

Mary MacKillop Canonisation

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Mary MacKillop Canonisation National Appeal Announced

A nationwide appeal is being launched to raise funds for the canonisation ceremony of Mary MacKillop in Rome and official celebrations around Australia and the world.

The Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal will be held on Sunday 30th May and Sunday 8th August, 2010 with donations made through collections in parishes, online and via phone. The Appeal provides an opportunity for Australians to honour Mary and her lasting legacy.

The Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, Sister Anne Derwin says she is humbled by the number of people who want to take part in the celebrations surrounding Mary's canonisation.

"We want as many people as possible to take part in the events celebrating Mary's canonisation", says Sister Anne.

"This is an opportunity for us to mark this unique event and historic occasion and to honour Mary MacKillop.

"The Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal provides an opportunity for everyone to assist in the preparations and celebration of Mary's canonisation both in Australia and in Rome."

Proceeds from the Appeal will go towards the coordination of celebratory events in Rome and around Australia, the distribution of educational materials surrounding the event and will assist in involving the Sisters of St Joseph in the canonisation ceremony in Rome together with the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives and youth representatives across all dioceses.

"We extend our warmest thanks and sincere gratitude to everyone who can assist us in any way with the Appeal", says Sr Anne.

Donations can be made through local parishes, by phoning the national call centre on **1800 753 959** or online at www.marymackillop.org.au.