

Furnware scholarship report

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I was successful in securing a sabbatical from Teach NZ in Term 2 2017.
Prior to my current Role as Principal at St Anne's Catholic School in Whanganui (which is a Josephite school) I was Principal at St Patrick's Catholic school in Taumarunui (which is also a Josephite school) St Patricks began my association with the Josephite sisters and their charism.

I have read many texts about Mary and the charism of the sisters and developed school values at both schools on the Josephite values.
I have also stayed at the Mary Mackillop centre in Auckland and taken an interest in Mary's visits to New Zealand.

In the school holidays prior to the sabbatical my wife and I flew to Melbourne to undertake a Mary Mackillop pilgrimage.
On Good Friday, Clare and I flew into Melbourne and then hired a car to travel to Penola. We contemplated traveling the Ocean view road to visit some other sites of Mary's life but because of time constraints we decided to stay overnight in Hamilton. What we weren't aware of was that Mary's Father was Buried in Hamilton and at St Mary's Church we found an area of reflection for Mary's family.

The following day we left early and travelled into South Australia and Penola. We visited the Mary Mackillop Penola centre and then attended Easter Sunday mass at St Joseph's Church adjacent to Woods Mackillop school house (St Joseph's school) and the current Mary Mackillop Memorial School. We spent most of the day in Penola soaking up the history and charm of this small town. We took time visiting the site of the original stable school and also traveled a small distance out of Penola to the Woods sculpture memorial for Fr. Woods.

The following morning in Melbourne we visited the information centre and found a Mary Mackillop walking trail. We then took the next two days following this pilgrimage around Melbourne city. We visited the following places:

- Birth place of Mary
- St Francis' Church where Mary was baptized
- Mary Mackillop heritage centre
- St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne

We then spent a few days in Melbourne and then flew to Sydney and stayed at Anderledy Lodge in the grounds of Mary Mackillop place in North Sydney. We spent a number of days in Sydney and coming back to Mary Mackillop place each evening and attending mass each day in the chapel was very special. We spent time at Mary's shrine and also spent time visiting the Mary Mackillop Place Museum.

While at the Mary Mackillop Penola centre in Penola a Sister who was aware that I was coming to visit gave me a small booklet titled '*Josephite Education - These are the children I love*' This small booklet details a chronology of Mary's life in education. This booklet details daily lesson plans, timetables and a chapter titled 'The Art of Teaching' These items influenced my sabbatical report and study looking at personalized learning which I have also attached.

Mary and Julian were both well ahead of their time in thinking by ensuring all children were provided with educational opportunities and their insistence that children were prepared for life long learning.

Thank you to the NZCPPA and also to Furnware for this scholarship which was a fantastic start to my sabbatical and provided my wife and myself a strong sense of our commitment as a family to the Josephite charism

We must teach more by example than by word
Mary Mackillop