

Mary MacKillop Precinct

incorporating Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide St Joseph's Chapel Bethany Centre

19 March 2019

Dear Friends,

On the Feast of St Joseph – a day very dear to Mary MacKillop - we send greetings from Mary MacKillop Precinct Adelaide!

We are writing to invite you become a 'Friend' of Mary MacKillop Museum in Kensington.

The life and story of our first canonised Saint continues to be an inspiration to people, regardless of age, culture or gender. The work Mary instigated with Father Julian Tenison Woods for the bush and poor children was the beginnings of the Australian Catholic Education system. From those humble beginnings we now have around 2,000 Catholic Schools across Australia and New Zealand. What a legacy, one that you can become a part of.

We're sure you'll agree that Mary's is a story that needs to be shared with all Australians, both now and with future generations.

Our Mary MacKillop Museum, as it was, had become tired and in need of redevelopment. The refurbished museum will feature interactive digital and audio presentations, new displays and some never before seen memorabilia. It will capture the imagination of young and old alike!

We are delighted to announce that, after a few of setbacks, the builders are on the museum site! Work has finally begun!

We can now say with confidence that Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide, and the adjoining café facing Mary MacKillop Park, will open before the end of this year.

A local outdoor Kensington-Norwood Walking Trail is planned, to be completed as Stage 2.

Obviously the project will require considerable on-going funding – and we are asking for your support to help us make Mary MacKillop Museum sustainable.

We invite you to become a 'Friend of Mary MacKillop Museum' – as either a 'Life Friend' or an 'Annual Friend'. The attached brochure provides information about the benefits of both, and how Friends' contributions will support Mary MacKillop Museum into the future. Please contact me if you have any queries.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph hope you will accept this invitation and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Wishing you every blessing.

Yours sincerely,

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