



Dear Josephite Companions,

Greetings to you all, wherever you are across our many countries. We recognise that these times are providing challenges for us all in different ways, including many not being able to gather with fellow Companions. Perhaps the words for February in this year's Josephite calendar provide us with a word of hope from Mary MacKillop at this time: *What may seem a great misfortune in one sense is generally...a hidden blessing.*

Following our successful Josephite Companions' Webinar last September we are planning an online gathering for Companion Leaders from each Region on April 2nd. This will be an opportunity to have input and discussion with other Companion leaders about leadership as we all continue to share God's mission with Josephite hearts, in our different circumstances. Sr Clare Conaglen, the Congregational Leadership team member who is part of JCoLT, will lead us in this process, inviting us into conversation across our leadership groups as we learn from each other.

Further information will be provided to Leadership Teams shortly, with starting times ranging from WA commencing at 9am to Aotearoa New Zealand at 2pm.

Later in 2022 JCoLT hopes to host another webinar for all Companions who wish to be involved: a time to reconnect and continue nurturing each other as, through Friendship, Prayer and Service, we try to make a difference.

For the past few years, we have produced a newsletter in March. This year we are sharing this letter at this time through your Regional newsletter instead, and hope to provide a JCoLT newsletter following our April gathering. This will provide feedback from our Leaders' gathering and information about our proposed Companions' Webinar in September/October.

May God's Spirit be with us in all of our endeavours and may we be alert for the 'hidden blessings' that Mary MacKillop alluded to in the opening quote.

Blessings to all

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