



Saint Mary MacKillop, alive in the Spirit GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre is an educational resource for teaching the Victorian RE curriculum through the story of Mary MacKillop, Julian Tension Woods and the Sisters of St Joseph and their contribution to Catholic schooling and social welfare in Australia.

This program provides a direct response to the **Year 5 and 6** curriculum unit, **Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit** as outlined in *Coming to Know, Worship and Love: A Religious Education Curriculum Framework for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne*, Catholic Education Office, Melbourne 2005.

There are different kinds of gifts. But it is the same Holy Spirit Who gives them. There are different kinds of work to be done for Him. But the work is for the same Lord..... but it is the same Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, Who does all these things. He gives to each person as He wants to give. 1 Cor 12:4 – 6, 11

OVERVIEW

As part of students Confirmation, pre or post Sacrament, the students will explore the meanings of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit through the life of Mary MacKillop. Students will discover how Mary MacKillop was inspired by the Holy Spirit to help those in need throughout Australia.

ACTIVITIES

Students will:

- engage in tasks to identify gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit;
- participate in a tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Museum where they will learn of the lived experience of gospel values of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph and identify ways that Mary used the fruits of the Holy Spirit throughout her life;
- explore through activities ways they can continue to use the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives; and
- pray in the chapel with Scripture to deepen their appreciation of the gifts in their lives.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the conclusion of this program students will have:

- Developed an understanding of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- Identified actions of Mary MacKillop and understood why they were fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- Connected the gifts to the fruits (a good action in their lives) of the Holy Spirit
- Learnt about Mary MacKillop and why she can be an inspiring role model.