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World Youth Day comes to Australia



Sister Elizabeth Dodds rsc with other RSC pilgrims, lend a hand to carry the World Youth Day cross.

The Congregation was delighted to be able to sponsor a number of pilgrims to come to MAGiS/WYD in Sydney. Our pilgrims included three young Zambian sisters, Nancy, Helen and Miyanda, two sisters from Nigeria, Grace and Eucharia and Marie and Patrick from Tipperary, Ireland. A young woman, Marcela from Venezuela was accompanied by Franca Ahumibe, a Nigerian Sister of Charity who with Colleen Jackson rsc from Melbourne were animators for our group. (Animators accompanied a group of about six young adult in a supporting role for both the group members and group leaders.) Also part of our group were 'seven little Australians.' From Sydney we had Emma (ex St Vincent's College), Elizabeth (SydPath, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney) and Noeleene (ex Bethlehem College). Representing Melbourne were Geri (ex Catholic Ladies College) and Stephie and Jacinta (St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne). From the Apple Isle, came Sarah (ex Mt Carmel College Sandy Bay).

The group was led by Margaret Beirne rsc, who coordinated all the travel and accommodation arrangements, and Anne Taylor rsc.

Coming from such diverse places we had not been able to do any initial formation, but from when the group first came together there was a great spirit coming from....the Charism of Mary Aikenhead and the common heritage of the Sisters of Charity. Bonds were formed, which will last a life time!

Our time together began with the MAGiS program. MAGiS is the Latin for 'more'. It is the desire and inspiration for us to seek more, to be more, to let go of what holds us back. Seeking magis is one of the greatest treasures of our life. St Ignatius used the word magis to talk about a quest for the greater good, always striving for the greater glory of God'. We began our journey at St Ignatius' College Riverview where we registered, found a place to sleep, meet some other Ignatian pilgrims and learnt something of the Spiritual Exercises which were to be the foundation of our time together.

On the Sunday we went to St Vincent's boarding school at Potts Point, where we stayed for a week while we were engaged in an experiment. An experiment is about trying, testing and risking as a way

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Golden Jubilee Celebrations

St. Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds, Victoria

**Sisters Denise Hannerbery, Patricia Shinnners,
Margaret Case and Bernadette Culhane**



Seated at the table from left to right - Sisters Patricia Shinnners, Joyce Ginn, Maria Therese Hess, Lorna Moylan, Denise Hannebery, Marita Sweeney, Mary Veronica Duffy, Eileen Duffy and Bernadette Culhane.

Our group's joyful celebrations on the 17th August at St Monica's Church Moonee Ponds was highlighted by a powerpoint presentation of each one's journey. Every picture has it's own story stemming from a seed, planted and nurtured over a lifetime until now.

My own story begins with my Mother who was a wonderful woman, whose faith and prayer permeated our home. A major role was that of my brother Kevin, who at the age of 15 years died unexpectedly while on holidays at Euroa during Christmas vacation. I believe my vocation grew from the time a letter was found after his death, which was a request to the Christian Brothers to enter their Novitiate. I pondered often on that call deep within Kevin's desire to serve God.

With me today are my sisters, Noreen and Brian O'Brien from Mildura, Cecily and Laurie Morgan, and Mary and Reg Kenealy, all of whom have supported me over the past 50 years.

I am very proud of being taught by the Presentation Sisters at O'Neill College Elsternwick, and today I have one of my teachers, Sr Raymonde Taylor to celebrate with me. During my nursing training at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sr Basil Hyland had a great influence in my becoming a Sister of Charity. Having finished at St. Vincent's I went on a holiday with the firm intention of becoming a Daughter of

Charity, however the Lord had different ideas as I was unsettled with this decision. Little did I realize that Sister Basil was making a novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour that I would enter the Sisters of Charity, which I did subsequently, in great peace of heart, knowing that this was where the Lord wanted me to be.

All the girls that I commenced my training with, are here today with their husbands, and we have remained friends over this past fifty years.

After Profession, my first destination was to St. Vincent's Hospital Darlinghurst, in the ward looking after clergy and religious men and women. Being very unfamiliar with the staff, doctors and workings of this hospital, my stress must have been very obvious, because at the end of the day, whilst writing up the report, a first year trainee nurse knelt down beside me, and said "I think you need this" – this being a nip of brandy. Since then this Paula Cronin, now a Little Company of Mary Sister, has been a life long friend.

Finally, this week of the Olympians, many athletes have been striving to win either gold, silver or bronze medals, during my life I too have been running, not for gold nor silver, but to obtain the prize I have always desired, and that is 'my pearl of great price,' the Lord.
Bernadette Culhane. rsc



Sr Bernadette Culhane rsc with Sr Elizabeth Dodds rsc



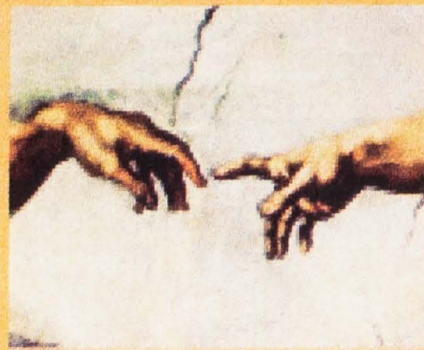
Candles painted by Sr Bernadette Culhane

After the morning tea the Golden Jubilarians visited our Sisters who reside at Corpus Christi Aged Care Facility at Clayton.

Afternoon tea was shared with the Sisters and all enjoyed the celebration... especially the Golden Jubilee cake and luscious chocolates.

Bernadette Culhane. rsc

“Take All O Lord”



*“Take All O Lord”
(Patricia Shinnors)*

An especially rich moment in my life as a Sister of Charity occurred when I was looking at the work of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

The image (and my motto) that appear on the Jubilee Mass booklet acknowledge our utter dependence on God, and God being God, entrusts us with being co-creators and gifts us with personal and unique talents that give witness to the life of God in us.

Each companion that I have known from the day of my birth through to this day has invited me to live life gently, courageously and tenderly.

With gratitude I claim the faith-driven people in my life, the people whose lives are grounded in justice, Mary Aikenhead and the women who hold true to her mission and all peace-makers.

Patricia Shinnors rsc

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

St Joseph's Village, 26th August 2008

Joyce Mary, Tarcisius, Casimir and Genevieve



Platinum Jubiliarians at St Joseph's Auburn

In one of her hymns, Monica Brown sings "Celebrate and Dance with Joy.... Sing of God's love"

Sisters Borromeo (former Resident of St Joseph's), Sr Agatha (former Councillor of the Sisters of Charity) and Sr Mildred are celebrating a total of 210 years of service with their loving Lord in Heaven.

Sisters Casimir, Joyce Mary and Genevieve (Residents of St Joseph's) are joined by Sr Tarcisius from Toowoomba to share the celebrations for their 280 years of service with members of their families, Leaders of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity, many Sisters of Charity, friends and companions from St Joseph's in a carefully and specially planned Liturgical Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by a morning tea in the Activity Room.

Father John McMillan (Chaplain) was absent due to ill health, the Principal Celebrant of the Thanksgiving Mass was Father Ray Farrell, Parish Priest of St John's, Auburn and Father Kevin Walsh (nephew of Sister Genevieve) was concelebrant. The Altar was adorned with colourful and artistic floral arrangements. In his homily, Father Walsh likened the journey of religious life to seventy years to the bud of a choice rose blossoming into full bloom irrespective of difficulties encountered in the process. Sister Margaret Beirne led the Choir and was the cantor for the Responsorial Psalm. The beautiful resonance of her voice added a great deal of respect and reverence to the prayerfulness of the Jesus-created

Covenant of His love, the Liturgical Experience of this Mass of Thanksgiving. Sr Mary Maguire welcomed the Congregation, Sr Laureen read the first reading, Sr Jennifer the second reading, and Sr Pauline Staunton played the Prayers of Intercession on behalf of the Jubilarians. Sr Elizabeth Dodds, the Leader of the congregation had brought a statue of Mary, on the back of which were written the seven names of the Jubilarians and which is now preserved with great respect and reverence at Tarmons Terrace. Sister Elizabeth then delivered to each of the Jubilarians, the Papal Blessing for each of them issued by Pope Benedict XVI and to be kept as a special memento of the occasion. The Jubilarians were delighted and appreciated very much the attendance of Sisters Elizabeth, Laureen and Margaret (members of the Leadership Team) with them.

At the conclusion of the Liturgical Celebration, the members of the families of the Jubilarians and their friends were given the opportunity to offer their personal congratulations to the Jubilarians and then everyone was invited to proceed to the Activity Room where the celebrations were to be continued.

The large area of the Activity Room had been prepared the evening before and was so artistically presented that one could not help but feel comfortable and enjoy the delicious sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee service by the staff. Tables were so arranged that each Jubilarian was able to enjoy her family and friends without any confusion. To begin the official proceedings, Sister Laureen welcomed the participants to morning tea and at the appropriate times, each Jubilarian cut her own cake. Then the pieces were distributed to the participants of the morning tea. Congratulations were offered to each of the Jubilarians and the Sister Joyce Mary responded thankfully and with appreciation for her fellow Jubilarians.

To keep in our memories the prayerfulness, reverence, respect for one another, joy, peace and happiness of these Jubilee Celebrations, I conclude with Monica Brown's words from another of her hymns:

*"Enfold me in your love – encircle me O God
Surround me with your love – your peace – your grace
Come fill me with your love – your peace – your grace"*

Monette Mason

Golden Jubilee Celebrations
St. Finbarr's Church Ashgrove

Sister Jan O'Grady and
Sister Carmel Coyle



Golden Jubilarians at Ashgrove

On Sunday 17th August, at St. Finbarr's Church Ashgrove, many Parishoners, relatives and friends gathered for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations for Sister Jan O'Grady and Sister Carmel Coyle.

Father Peter Brannelly PP, Father James O'Donoghue assistant priest, hospital Chaplains Father Joseph Leim, Father Pat Tynan and Father Pat Doran from the neighbouring parish of Dorrington, concelebrated.

During the Mass Jan and Carmel renewed their vows, Two children from St. Finbarr's school took part in the Offertory Procession, Patricia Coyle and Colleen Noonan read, the choir was led by Sister Maureen Keenan rsm from the Parish.

Before the end of Mass Kate Jones MP: the Local Member presented Jan and Carmel with a lovely bouquet of flowers, and the Parish presented both with a 'Story Bridge Climb' voucher which will be used on Thursday 11th September, at sunset.

There was a great gathering in the hall where Carmel and Jan cut the cake, beautifully made and decorated by Pat Lye our Executive Secretary, Qld. There were many parishioners from Jubilee Parish of which St. Finbarr's is now apart.

The Sisters then gathered at the Convent for lunch, it was a grand day of celebration.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations
Caroline Springs Parish

Sister Denise Hannebery



A message from the Parish Priest - Rev. John Tollan:

Sister Denise has been with us now for six months and in that time she has established:

Scriptural Prayer Groups

Walk Chat Coffee Group

Parish Grandmothers Emergency Group

RCIA Formation Group

So the St Catherine of Siena Parishioners have gathered here today with this special message for you:

Dear Sister Denise, on the occasion of your 50th Jubilee, we the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Parish Caroline Springs, thank God for your presence among us. We thank you for sharing with us your love of Scripture. We thank you for your faith, your graciousness, your joy in life and your sense of humour. Above all, we are grateful that, as a Sister of Charity, you live out among us the Congregational Motto so dear to your foundress Mary Aikenhead:
"The love of Christ urges us on"



May the love of Christ continue to inspire you, lead you, and to keep you healthy and strong among us!

Mary Aikenhead Pilgrimage 2008



Pilgrims at Dun Laoghaire Harbour where the first five Sisters embarked for their journey to Australia

On Sunday 20th June, 2008 fifteen pilgrims met in Dublin to begin a twelve day Pilgrimage following the founding story of the Sisters of Charity, with a special focus on the life of Mary Aikenhead. The pilgrims included three Sisters of Charity; Sisters Cathy Meese, Margaret O'Rourke and Maureen Parker. Sister Elizabeth Dodds joined the pilgrims at many events during the first four days.

Each day presented the opportunity to immerse fully in the genesis of our Congregation, the rich history of Ireland, and the contemporary works of the Sisters' Ministries. Time was set aside each day for prayer, reflection and meditation to capture the experience fully, allowing each Pilgrim to return with a deeper understanding of our heritage.

A video presentation of the pilgrimage is being produced, with copies to be sent to each community. Look forward to sharing the enlightenment, joy and discovery of the pilgrims as they journey through Ireland.



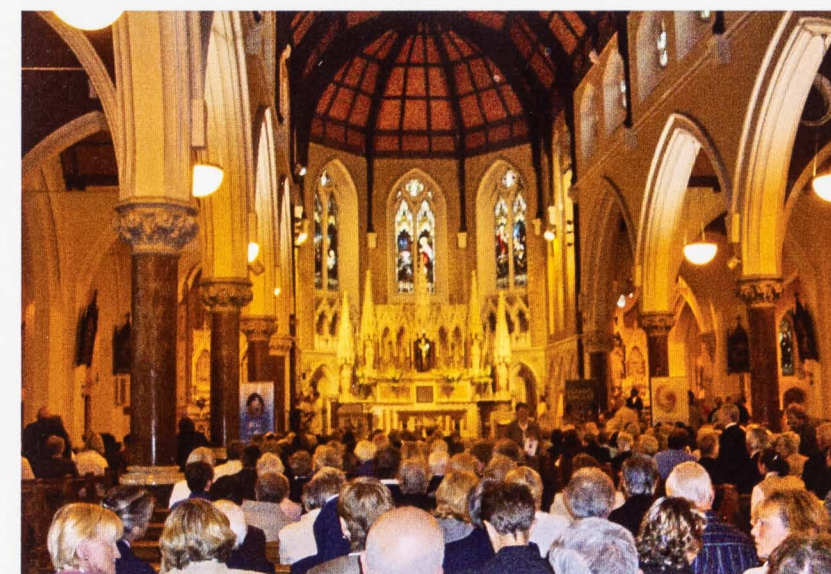
Mary Aikenhead's room at the Mary Aikenhead Heritage Centre, Harold's Cross, Dublin



Glendalough: One of the earliest monastic sites in Ireland, founded in the sixth century by Saint Kevin



The Edmund Rice Heritage Centre, Cork



Celebration Mass for the 150th Anniversary of Mary Aikenhead's death at Donnybrook Church, Dublin



Sister Maureen Parker and Bruce Stephens (video producer) at St Vincent's Convent, Cork



Sister Cathy Meese, Anne Young (CLC Eltham) and Stephen Campion (Mt St Michael's College, Ashgrove) at the Foxford Woollen Mills



John and Mary Rourke's home in Cork, where Mary Aikenhead was fostered as a young girl



The Sisters' Cemetery, Donnybrook, Dublin. Mary Aikenhead's grave is the large stone cross on the far left



Sisters Elizabeth Dodds and Margaret O'Rourke in the Mary Aikenhead side Chapel, Gardiner Street, Church, Dublin.

Eucharistic Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the death of Mary Aikenhead

On the evening of Tuesday 22nd July many sisters, colleagues and some of our MAGiS/ WYD pilgrims gathered at St Vincent's College Chapel to celebrate this significant event.

The liturgy, prepared by Jeannie Johnson, drew our thoughts to the fact that:

'death is the extinguishing of the Lamp and the going forth into the Light'

First, we listened to historical accounts of Mary Aikenhead's death. Then from a burning candle representing Mary Aikenhead a taper was lit and the candle extinguished. Then the taper was passed around signifying the handing on of the Charism of Service to the Poor to all present. Fr Andrew Bullen sj was the celebrant and he called us to celebrate and thank God for the gift of this woman, Mary Aikenhead. We were challenged to be open and generous to the new and creative ways in which God is calling us to transmit the spirit of the Congregation.

The missioning of Mr Steven Rubic, Executive Director, St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney, took place towards the end of our celebration. Sr Lauren Dixon rsc and Sr Jennifer Ryan rsm, representing the leadership teams of the two Congregations lit a candle, which was to represent Steven being set apart as leader and entrusted with continuing the mission in Health Services.

The wonderful music of this celebration was led by the choir of St Vincent's Hospital Campus. Concluding this Eucharistic celebration was a great rendition of 'The Charity of Christ' -African version, which was accompanied by the RSC International Drum group, comprising sisters from Australia, Nigeria and Zambia. It was a great experience having these sisters from our founding Congregation present with us.

Following our Eucharistic celebration we came together to enjoy a delicious super prepared by the St Vincent's College catering staff. Mary Aikenhead was truly present with us and would have enjoyed our celebration.

Margaret Mines rsc



Steven Rubic's Missioning Ceremony. (left to right) Megan Rubic, Steven Rubic, Fr Andrew Bullen sj, Mark Hales, Lauren Dixon rsc, Jennifer Ryan rsm and Nicholas Curtis.



Sr Margaret Fitzgerald rsc, Patrick and Marie (Irish WYD Pilgrims), Sr Colleen Noonan rsc



Margaret Hodson, a former employee, Steven Rubic with his daughter, Maddison in front and Dr Popovic



Our Zambian and Nigerian Sisters (WYD Pilgrims) drumming

A Taste of the Brisbane Celebrations

Mary Aikenhead sent five Sisters across the water to Australia in 1838. In 2008 many WYD pilgrims crossed the water too, and we were pleased that two of these pilgrims from Venezuela were able to join us in Brisbane for our celebration of 150 years since the death of Mary Aikenhead., Sr Franca RSC and her companion and associate Marcela.

Mass was celebrated in the Giovanni Chapel on 22 July. This was the beginning of the Mt Olivet Hospital celebrations for the staff, as well as for the Sisters of Charity in QLD. Staff awards followed, then the Sisters moved over to the Convent chapel for our own special liturgy, prepared for us by Jeannie Johnston. What a prayerful tribute to this great woman of vision, and what an honour to know that because of her courage and trust in Divine Providence we are able to continue to live out her charism here, so far away. At the end of the liturgy we went forward hopefully, each carrying our potted pansies or other blooms, wistfully wondering if they would flourish. In hindsight, I know some are flowering beautifully, but sadly mine did not live.

Anyone who was able to do so then moved to the dockside to board the Kookaburra Queen for a lunch-time river cruise. This was much gentler and more enjoyable than the long and tedious voyage across the

sea on the Francis Speight. I learned many interesting facts about historic Brisbane from the commentary, but please do not ask me just what they were. Some people were strolling outside on the deck after lunch admiring the view, and taking the air, as one does on board cruise ships. Up in the windswept sky there were interesting cloud formations, one a very distinct MA. Was this a coincidence or a miraculous sign? The wind dispersed the clouds before I could see it, but others were certain it had been there, and were thrilled to notice it. I think Mary Aikenhead would have been happy for us, as she always wished people to be able to relax and enjoy themselves. We enjoyed the good food, wonderful company and the beautiful Brisbane River, winding through this beautiful city. What a great way to celebrate a wonderful woman and her life dedicated to God's nobility, the suffering poor. This day was a rich day for us.

The staff and students of Mt St Michael's celebrated with Mass and festivities in the Sophia Centre on 1st August. They were thrilled to welcome, not only the local Sisters of Charity, but also Srs Eucharika and Grace from Nigeria. The song for Mary Aikenhead improvised by Grace and accompanied by Eucharika on the drum gave them special delight. Sr Christine Henry was gratified to receive gifts from the students for the "Downs and West Drought Appeal".

There were also celebrations held in Melbourne and Hobart to mark this great occasion.

Margaret Mines rsc

Photos from the Mary Aikenhead Day Celebrations at St Joseph's Village, Auburn



Left to Right (back row): Sisters – Philippine Humphreys, Monette Mason, Leone Wittmack, Brenda Jordan, Francis Xavier Purcell, Colleen Noonan, Josephine Hodges, Margaret Cooney, Mary Freeman, Annette O'Connor,

Front Row (seated – left to right): Rose Anne Croke, Leo Jones, Genevieve Campbell, Marie Bourke, Anne Louise Hemingway, Joyce Mary Buckman, Casimir Baptist

*Leone Wittmack rsc,
Leo Jones rsc*

World Youth Day 2008

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of discovering the MAGiS- the more for life, where the outcome is only determined once it is tried. It is similar to an 'immersion' experience and is based on St Ignatius of Loyola's idea of placing ourselves in different and unfamiliar situations to learn from the lives of others and to see ourselves and God in new ways. So an experiment doesn't measure success or failure but aims to help us discover what it might be to know more clearly, love more dearly, follow more nearly, each moment of our lives.

Our Experiment was 'Acknowledging and engaging with the poor'. Our experiences took us to St Canice's, that has a soup kitchen which feeds many homeless. Sisters of Charity Outreach took us out to South West Sydney, where we visited Liverpool Court and the Parent program. We also visited the House of Hospitality, which offers emergency accommodation to families, who have someone in hospital. Some were involved in the Eastern Visitor program and others visited St Joseph's Village at Auburn which is home to many of our older sisters. St Vincent's Hospital hosted us for a day and here we became involved in many facilities connected to the hospital or ones that work in conjunction with the hospital.

After our Experiment week we headed back to Riverview for the Ignatian Gathering. A highlight of the first afternoon was the arrival of the WYD cross and icon. Other activities included Experiment Groups' performances, input sessions, a cultural night, a Reconciliation service and the blessing and commissioning which saw us go forth to WYD.

We remained at Riverview for WYD. Each morning there was catechesis, after that we headed out to activities at St Aloysius or Loreto Kirribilli and finally into the city for an evening meal. On the day before the papal mass we had a final MAGiS mass at St Mary's North Sydney and then commenced our walk across the Harbour Bridge and to Randwick.

The MAGiS program provided a wonderful opportunity to work with the other Ignatian Congregations..... Faithful Companions of Jesus, Religious of the Sacred Heart, Loreto Sisters and the Jesuits. The five Congregations also had a combined booth at the Vocation Expo at Darling Harbour during WYD.



World Youth Day crowds in Sydney's Rocks precinct



Marcela (Venezuela) Sr Grace (Nigeria) and another Pilgrim



Sisters Miyamar (Zambia) Colleen (Australia) and Grace (Nigeria)



Sisters Grace, Miyamar, Nancy, Elizabeth, Helen, Franca and Eucharica.

PROJECT DREAMING TRACKS

A Cross Cultural Outreach Project

Contributed by Cameron McGregor and Ellie Whitaker



Some of the Project Dreaming Tracks Staff and Family at the Ganbu Wominjeka Exhibition. (Left to Right) Ellie Whitaker, Margaret Costigan, Cameron McGregor, Pedro Ellis, Lorraine Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Keith Randall and Narjic Ellis (in front)

My World Youth Day Experience

Excerpt by Marie Darmody

“It has been said that the problem with Christianity is not that it has failed; rather that it has not even been tested. However the bond that united the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims at World Youth Day was their Christian beliefs and values. And inspired by the Spirit of Jesus, we left Australia more determined to continue to follow the golden rule which is the cornerstone of Christianity... Always treat others with respect.”



Sr Linda Ferrington and WYD Pilgrims

Over the last year, the Sisters of Charity have supported Project Dreaming Tracks, a cross-cultural outreach project encouraging indigenous leadership, and supporting and developing essential life skills. There have been several key events, the first to celebrate the Commonwealth Government’s “Apology to the Stolen Generation” held on February 13th, 2008. At the well-attended ceremony, indigenous and non-indigenous people came together in a spirit of hope.

Two major art exhibitions, “NGAPARTJI-NGAPARTJI” (Working Both Ways) and “GANBU WOMINJEKA” (One Welcome) has created a showcase for emerging Aboriginal Artists. The exhibitions coincided with Reconciliation and NAIDOC weeks respectively. The theme of NAIDOC Week 2008 was ‘Advance Australia Fair?’ with the aim of encouraging people to reflect on the Australian principle of the ‘Fair go’ and to consider the inequalities still experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this country.

The exhibition title, Ganbu Wominjeka, is from the Woi Wurrung language and means ‘one welcome’. Ganbu Wominjeka was chosen because it expressed a sense of gathering together of a diverse group of people in a spirit of equality and openness. The exhibitions were held at the St Francis Pastoral Centre, in Lonsdale Street Melbourne.

Many of the artworks reflected the rich heritage of Aboriginal culture, using ochre and earth colours, ink drawings of people in ceremonial costume and traditional symbols to depict native animals. Some artists in the exhibition have used the vibrant colours and versatility of acrylic paint to express their ideas. Others employed unusual materials like shellac, silver and gold foil in their paintings and collages. Both Traditional and Western styles of making art were employed and adapted to suit the needs of the artists.

Beyond these celebratory events, there are many “grass roots” activities conducted through Project Dreaming Tracks, including art, literacy, personal financial planning and a special “pot-plant” gardening activity designed for people without a backyard.

Sister Margaret Costigan rsc is working with Project Dreaming Tracks as part of her Outreach ministry.



NGAPARTJI-NGAPARTJI Launch

The RSC Spirit is Alive and Well at Bethlehem

Our Principal, Anna Dickinson the Staff and Students were delighted to welcome seven Sisters of Charity to the annual Bethlehem Day celebrations held on 4th July. It is traditional that the Guest speaker is an ex-student and we are grateful to Sr Laureen for filling this role.

Laureen spoke of her days at Bethlehem and was an inspiration for our young women of the future.

As Bethlehem does not have a Feastday and Foundation Day is 26th January Bethlehem Day was introduced over twenty years ago and



*Left to Right standing: Sisters Laureen Dixon, Margaret Fitzgerald, Aileen Thomas and Christine Madden
Seated – left to right: Margaret Guy, Sarah Ryan and Francis Xavier Purcell.*

was to be celebrated as near as possible to Mary Aikenhead's Feastday with the student making a donation to the Sisters of Charity Outreach. With the introduction of the four term year the date was no longer practical but the tradition of supporting the work of the Sisters of Charity continued with the presentation of a cheque for \$1000 to Sr Margaret Fitzgerald. A third tradition is that each Sister is presented with flowers by the School Captain. After the formal celebrations in the Church, while we enjoyed morning tea, it was then time for the girls to have fun with many and varied activities, and have fun they did.

Over several years there has been a 3 Stage rebuilding programme at Bethlehem and recently it was my pleasure to dedicate and name the old hall, "The Lamont Centre" As I hear beautiful music coming from within I feel Sr Kevin is looking down and smiling. I'm sure the Sisters who were present on Bethlehem Day will agree that Bethlehem is in good hands

Aileen Thomas RSC



A student presents a bouquet to Sr Margaret Fitzgerald.



Sisters Laureen Dixon and Margaret Guy are presented with flowers.



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