

Mary MacKillop Canonisation - Rome Trip Reflection– Lyn Moore

I went to Rome expecting to enjoy the experience – I had been to Rome before and loved it and was looking forward to seeing Rome again, especially with our own personal guide. Having taught in a MacKillop College, and knowing something of Mary's life story, I was proud to be involved in this event.

What I wasn't expecting was the overwhelming spiritual experience that eventuated. Sharing this event with my church community and the wider Australian community was amazing. Words really fail to describe my experience. For the first time in many years I felt part of a community, my own church community and the wider Australian Catholic community. It was an exciting, uplifting and intensely spiritual time for me. From our daily masses in the church close to our hotel, to the Canonisation Mass and the wonderful Thanksgiving mass in St. Pauls outside the Walls, with the joyous Aboriginals and the deep sense of faith that seemed to resonate through the large crowd, it was for me a renewal of faith.





