



**Josephite Companions Aotearoa**  
**Nga hoa pumau o Hato Hohepa ki**  
**Aotearoa**  
**Friendship # Prayer # Service**

A group of parishioners who feel linked to the Josephite Charism have been meeting in our Hibiscus Coast Parish for the last 18 months.

The Josephite Associate Movement to which we belong stemmed from the teaching of the second Vatican Council with its vision of Church and community. Anyone who is drawn to the spirit of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods can become a Josephite Associate or Companion.

Companions are women and men who have been called from all walks of life. The common thread that links Companions and Sisters of Saint Joseph is the centrality of the charism and the commitment to Friendship, Prayer and Service. The relationship is expressed by mutual support and shared hospitality. It is a spiritual and informal relationship.

We usually meet 4 times a year. Our prayer focuses this year have centred around St Joseph and the Sacred Heart. We are connected to the International Josephite Associates who are also in Australia, Scotland, Peru and Timor-Leste.

On August 9<sup>th</sup> we are planning a luncheon to celebrate Mary MacKillop's feast day and would welcome any parishioners who would like to join us for this event or for our next meeting which will be in September. Further information from Catherine Birt 09 424 0134 (evenings).