



Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre



Saint Mary MacKillop, shaping our Church, past and present PEOPLE OF GOD IN AUSTRALIA

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** curriculum unit, **People of God in Australia** 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.

The believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God... Acts 2: 44 - 47

OVERVIEW

Students will learn about Mary MacKillop, St Mary of the Cross, as a significant Australian who contributed to the Catholic Church in Australia, enabling poor children to receive a Catholic education. Through activities and a guided tour of the galleries, students will deepen their understanding of Mary's love for God and how she led a life of goodness and justice through helping those in need across Australia.

ACTIVITIES

Students will:

- examine artefacts of the Catholic Church and learn how Mary as a person of God used these objects in her life; and
- participate in a tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Museum where students will explore the lived experience of gospel values of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph and identify ways Mary MacKillop is an inspiration to us today.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the conclusion of this program students will have:

- Identified Mary MacKillop as a person of God serving the Australian community.
- Made connections with Mary MacKillop assisting the poor in the 19th Century and our need to assist the poor today.
- Identified common artefacts belonging to the Catholic Church.