

MARY MACKILLOP - A SAINT FOR AUSTRALIA

Stage 4 Supplement

Year 8

MODULE:

Ways of Being Catholic

Faithful to God: Faithful to People
Archdiocese of Sydney

Code: C8 - 2

FOCUS:

Becoming a Saint

HOURS: 6 or 6 lessons

Aims

This classroom Religious Education program aims to develop in each student an understanding and appreciation of God, an awareness of the existence of good, and a capacity to search effectively for meaning in life.

Objectives:

The classroom Religious Education program will provide appropriate teaching and learning opportunities so that students are able to:

- appreciate the examples of good present in the world as exemplified by Mary MacKillop and the communion of saints
- develop an understanding of the action of God and the reality of good in creation
- develop an understanding of the human search for meaning in the Christian traditions

adapted from the Archdiocese of Sydney Education Curriculum document: Secondary Year 8

Resources:

1. O/H: Definition A saint is.....
2. <http://aso.gob.au/titles/documentaries/business-making-saints/clip1/>
 - Heroic Virtue and
 - The Business of Making Saints
3. O/H : The Process of Canonisation
4. www.silk.net/RelEd/canonization.htm
5. www.twb.catholic.edu.au/reled/Mary/index.html
6. www.newadvent.org
7. Sisters of St Joseph, 1925 – 1926. *Memories of Mary by those who knew her*, John Garrat Publishing 2010
8. `Inform faith & life matters Commemorative Edition #126 “*Mary MacKillop. Saint in the Making*”
9. *Mary MacKillop. Soul of the Sunburnt Country*, (2010). HD DVD, Melbourne Victoria, Albert Street Productions



OUTCOMES	TEACHING / LEARNING STRATEGIES	RESOURCES
<p>It is intended that students will be able to:</p> <p>Values and Attitudes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> appreciate how the saints reflect the experience of God’s creativity in human activity <p>Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> describe how God is active in the lives of Mary MacKillop and the saints <p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> identify the process of canonisation and how it applies to Mary’s story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin by defining what a saint is for students: “A saint is an individual who the church has decreed to have a life marked by heroic virtue - habits of good conduct and good works which go beyond those of ordinary good people. (adapted from <i>New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers might like to show the short audio clip that defines saints and makes reference to heroic virtue. <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorm a list of known saints and their “heroic virtues” – draw on students’ knowledge from research when they were preparing for Confirmation. 	<p>Overhead: definition A saint is....</p> <p>Short audio clip “Heroic Virtue: (31 secs) retrieved from http://aso.gob.au/titles/documentaries/business-making-saints/clip1/</p> <p>From the same site a second clip, “The Flying Friar” looks at the heroic virtues of St Joseph of Cupertino (2mins 47secs)</p>

- ❑ Students need to understand the process of canonisation. They could complete a flow chart defining the stages by which a person is proclaimed a saint in the Catholic Church.

To complete the flow chart students could visit or be provided with a hard copy of the article “Ask a Catholic: how do people become saints” retrieved from

www.silk.net/RelEd/canonization.htm and
www.twb.catholic.edu.au/reled/Mary/index.html

- ❑ Making Mary MacKillop a Saint
 - Teachers might like to show a third audio clip from the internet, discussing the heroic virtues of Mary MacKillop.
OR
 - Using the Sisters of St Joseph’s memories of Mary MacKillop, ask students to conduct a “heroic virtue” search. Responses could be written onto a large class cross titled “Mary of the Cross”

Overhead: flow chart: The Process of Canonisation

www.silk.net/RelEd/canonization.htm
www.twb.catholic.edu.au/reled/Mary/index.html

“The Business of Making Saints” Clip 1 Mary MacKillop (2mins 4secs) retrieved from
<http://aso.gob.au/titles/documentaries/business-making-saints/clip1/>

Sisters of St Joseph 1925 – 1926, *Memories of Mary by those who knew her*, John Garrat Publishing 2010

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students could work in small groups to make power point presentations (text and pictures) documenting the different stages of the process of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop ☐ Students may watch the DVD Chapter 30 to the end. To gain an understanding of the process of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop. The DVD includes the death of Mary MacKillop and the Beatification ceremony in Australia ☐ Reflection on Mary's Canonisation: class discussion or individual journaling<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What aspect of Mary's life and work do you find most impressive?• What do you think it will mean for the Church in this country and for Australians generally to have an Australian canonised saint?	<p>Outline of large cardboard cross</p> <p><u>Inform faith & life matters Commemorative Edition #126</u></p> <p>“Mary MacKillop. Saint in the Making”</p> <p><i>Mary MacKillop. Soul of the Sunburnt Country</i>, (2010). HD DVD, Melbourne Victoria, Albert Street Productions</p>
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