

## Media Release

### Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn – Jubilee Celebrations

*“Gratitude is the memory of the heart”*

(Mary MacKillop 1907)



The 2010 Sister Jubilarians were acknowledged by the Congregational Leader as an inspirational, faithfilled, group of Women. Sr Noelene said these women stood out as “country born and bred, believers in the dream of Julian Tenison Woods and Mary MacKillop – true Australians, true Josephites, sharing God’s love and walking with others as pilgrim travellers”.

Each Sister has made a significant contribution in her years of ministry within and beyond classroom

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn, along with many relatives and friends, gathered in celebration for the Jubilees of six of their Sisters. **Sr M Valerian Corbett** celebrated 70 years of Religious Profession, **Srs Marie T Hourigan, M Andre and Eileen Maloney** celebrated 60 years of Religious Profession, and **Srs M Louis Lickley and Colleen Clear** celebrated 50 years of Religious Profession.

The Jubilarians chose *Our Lady of Dolours Chapel, North Goulburn* for their Jubilee Mass of thanksgiving. Sisters, families and friends, travelled from across the Archdiocese and beyond to share in the prayer and celebration which the occasion offered.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge was the Chief Celebrant for the Mass of Thanksgiving. Sharing with him in the celebration of Mass was Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll (Wagga Wagga), Bishop Pat Power (Canberra-Goulburn), Bishop Gerard Hanna (Wagga Wagga), and many Clergy friends from the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn and the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

teaching, music teaching and pastoral ministry. Their lives have been lived in country places right across the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, and the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. Sr M Andre was a member of the Founding Community to be appointed to Papua New Guinea in 1965 and spent over ten years in ministry in PNG.

Our Jubilarian Sisters renewed the Vows of their Religious Profession during Mass. At the conclusion of Mass Sr Noelene Quinane, Congregational Leader, extended the congratulations and best wishes of all the Sisters to the Jubilarians, and both affirmed and thanked them for their years of ministry as Sisters of St Joseph. Sr Colleen Clear responded beautifully, on behalf of the Jubilarians. Sr M Valerian then cut the special Jubilee Cake, after which all those who had gathered moved to the *Julian Tenison Woods Centre* for light refreshments and the sharing of many stories!

We thank God, Who has been a loving companion to each Sister, for the blessings bestowed throughout our land through their presence, prayer and ministry.

