

# Canonisation Memories – Jill Mather

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*“Never see a need without doing something about it” (Mary MacKillop)*

For me, there are many wonderful memories of Mary MacKillop’s Canonisation Day in Rome last month. My childhood and first eight years of formal education by the Sisters of St Joseph in the 50s were brought back into focus as our national representative of the Sisters of St Joseph knelt before Pope Benedict. My childhood education at Mary Immaculate School at Annerley Brisbane was a happy time in my life and those Sisters who taught me so well would have been proud and elated to see their foundress, Mother Mary of the Cross MacKillop, finally elevated to Sainthood in 2010.

It is worthy of note that there are few institutions founded 150 years ago that are still flourishing today. The Sisters of St Joseph founded by Saint Mary MacKillop is one.

Her motto *“Never see a need without doing something about it”* is something we should all take up in our lives.





