

NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

Day Three

Focus

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

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.



'Joseph's Dream' by Rembrandt

I know the plans I have in mind for you - it is 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

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

Reflection

As you ponder the words of the prophet Jeremiah and the writings of Mary & Julian what touches your heart?

(Your name) be open to the whisperings of God
in your heart.

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

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

To what does this call me today?



Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart

United with Our Founders, Mary & Julian, 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.

*We give thanks for the Josephite spirit in God's mission
for the women who heeded the call
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.*