

# Josephite Journeying Group



*Josephite Journeying Group: Front: Maree Riddler(WA), Mary Mercer (SA) Margaret Cleary (Qld) Middle: Colleen Keeble (CJL), Liz Hickey (NZ Fed), Mary Ryan (Vic) Back: Therese McGarry (P), Carmel Jones (Tas), Lyndall Brown (NZ), Marie Mcallister (G) and Antoinette Baldwin (NSW). Absent: Colleen Carney (L)*

The Josephite Journeying Group (JJG) with representatives from each of the Federation Congregations and each Province of the Central Josephites, met at Mary MacKillop Place on 1st May. Lyndall Brown (NZ) led us in a beautiful prayer for the feast of St Joseph the Worker. The group meets face to face once a year, has a teleconference once a year and communicates in between times via email.

## **Josephites Journeying Together Retreats ~**

The JJG has organised the Josephites Journeying Together Retreats for the past three years and we have received positive and enthusiastic feedback from sisters who have made the retreats, indicating that these have been wonderful transforming experiences for those who have attended them. Next year will be the last year the retreats will be offered. The venues for these will be Safety Bay WA, Mission Bay NZ, Emu Park Rockhampton, Launceston Tas, Kincumber NSW and Perthville NSW. Brochures will be circulated mid to late August with applications closing on 30th September. It is anticipated that by the time the 2011 retreats are completed, approximately 500 sisters will have taken part in the retreats.

## **Retreat Forum for 'New' Presenters ~**

In order to widen the experience of the retreats, a new group of Spiritual Directors and Retreat Presenters have been invited into the process. These presenters will be attending a Presenters Forum on 5th June at Mary MacKillop Place, conducted by the JJG. A working party (Antoinette (NSW), Mary R Vic) and myself (P Fed) had previously prepared the programme for this day and this was presented and refined at the JJG meeting.

## **Budget~**

The JJG initiatives are under the auspice of the Conference of Josephite Leaders (CJL) and the Federation and Central Josephite contribute to the CJL fund that supports the JJG. A budget was presented and accepted by the CJL for this twelve months. Finance structures were refined with a Claim form being designed for use by JJG members and retreat presenters.

**New Initiatives~** A preliminary discussion was held around possible initiatives in keeping with the JJG mandate that could be considered for 2012 and beyond, after the retreats have concluded next year.

## **Roles for JJG~**

The following office bearers were elected: Chairperson – Antoinette Baldwin (NSW) , Treasurer - Margaret Cleary (Qld), Secretary - Liz Hickey (NZ Fed).

