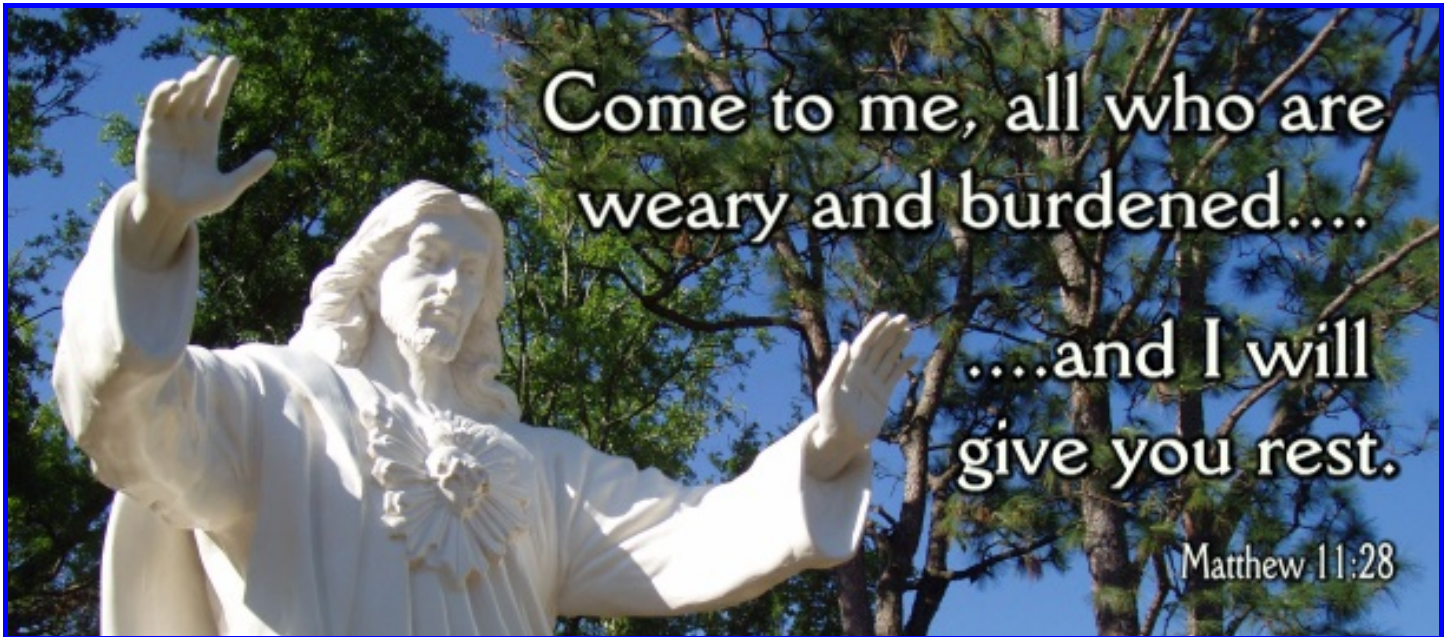


October 16, 2016

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mrs. Diane M. Stoyka, Parish Catechetical Leader
Mrs. Judi B. Ankiewicz, R.C.I.A. Coordinator
Mr. Peter J. Stoyka, Youth Ministry Director
Mr. Thomas C. McKee, Gym Manager

TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Please fill out a Census Form. Census Forms are available in the church vestibule and parish office.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS & SERVICES

For rental information and kitchen services, please call the parish office at 342-1852 or 342-1420.

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil: 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Morning: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 a.m.: Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m.: Monday through Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and by request, particularly after the 6:30 & 8:15 a.m. weekday Masses.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF SICK

Please call the parish office (342-1852) or information and scheduling baptism, marriage, anointing of sick.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.C.I.A.)

Please see published schedule for specific dates and times, or call the parish office (342-1852).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (C.C.D.) Grades K–12, Sundays during school year, 10:05-10:55 a.m. in school bldgs.

SCHOOL, *SACS-accredited* for Grades 3K through 8. Special preschool program for 6-week-old infants to 2-year olds, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call the school office, 342-5474, ext. 1 for info.

**We extend a special welcome
to all who wish to join
The Catholic Church**

Call, Email or Come

Call 342-1852 and leave your name & phone number.

Email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

Come to our class Wednesday classes, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Adult Education Room of the Corpus Christi Community Center.

For Catholics too: These classes provide continuing education for Catholic adults and others interested in learning more about the faith.

Little Sisters of the Poor Lawn Party

Today! Sunday, Oct. 16

Visit Corpus Christi's Knights of Columbus' booths, including the famous Richard March's fresh-made Italian and Polish sausages!



Jazz Brunch

in the Banquet Hall

With Jazz Musicians Performing Live!

2nd Sunday of the Month

Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14.

\$10.25 for adults. \$4.25 for children (Age 12 & under)



Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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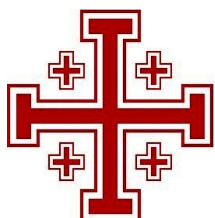
Presented by Fr. James F. Zoghby

For Catholic and other Adults

who would like to learn more about and/or join the Catholic Church. Meetings are in the **Adult Ed. Room in the Community Center**

Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Current Topic: How to understand the Bible.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Looking for volunteers who will teach for one month, Sept. to May. *Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.*

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall

\$9.25 for Adults • \$4.25 for Children (Age 12 & under)

Oct. 19: Chicken & Sausage Gumbo & Rice, Roast Pork & Gravy, Roasted Garlic Red Skin Potatoes, Peas & Pearl Onions, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Frosted Cake. Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee.

Kids Meal on request: Chicken Tenders & Fries.

Must RSVP no later than TUESDAY EVENING

Return an RSVP Card, or call 342-1852 or email

WedNightDinner@CorpusChristiParish.com

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

10:00-1130 a.m., Room 3 (2nd Flr, Com. Ctr): Genesis: Creation (Adam) and the Patriarchs (Abraham to Jacob). No previous Bible study required. **Info:** Judi Ankiewicz, 533-7882.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00-8:30 p.m. in Parish House (except 2nd Tues, school library)
Info: Dave Burchette, 367-6660

Thursday Women's Bible Study

9:15 a.m. in the Community Center Conference Rm, studying *David: 90 Days With a Heart Like His* by Beth Moore. **Info:** Penny Claiborne at claiborneps@gmail.com or 776-5850. **Nursery available:** Contact Cynthia Wentworth at 767-0532 or cynwen@yahoo.com.

Be Prepared Apologetics Series

Presented by Patrick J. Arensberg

Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education

Wed., Nov. 9, 7 to 8 p.m.: *"Who says contraception is wrong?"*

Corpus Christi Community Center, Conference Room (2nd Floor)

Info: <http://mobilefaithformation.org/be-prepared-dates>.

In the Banquet Hall

 **Breakfast**

Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Fresh Hot Beignets on Tuesdays!

 **Lunch**

Monday through Friday, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Room 3 (2nd Floor, Community Center)

All women are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 753-4872.

Men of St. Joseph

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m. in the Family Room

Also Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish House

All men are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Damian Bell, 639-2522 or 367-4486 or Damian@rockbwm.com.

Wed Evening Info: Walter Bracewell, 599-1650 or walter.bracewell@gmail.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations and "In-Need" Drop Box at the SVDP table in the vestibule. Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by attending a meeting on the 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 p.m., Community Ctr.. Conf. Rm. **To seek help, call 432-5173; leave name & phone no.**

Corpus Christi Women's Club

The CCWC has a team again this year. The team name is Corpus Christi Catholic Church Women's Group. The Making Strides is a 3.5 mile walk on Sat., Oct. 29, starting at Bienville Square. The walk starts at 8 a.m., and registration is at 7 a.m. If you want to make a donation or sign up to walk go online to Making Strides.ACSEvents.Org or call 800-227-2345. Thank you for your support.

40 Days for Life

During the 40 Days for Life, Corpus Christi parishioners cover the abortion site in prayer, 6 am – 6 pm. on Wednesdays. To sign up, please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/mobile or contact Steve Pierre, ahoalton322@gmail.com or Mae Rehm, maemouse@aol.com.

Outback Weekend Retreat

An Adventurous Retreat for Husbands & Wives and Parents & Teens

October 28-30

Camp Grace, 11081 Wanda Drive, Mobile, Al. 36608

Register Now at:

www.menofstjoseph.com or www.mosjoutback.com

The Men of St Joseph offer this unique, spirit filled, adventurous retreat: Men of St Joseph Outback. The retreat is a high octane, two-person encounter that incorporates several reflective talks with outdoor activities such as a high ropes course. MOSJ Outback is about building, restoring and strengthening relationships. The weekend experience is designed to give husbands & wives and parents & teens a practical strategy for daily living, focusing on their relationship with God, family, friends, church and community. MOSJ Outback will include the celebration of Mass, Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The cost to attend MOSJ Outback is \$295 for a husband/wife or parent/teen camper couple. If this fee presents a problem for you, we have a limited number of scholarships available. It is our mission that no one be turned away for financial reasons. You will be able to request a scholarship at the end of the registration process.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next K of C Meeting: 2nd Tues., Nov. 8, 7 p.m., the Parish House
Contact: Grand Knight, Cosmo Comiskey, 508-0547.

Students' Confirmation Schedules

Senior Class of 2018

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017: 12:30 p.m. Luncheon Meeting, in the Community Center Conference Room (2nd Floor).

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017: 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice in church

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017: Confirmation: Candidates must arrive at 4:45 p.m. for the group meeting with the archbishop and the group picture. The Confirmation Mass will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Senior Class of 2019

Nov. 20, 2016: 3-8 p.m. Spirit Day. Lesson 6.

Jan. 28, 2017: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Confirmation Retreat at Visitation Monastery. Lessons 2, 3 & 4.

Senior Cass of 2020

Oct. 16, 2016: 3-7 p.m. Welcome Mass. Sprit Day. Lesson 1.

Feb. 19, 2017: 3-8 p.m. Spirit Day. Lessons 5 & 7.

Info: at dianestoyka@yahoo.com or 342-5474, ext. 7.

AA – Alanon – OA – CODA

AA: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Cougar Den.

Alanon: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

OA: Sat., 9 a.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

CODA: Tues., 6:45 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Family Movie Night

Grab your family, friends and blankets and join us on Corpus Christi Field for

It's the Great Pumpkin

Charlie Brown

followed by

Hotel Transylvania

Friday, October 21

Dinner available, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Movies begin at 6:30 p.m.!

Fun Dinner options available for purchase!

Chick-fil-A for the kids (pre-orders only by Oct. 14th)

(Treats for the adults available by donation.)

Bacon My Day and Kona Ice Trucks

Info: Erin Slaby, 802-5181

REST IN PEACE

Larry A. Nobles

Fred Wackenhut

Around the Archdiocese: Fundraisers at Providence Hospital:

Silver Connection, Oct. 17 & 18, 7:30 am-4:30 pm, Hospital Lobby. **CHRISTUS** Theological Institute, an Ecumenical Consortium of Bay Area Churches: Thurs., Nov. 10, "Mercy in Patristic Theology," presented by Fr. Brian Daley, SJ (of the University of Notre Dame) at Spring Hill College. Info: 380-4660 or christus@shc.edu.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Propagation of the Faith.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY: Tithing offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Corpus Christi Building Fund.

October 9th Collection Totals will be posted next Sunday.

Thank You and God Bless You

God bless all for tithing, contributions, bequests, remembrances in wills in support of God's work here at Corpus Christi Parish. To make a donation of stock, ask your financial manager, or call Selena Hemphill at Morgan Stanley, 470-1084 or 800-624-7814.

Receive a detail listing of your contributions by mail, email or fax at any time:

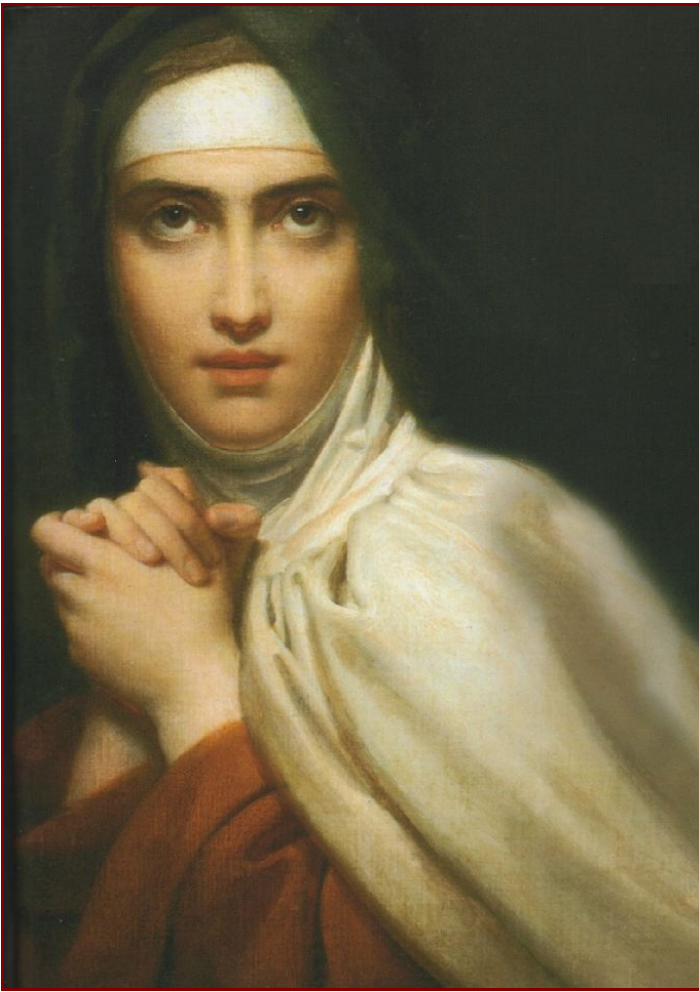
Call 342-1852 or email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com

To receive Offering Envelopes: Please contact the parish office at 342-1852 or at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.



To set up Online Giving: Please go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the left side of the church's homepage. Follow the instructions to contribute to tithing or building fund or school annual fund or other special collections. **For assistance,** call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or parish office, 342-1852.

Peace be with you.



St. Teresa of Avila

1515-1582

Feast Day: October 15

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman." Beautiful, intelligent, stubborn, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous.

St. Teresa was born in 1515 to an aristocratic family in Avila. As a child she showed precocious piety by playing at hermitages with her younger brother. The pair once ran away from home, hoping to go to Morocco and die as martyrs.

After her mother's death when she was just 14, Teresa went through a spell of being very interested in boys and clothes. She was sent to be educated by the Augustinian nuns, and soon decided she wanted to be a nun. Her father objected at first, but later gave his consent, and she entered a Carmelite convent at the age of 20.

The convent in Avila had come to resemble a

boarding house for wealthy maidens rather than a house of prayer. Teresa struggled with her prayer life, abandoned it, and then returned once again. After about 25 years of living the unreformed Carmelite life, she decided she wanted to found a community where the prayer life of the nuns would flourish. In 1562 she established her new house of St. Joseph of Avila with 13 nuns, devoted to a life of prayer and work. The sisters were to seek no endowments but to live entirely by alms and their own labor. The sisters never ate meat. Teresa made sure she did every job the others did – from cooking and cleaning to spinning and sewing.

The new community was known as the Discalced (shoeless) Carmelites. In fact the nuns wore sandals, but their name refers to the strict poverty that was a feature of Teresa's reform.

Because of her reforms, Teresa had to endure opposition from within her Carmelite family, suspicion from members of the hierarchy, and investigation by the dreaded Spanish Inquisition.

The papal nuncio (representative) said that Teresa was "a restless, disobedient pleasure-seeker who has gone about teaching as though she were a professor." When her former convent voted her in as prioress, the leader of the Carmelite order excommunicated the nuns. The vicar general stationed an officer of the law outside the door of the convent to keep her out. The other religious orders opposed her wherever she went. She often had to enter a town secretly in the middle of the night to avoid causing a riot.

When she wrote her autobiography, she knew that what she wrote would clear her or condemn her. Because of this she used a lot of camouflage in the book: Whenever she expressed a profound thought, she would always follow it with the statement, "But what do I know. I'm just a wretched woman!" The Inquisition liked what they read, and cleared her.

She surmounted all obstacles in her path. With St. John of the Cross, she helped reform the Carmelite friars and established 16 more Carmelite convents. St. Teresa became a great teacher on prayer and contemplation. She wrote countless letters and several books including her autobiography, and the classics, "The Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle."

St. Teresa was known for her cheerfulness and sense of humor. She said, “God deliver me from sullen saints and silly devotions!” And she was down to earth. In her early days, she admitted that at times she was more interested in wishing her hour of prayer to end than she was in praying.

When someone felt depressed, Teresa’s advice was to go for a walk and look at the sky. Once, when she was visiting a convent on official business and was served some delicious partridge to eat, a novice looked disapprovingly at the way Teresa was so thoroughly enjoying eating the partridge; Teresa said, “There’s a time for penance and time for partridge!” To her brother’s wish to meditate on hell, she answered, “Don’t.”

In her journal Teresa wrote about an occasion when she was on her way to visit one of the monasteries and was thrown from her horse and landed in a huge puddle of mud; she recounted how she looked up and said to God, “If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you don’t have very many!”

She was canonized in 1622, and in 1970 was the first woman saint to be made a “doctor” of the Church for her writing and teaching on prayer.

“It is love alone that gives worth to all things. Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.”

“The most certain sign that we are keeping these two precepts [of loving God and our neighbor] is our love of our neighbor, for whether we love God can not be known, but neighborly love is unmistakable. If we fulfill this precept very perfectly, we have done everything.”

“The more holy someone is, the more cordial they should be with others. Although you may be pained because their conversation is not what you wish, never keep aloof if you want to help them and win their love.”

“About the injunction of the Apostle Paul that women should keep silent in church: don’t go by one text only!”

“I know not how I am so loved!”

“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing dismay you. All things pass. God never changes. Patience attains all that it strives for. He who has God finds he lacks nothing. God alone suffices.”

“There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers.”

“I do not fear Satan half as much as I fear those who fear him.”



“Jesus has no body on earth but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which His compassion looks out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good, and Yours are the hands with which Jesus blesses the world now.”

Saint Teresa of Avila



St. Mary MacKillop

1842-1909

First Australian Saint

Canonized October 17, 2010 by Pope Benedict IV

With her canonization in 2010, Mary MacKillop became the first recognized saint of Australia. In 1866, she founded a remarkable congregation, the Sisters of St. Joseph (Josephites), who devoted themselves to providing free education and other services to the poor. They founded schools, orphanages, homes for the aged and various other ministries.

It was when she was serving as a governess in South Australia that Mary saw there was little or no education for rural children and especially for Catholic children. She did not want to join any of the few religious congregations already present in Australia as their work was mainly confined to the cities. In 1866 she and her sister opened the first school, and formed the congregation of the Sisters of St.

Joseph, which expanded and soon spread to other colonies and to New Zealand.

The constitutions of the Sisters of St. Joseph required that the congregation adhere to a strict vow of poverty; there would be no social distinctions within the order; and the congregation would be subject to an elected mother general, not to local bishops. This latter provision became a source of grave tension between the congregation and the Australian bishops.

Mary's congregation received general approval from Rome, and attracted scores of young women. At a time when almost no public services were available for the poor, the work of the Sisters was widely admired.

Mary's independence and social ideas concerned Church authorities, and Mary and her congregation were subjected to a shameless campaign of vilification by many clergy. One issue was that Mary's order helped to remove a priest suspected of pedophilia.

Mary MacKillop was ordered by her bishop to surrender control of her schools and her order. She refused, and was excommunicated in 1871 for "disobedience and rebellion." Forty-seven nuns were dispensed from their vows. Though the Sisters of St. Joseph were not disbanded, most of their schools were closed in the wake of this action. Forbidden to have contact with anyone in the Church, Mary lived with a Jewish family, and was also sheltered by Jesuit priests. Mary was crushed, but never blamed Church officials. She prayed that some good would come from the action.

In 1872, on his deathbed, the bishop apologized for his actions and absolved Mary from excommunication. But the harassment from local bishops continued and quickly reached extraordinary lengths.

The Holy See sent a delegation to investigate the situation. Their findings led the Vatican to support Mary and her nuns against some of the local bishops. Rome supported the constitutions of her order and she was completely vindicated. Some Sisters of Mary's disbanded community returned, and schools gradually reopened.

Nevertheless, Mary continued to operate under a cloud. Another bishop had her expelled from his diocese and refused to allow the Sisters to do any fund-raising. The bishop of Queensland sent damning letters to Rome claiming that the Sisters were "infected with fanaticism and insubordination to authority" and that Mary's aim was "to subvert the whole system here."

To shore up her position, Mary traveled to Rome and spent two years seeking authorization for her constitutions. Eventually she found an audience with Pope Pius IX. He was personally intrigued by the story of the “nun who was excommunicated.” When she returned to Australia, she held a papal document formally approving her congregation.

Still, the persecution did not cease. A team of bishops and priests, falsely claiming to be authorized by Rome, subjected her community to a rigorous “visitation,” seizing financial records and interviewing the Sisters under a supposed “vow of secrecy” to discover scurrilous information about Mary. The bishop of Adelaide leaked the slanderous story that Mary was an alcoholic and that she had misappropriated funds belonging to the congregation.

It turned out that the “visitation” had no authority from Rome. An official inquiry by Rome, provoked by this incident, completely exonerated Mary. Still, the harassment continued. The Australian bishops voted to overturn the constitutions of the congregation and subject the Sisters once more to diocesan control. Once more, Rome came to the rescue, nullifying the bishops’ authority in the matter. The congregation would remain under central government. Mary MacKillop had won at last.

In April of 2011, the current bishop of Adelaide made a public apology to the Sisters for the excommunication of their foundress. Standing before her statue, the bishop said that he was “profoundly ashamed of the earlier bishops’ actions in driving the Sisters out onto the streets.”

Mary MacKillop’s exemplary attitude towards the bishops who opposed her was complemented by the outstanding work of her and the Sisters of her congregation. Protestants, as well as Catholics, loudly praised their charity to the poor, their personal poverty, and their abstinence from active proselytizing. They found many supporters who contributed to their mission.

Throughout her sufferings she remained free of bitterness. Innocent suffering, she believed, was an opportunity to shoulder the cross and grow closer to God.

Mary died on August 5, 1909, was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995, and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010.



At her beatification in Sydney, Pope John Paul II said: “Because the love of God inflamed her heart, she tenaciously defended the weak, the poor, the suffering and all those on the margins of society. She worked to assist women and families in distress and to eradicate ignorance among the young.... In her, the unwanted, the unloved and those alienated from society found comfort and strength.”

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.

St. Mary MacKillop, *final words to her Sisters before her death*

Be of good heart and let no false fear of God disturb the loving trust and confidence you should have in God’s mercy.

St. Mary MacKillop