

NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

The Sisters of St Joseph
give thanks for
150 years
1866 - 2016



Listening to the
Heartbeat of the World

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DAY THREE

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JOSEPH THE DREAMER

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WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Today we give thanks
for our Founders,
Fr Julian Tenison Woods &
St Mary Mackillop

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We are mindful of St Joseph
who responded
to God's speaking
in his dream.

Julian & Mary, too, dared to dream
and made the education of poor children a reality.

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I know the plans I have for you –
it your God who speaks –
plans for peace, not disaster,
reserving a future full of hope for
you.

Then when you call to me,
and come to plead with me,
I will listen to you.
When you seek me you shall find
me,
when you seek me with all your
heart,
I will let you find me.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

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Pray that God may direct and that
St Joseph's humble spirit may guide.

Mary MacKillop 1898

..... Whether we search in earth, or sky, or sea,
we are everywhere met
by the visions of the illimitable.

Julian Tenison Woods 1882



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As you ponder the words from

the Prophet Jeremiah,

Mary MacKillop

& Julian Tenison Woods,

what touches your heart?



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A photograph of a labyrinth garden. The labyrinth is constructed from grey concrete paths that wind through a bed of brown mulch. In the center of the labyrinth is a large, white, stone bowl-shaped well. The garden is surrounded by a series of concentric concrete steps. Several small, silver, cylindrical lights are placed along the paths. The background shows a grassy area and trees.

(Your name)

be open

to the whisperings of God

in your heart.

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How is the mystery of God's mission
in the world unfolding in your life?

(take as much time as you can to reflect on this)

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To what does this call me today?

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United with our Founders, Julian and Mary,
we pray:

We give thanks for God's generosity
in calling the Sisters of St Joseph into being.

For Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods
the first Sisters, the children in schools,
the families around them,
the friends supporting them.
For the vision, energy and legacy they left.

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We give thanks for the Josephite spirit in God's mission
for the women who heeded,
the people who supported the mission,
the families who welcomed the Sisters,
For the love and healing in our parishes.

Join with us, all who have gone before
walking the Josephite way
supporting the Josephite vision
drawn into Josephite communion.
Join us in praising God's abounding kindness.
Amen

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Thank you for praying in solidarity
with the Sisters of St Joseph
and people from across the world.

Let us remain mindful of St Joseph
who responded to God
speaking in his dream.

We look forward
to praying together tomorrow.



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