



youth and young adult ministry

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Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry Network is a network of young people (16-30 yo) and youth ministry leaders and facilitators. Youth faith information and resources are sent out regularly to the Network. Stay connected after the Festival! If you would like to join or hear more email: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Year of Youth Prayer

Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland
Inspire our entire faith community,
As we prayerfully discern new horizons for
spreading joy
in the lives and communities of the People of
God.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth

Fill the hearts of young people with the hope
and love of Jesus Christ.
Enliven our community with the creativity,
energy and joy of youth.
Guide us together, as we strive to offer God's
mercy
to those who feel abandoned or outcast.

Come Holy Spirit of Faith

Empower our community to be courageous.
Unite your people as witnesses of love.
Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of
discipleship,
Accompanying young people as we renew the
Church together.

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation

Stir within young people an awareness of
God's call.
Reveal to us the graces of young people.
Guide us all, in finding our place and raising
our voices
To build a civilisation of love.
Amen

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of
Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, friend of



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The Lord says:
*you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you.*
Isaiah 43

We're all amazing, we've all got something to offer - different talents, gifts, skills, ideas, personalities.

We celebrate the amazing gifts and diversity of young people everywhere.

***As in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same
function, so we who are many are one
body in Christ, and individually we are
members. We have gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us.***

St Paul - Letter to the Romans 12

Ballarat Diocese is the western third of Victoria, from the Murray to the Southern Ocean. We especially celebrate the amazing gifts and diversity of young people from Ballarat Diocese.

**Ballarat Diocese
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
supports young people
in their journey of Christian faith.**

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Some Amazing Young People from the Ballarat Diocese

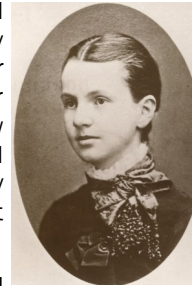
Mary MacKillop

(later Sister Mary and now St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

Born in 1842, Mary MacKillop started work at age 14 to help provide for her family. At 18 she travelled from Melbourne to work as a governess in Penola South Australia before moving to Portland Victoria two years later. Working there as a governess, at 21 she then got her first formal teaching position at Portland's Catholic Denominational School. She was now earning enough money to rent Bay View House and bring her scattered family together to live there. A year later she and her 2 sisters set up Bay View House Seminary for Young Ladies in Portland to teach girls and also help her family income. Bay View school is still there at Portland in Ballarat Diocese.

Mary volunteered as Sacristan at the local church and her faith deepened. Her work as a teacher was sometimes challenging and during her three years in Portland she developed her skills, including resilience and experience working with people, and her sense of purpose grew. She was ready for the next step - to South Australia to establish a Catholic school with Fr Julian Tenison Woods. This led to the foundation of the Order of St Joseph, teaching children of poor families. Mary became Australia's first saint. "May God bless you and keep you strong." (Mary MacKillop)

*Photo of Mary MacKillop c1856 used with permission of the
Trustees of the Sisters of St Joseph.*



Patrick Smyth

Father Patrick Smyth was a 30 year old Catholic Priest from Ireland when he was appointed to St Alipius Parish Ballarat East in the heart of the Victorian goldfields. The church was a small log and canvas building and most of the parishioners lived in tents. It was a time of hardship and unrest among the miners (diggers) and Fr Smyth attended their meetings and spoke of peace. He and other church leaders called for peaceful resistance to the harsh attitudes of the authorities.



Early on 3 December 1854 Fr Smyth woke to the sounds of gunfire and he went to the stockade at Eureka arriving soon after the short but bloody battle. He began to care for those who lay dying around him.

Smyth wrote a week later: "While on the stockade, looking after the dead and dying I was told politely indeed, to take myself away, tho' all was as quiet then as now. Would not this make a granite rock imbedded in polar ice turn to fire, and much more one of my temperament and disposition who stakes his life for peace. But this feeling of anger - for I was angry - has passed away. Better times I hope are dawning."

*Photo of Patrick Smyth with thanks to
Sovereign Hill Museums Association*

Dr Sr Mary Glowrey

Mary Glowrey was born in 1887 in the southern part of Ballarat diocese in Birregurra Victoria, then spent most of her childhood in the farming land of the Mallee in the north of the diocese - the third of nine children. Mary won a place at Melbourne University at a time when few women went to University and graduated aged 23 with degrees in science and medicine and later a doctorate in medicine.

As a doctor she worked to improve the health and welfare of Victorian women and children. She established a baby health clinic to make information about the health care of infants freely available.



"We owe a duty to our fellow-women and should help to ensure good conditions for them." Age 29, Mary Glowrey was appointed inaugural General President of the newly formed Catholic Women's Social Guild (now the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga) which sought to change society through prayer and social action.

Later, in 1920, she left Australia to join the Congregation of the Society of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as its first nun-doctor missionary in India. Between 1927 and 1936, Dr Sr Mary cared for more than 637,000 patients and played a pioneering role in the education of Indian doctors, nurses and midwives. She may become Australia's next saint.

*Photo of Dr Mary Glowrey, medical graduate of University of Melbourne
MBBS 1910 with thanks to Mary Glowrey Collection*