.
- Examined the ways Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph lived a life of service.
- Identified and explored symbols and religious objects of the Catholic tradition that reflect what Catholics believe.
- Investigated and appreciated the concept of sainthood and the process through which Mary MacKillop became Australia's first saint.