

Blessing and Opening of Refurbishments at Nazareth in Whanganui

Sisters of St Joseph Whanganui, were happy recently to share a unique occasion with other members of the wider Josephite family.

The Blessing and Opening of the newly refurbished Nazareth Rest Home was aided by the generosity of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration from Brisbane, co-founded by Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

On 21 June 2009, RPA Sisters Yvonne Tobin and Xavier, accompanied by their Congregational Leader Mary Cresp RSJ, were special guests of the Whanganui Sisters.



Pictured: Sisters Yvonne Tobin RPA, Catherine Shelton RSJ, Xavier RPA and Mary Cresp RSJ admire the photograph.

In her address to the assembled guests Mary spoke of the commitment of the RPA Sisters to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and what this means in our time. She also acknowledged their long term ministry to the Aged in Australia.

Sr Mary Cresp presented the Home with a picture of their founder to be hung in the new wing.

The various areas of the Home were blessed using water from the Whanganui River blessed by Bishop Peter Cullinane. Representatives from the residents, staff, and guests led the blessing prayers in the new areas.

Civic leaders attending were later involved in planting a new native shrub area.

In her address, Sister Marie Skidmore, member of the Sisters of St Joseph Congregation Trust Board, reminded all of the vision of 'fullness of life' which drove the project. Although the actual number of new rooms is low, the extension and refurbishment of facilities is such that a more comfortable and convenient home has been provided for all residents at Nazareth.
