



Sister Mary of the Cross

The founding of the Sisters of Saint Joseph

The Play

Mary MacKillop dedicated her life to the creation of an independent order of nuns free to serve and educate the poor throughout Australia and New Zealand. An order, independent of bishops, and controlled by a Mother General.

The play unveils Mary MacKillop's determination – political, practical and spiritual – to fulfil her dream; collaborating with Father Woods, building a school in Penola, battling for independence, her excommunication, the glorious blessing of the Pope and, despite unyielding illness, the foundation of The Sisters of Saint Joseph.

The play, one hour long with two actors, is adapted from primary source material and includes many of the thoughts and feelings of Mary MacKillop. It is an excellent resource on pioneers, women in society, religious studies and the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Comments

"Just a quick note to congratulate your troupe on such an excellent performance. Mary MacKillop came alive to our students. We are so appreciative to have available such talent and enthusiasm in such a presentation. Keep up the good work." - St Pius X College

"I was very happy with the show. I look forward to future productions." - St Edmunds College

"The performers were highly professional - very dedicated. They gave time to questions and answered them well. Thank you for a fine performance." - Caroline Chisholm Catholic HS

SUITABILITY:	Years 7 - 12
DURATION:	55 minutes + 15 minute Q&A
COST PER STUDENT:	\$7.70 (\$7 + 70c GST)
MINIMUM PER SESSION:	\$770 (\$700+ \$70 GST) if 100 students or less
NOTES:	Teacher Notes provided