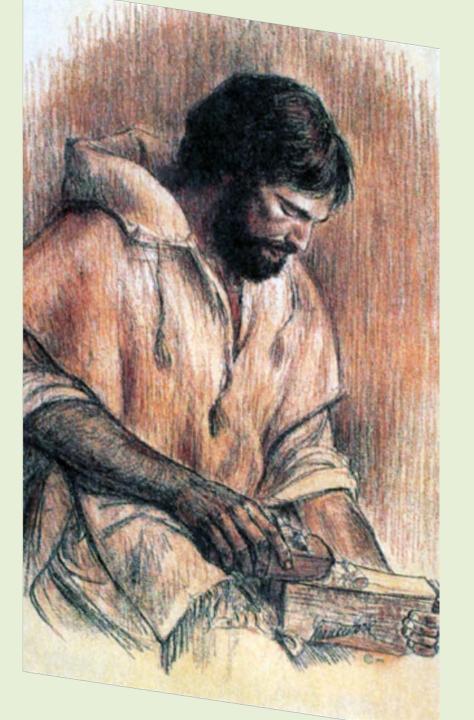
NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

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





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JOSEPH THE REFUGEE

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Today we give thanks for those who seek refuge.



We are mindful of St Joseph who, for the safety of Mary & Jesus, sought refuge in Egypt.

...the angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'get up, take the Child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead.

Matthew 2:13-15



We are but travellers here.

Mary MacKillop 1866

The end of it all will be that God's protecting hand will be most visibly seen.

Julian Tenison Woods 1871





As you ponder the words from

the Gospel of Matthew

and the writings of Mary Mackillop

GJulian Tension Woods,

what touches your heart?





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)



To what does this call me today?

united with those who seek refuge, 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 the left.

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 praise God's abounding kindness.

Amen



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 for the safety of Mary & Jesus, sought refuge in Egypt.

We look forward to praying together tomorrow.





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