We congratulate the students who have been chosen to participate in the Pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop.

Joshua Shanahan  
Nagle College

Kacee Rowe  
Nagle College

William Aupito-Luliano  
St Francis Xavier College

Cassie Gawley  
St Francis Xavier College

Joshua Dodgson  
St Peter's College

Alisha Mascurine  
St Peter's College

Grace Humphreys  
Catholic College

Melissa Richele  
Catholic College

David Moulton  
Lavalla Catholic College

Mikaela Ryan  
Lavalla Catholic College

Naomi Armstrong  
Marist-Sion College

Will Shiels  
Marist-Sion College

Dr Rose Duffy csb and Mr John Ryan (Deputy Principal and REC, Mary MacKillop College Leongatha) will accompany these students on the pilgrimage.

MARK THE OCCASION!

Remember that although we are very aware of this historic event, we need to mark it in both spiritual and physical ways that will ensure that 2010 will be remembered as the year of the canonisation by our students and those who will come after them. Some examples are:

- Creating a Mary MacKillop Space/Garden
  - Mary MacKillop roses and banksias/commemorative plaques/a statue of Mary MacKillop in plaster or brass
  - Frosted glass walls with sayings of Mary MacKillop or her image
  - Build a wall with commemorative tiles

- Name new buildings/rooms after Mary MacKillop and the Josephites

- Mary MacKillop Memorabilia/Gift Ideas  

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Don’t forget to honour co-founder Julian Tenison Woods in celebrations

Read a reflection from Mary MacKillop each day e.g. from the Josephite calendar; thought-for-the-day books

Find out more about the “Junior Josephites” school students and other young people working for social justice

Explore the significance of the motto of the Josephite Associates: prayer, friendship, service

Invite your local Josephite Sister to talk at your school about Mary MacKillop

Have you thought of having an Art display of student work in a prominent area in the school? The art could be based on the life or sayings of Mary MacKillop.

Did you know there was a MacKillop Tartan? Mary MacKillop College, Leongatha is the only school which has it as its uniform

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED BY THE SCHOOLS?

ONE EXAMPLE:

St Patrick’s Pakenham are doing a number of things:

♦ A special Mass (at which Sr Christina, a local Josephite sister will speak)
♦ Year 6 students are going to speak to Year 3 and 4 students about their Confirmation saints
♦ A PowerPoint presentation has been put together on the life of Mary MacKillop which the Year 5 students have illustrated. This PowerPoint is for classroom use simple enough for the juniors and informative enough for the seniors.
♦ Two staff members are going to Penola for a special mass on the canonisation weekend.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

♦ Commissioning of Pilgrims at CEOSale, Warragul on Wednesday 6 October 7.00pm

♦ Mary MacKillop College Leongatha
  Canonisation Mass on October 17 at 5.00pm
  www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au

♦ Diocesan Celebration of Canonisation at St Mary’s Cathedral Sale on Friday 12th November 11am

♦ Webcast, live TV coverage planned for Mary MacKillop canonisation
If not to Rome then perhaps to Penola or Portland or the Shrine of Mary MacKillop in North Sydney or the Heritage Centre in East Melbourne. [Heritage Centre link]

A visit to the East Melbourne Centre is a wonderful event. A tour is available, in this Canonisation year, admission will be by donation and memorabilia can be purchased. (max booking 35 people). It is also possible to stay overnight so if you have to travel a great distance to East Melbourne, it might be good to stay the night before. Enquiries: (03) 9926 9300.

You can also visit the plaque nearby, marking Mary MacKillop’s birthplace and the Shrine to Mary MacKillop in St Patrick’s Cathedral.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Commemorative Design Competition

Secondary School Students T-shirt
Create a commemorative T-shirt design based on Mary MacKillop’s life, works or writings.

The winning design will be featured on T-shirts worn by the pilgrims to Rome this October and available for purchase to the general public.

Primary School Students Calendar
Create an artwork or write a prayer, poem or a reflection based on Mary MacKillop’s life, works or writings.

The best 15 entries will be featured in a commemorative calendar which will be produced for schools.

Entries close Friday 30 July 2010.

Diocesan Schools Committee:

Dr Rose Duffy cb (Chair) - Catholic Education Office
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