

MODULE 1

Mary MacKillop: Woman Of God

Introduction

The Mary MacKillop Place Museum seeks to share the story of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods as co-founders of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The story extends into the early foundations made by the Sisters, the growth of the Congregation and the ministries of the Sisters today.

Module Content

In this Module, you are invited to discover “Mary MacKillop: Woman of God”. Mary trusted in God in all things. She often referred to God as, “our good God.” She also said, “God loves us all”. (1906). Her trust was unwavering.

To support this exploration we offer the following:

1. 16-slide PowerPoint with voice-over speaking about Mary’s deep trust in God.
 - a. Move each slide forward manually.
 - b. The following slide will fade in.
 - c. After a **slight delay** the voice over will commence automatically.
 - d. There is no voice over on the first slide.
2. Script of the Video, inclusive of suggested *pauses for activities*.
3. An A3 poster that can be printed – permission to do so is included.
4. 2 pre-viewing research projects for students.
5. 3 post-viewing activities for students.
6. Where applicable, a Reading List will be included for Teachers and/or students.

Overview of the PowerPoint

1. Mary believed that God loves all of creation very much.
2. Mary learned to trust in God through her mother, Flora MacKillop.
3. Qualities that Mary needed as she faced various life challenges such as courage and strength. She always spoke the truth; was inclusive of all and could see God present in all the events of life, even in the little day to day events.
4. In a letter dated 14th June, 1874 Mary wrote, “Today God has been so good to me.”
5. We too can pray this prayer of praise and gratitude daily.

Suggested pauses and activities during viewing the PowerPoint – see Script. This makes possible using the PowerPoint over a number of days.

After slides 3, 7 and 9.

Activities at pauses invite: discussion, recording, prayer writing and role play.

Pre-viewing research

- ✚ Flora MacKillop – The Mother of a Saint
- ✚ St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Post-viewing activities

- ✚ Mary MacKillop Poem & Emoji Activity
- ✚ Mary MacKillop Art Activity
- ✚ Mary MacKillop – Relying on God

Teacher Reading List

Flora MacKillop – A Truly Blessed Mother. Bernadette O’Sullivan rsj
Mary MacKillop – A Window of Hope. Monica Cavanagh rsj
Mary MacKillop and Flora (correspondence). Sheila McCreanor rsj

Student Reading List

Mary MacKillop – A Great Australian. Joan Goodwin rsj
Letters from Mary – The Story of the Life of Mary MacKillop. Joan Goodwin rsj
Mary MacKillop – Faithful in the Dark. Pat Sealey rsj, Evelyn Pickering rsj, Teresita Cormack rsj.

The above books are available through: Online Shop: www.marymackillopplace.org.au or in Shop: Phone: 02 8912 4892 or 02 8912 4894

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