



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

## JULIAN TENISON WOODS – THE WONDER OF CREATION

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 **The Wonder of Creation**, 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.

*The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden,  
to cultivate and care for it. Genesis 2:15*

### OVERVIEW

In 1866 Julian Tension Woods co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart with Mary MacKillop, our first Australian saint. Julian had a great love and respect for creation.

*Every rock, every leaf, every insect has something, nay wonderful, to tell.  
Julian Tension Woods 1880*

### ACTIVITIES

Students will:

- Listen to key aspects of the story of Julian Tension Woods
- Engage in activities that provide knowledge into Julian's broad experience in science
- Examine and/or sketch items found in the natural environment
- Experience creation prayers in the chapel

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the conclusion of this program students will have:

- Knowledge that Julian was a priest, scientist and co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph
- A deeper appreciation of the environment
- Created and shared prayers of thanks and petition for our environment