



Saint Mary MacKillop, living a Christian Life

LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE

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's and their contribution to Catholic schooling and social welfare in Australia.

This program provides a direct response to the **Year 8** curriculum unit, **Living a Christian Life 5b** 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, 2018, Chapters 17 & 18.

You have been told... what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

OVERVIEW

Mary MacKillop lived her life in accordance with the ideals and values of Jesus. Not only did she support those in need, but displayed wisdom and humility when dealing with people.

ACTIVITIES

Students will:

- use primary documents, focusing on recollections of Sisters of St Joseph who knew Mary MacKillop, to explore the ways Mary MacKillop demonstrated how she lived a Christian life;
- examine a letter of Mary MacKillop (to a young extern, Bridget,) written immediately after her excommunication that reflects her spiritual works of mercy; and
- explore the galleries of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Museum to identify the ways Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph's lived a Christian life.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the conclusion of this program students will have:

- Identified ways in which Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph lived lives of discipleship in accordance with the ideals and values of Jesus.
- Reflected on quotes of Mary MacKillop that exhibit qualities of mercy and compassion.
- Identified ways Mary MacKillop demonstrated both corporal and spiritual works of mercy and proposed how the quality of mercy can be applied in contemporary society.
- Identified the organisation *Mary MacKillop Today*, that continues works of mercy and compassion in the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.



INDICATORS OF LEARNING

By participating in in the MMHC program, *Living a Christian Life*, the following indicators of learning will have been satisfied.

VALUES AND ATTITUDES

- select aspects of Jesus' life and teaching which they consider to be the most significant for Christian living
- propose ideas for Christian service in everyday school and family life

KNOWLEDGE

- understand that the teachings and actions of Jesus serve as models for Christian living
- judge how works of mercy are part of a Christian lifestyle
- identify ways in which Christians live lives of discipleship in accordance with the ideals and values of Jesus.
- apply the teachings and values of Jesus to contemporary life situations.

SKILL

- apply the implications of Jesus teaching on mercy and compassion to aspects of contemporary society