



## 13<sup>th</sup> General Chapter of the Sisters of St Joseph Lochinvar

### Statement of Convocation

*Today, in the presence of our Bishop Michael Malone and this Local Church Community  
and in accordance with our Constitutions*

*I formally convoke the 13<sup>th</sup> General Chapter of the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar  
which will conclude in October 2008.*

*The General Chapter is a faith event  
Its tasks according to the Code of Canon Law are  
firstly, to safeguard the Congregation's spiritual heritage, its nature, purpose,  
spirit, character and life-giving traditions  
secondly to promote the renewal of its spiritual and apostolic vitality  
in accordance with our Josephite charism  
and thirdly to elect the Congregational Leader and Council.*

*During the coming months, then, we will be reviewing our life together,  
and in a spirit of reconciliation and hope, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
we will be discerning the future direction of our Josephite life and mission.*

*May God bless and enlighten each one of us  
so that our Chapter journey may bring blessings  
on us as a community of Sisters, on our Diocesan Community  
and on all God's people amongst whom we live and work,*

*May St Joseph's humble spirit guide us,  
and may the vision and courage of our founders  
Fr Tenison Woods and Mary MacKillop inspire and sustain us.*

*Patricia Egan*

**Patricia Egan rsj**  
**Congregational Leader**

*As Leader of the local Church of Maitland-Newcastle and on behalf of God's People throughout  
the Diocese, I assure the Sisters of St Joseph of our support and prayers during their Chapter Year.*

*+ Michael Malone*

**Most Rev Michael Malone**  
**Bishop of Maitland Newcastle**

**24 February 2008**