Canonisation of
Blessed Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Schools Committee: Canonisation Celebrations

Catholic Education Office - Diocese of Sale 27 September 2010

YEAR 10 DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING
13 September 2010
“In the Spirit of Mary MacKillop”

Up to 25 Year 10 students from six of the Secondary Colleges gathered in Sale for this annual event. It is an important day, as students from the diocese gather for a spiritual purpose. The day focuses on the needs of the world and those who, like Mary MacKillop have sought to do something about those needs. It also provides an opportunity to pray together in St Mary’s Cathedral – the spiritual home of the diocese.

Year 11 leaders, including most of the student pilgrims to Rome, created a sense of “the Spirit of Mary MacKillop” in their thoughtful presentations of various aspects of her life. Some of the pilgrims are pictured in these photos.

Year 10 students discussed and commented on what they had learnt about Mary Mackillop. One thing became clear, to use the words of one of the students, that Mary “always kept her chin up” and she “always knew that Jesus walked beside her”.

The day concluded with a prayer service in St Mary’s Cathedral during which the Year 11 students presented the Year 10 students from their school with medals of Mary MacKillop. There was a deep sense of faith and prayer during this time.

The students’ gifts of rice for refugees and asylum seekers were placed around the altar. It was clear that just as each grain of rice, no matter how small, can help to feed the world, so too, each act of goodness can help to change the world.

Grace Humphreys enjoying warm up games with Year 10 students, Catholic College Sale
Pilgrims and Yr 11 leaders after the prayer service in the Cathedral.
The Canonisation t-shirts will be worn to key events in Rome.

Mary MacKillop Resources

T-Shirts
A few t-shirts remain and are available for purchase for $20.
If you would like to order one, please contact:
Zoe Archer, (03) 5622 6645
or email zarcher@ceosale.catholic.edu.au

Reminder Wednesday 6th October: Pilgrims Commissioning
7.00 pm Teachers’ Centre Catholic Education Office Warragul.
Commissioning and Blessing of Pilgrims to the Canonisation in Rome by Bishop Christopher Prowse.
School bookings contact: Dr Rose Duffy cb, Phone: (03) 5622 6600
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All Welcome

T-Shirt designed by Kyle Missen, St Patrick’s Primary School, Stratford. It was one of the “Top 4” designs of the Primary Schools’ Commemorative Design Competition. It emphasises the Australian focus of Mary MacKillop’s ministry. Mary is set against the background of the cross, the Southern Cross and Uluru.
Well Done Kyle!