

**Four young Sisters led by Sr Ambrose Joseph  
arrived at Lochinvar in  
September 1883**



**First home of the Sisters at Lochinvar**



Sr Ambrose Joseph  
Dirkin (23)

1883

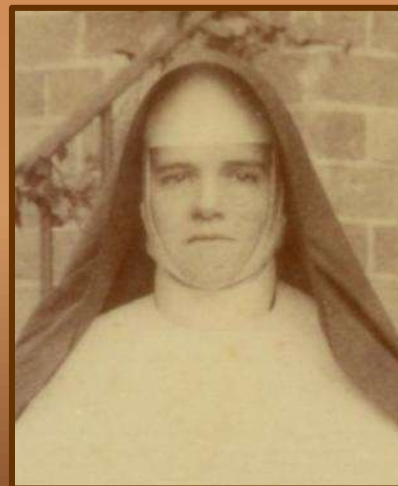
*The four founding  
Sisters*



Sr Imelda  
Flood (22)



Sr Aloysius Cahill (22)



Sr Baptist Dugan (36)

*Sister  
Ambrose Joseph  
Dirkin*

**Born C.Armagh Ireland in 1860**

**As Sr Joseph, Guardian here 1883-1890**

**Transferred to Tasmania in 1895**

**Died at New Town in 1948**





**1884: Cottage purchased on the present site.  
Boarders' quarters added at the back**



**Sisters arriving in Merriwa January 1885**



Merriwa pupils 1888



**Blessing the foundation stone of the first brick  
convent at Lochinvar 1893**

1893



1913





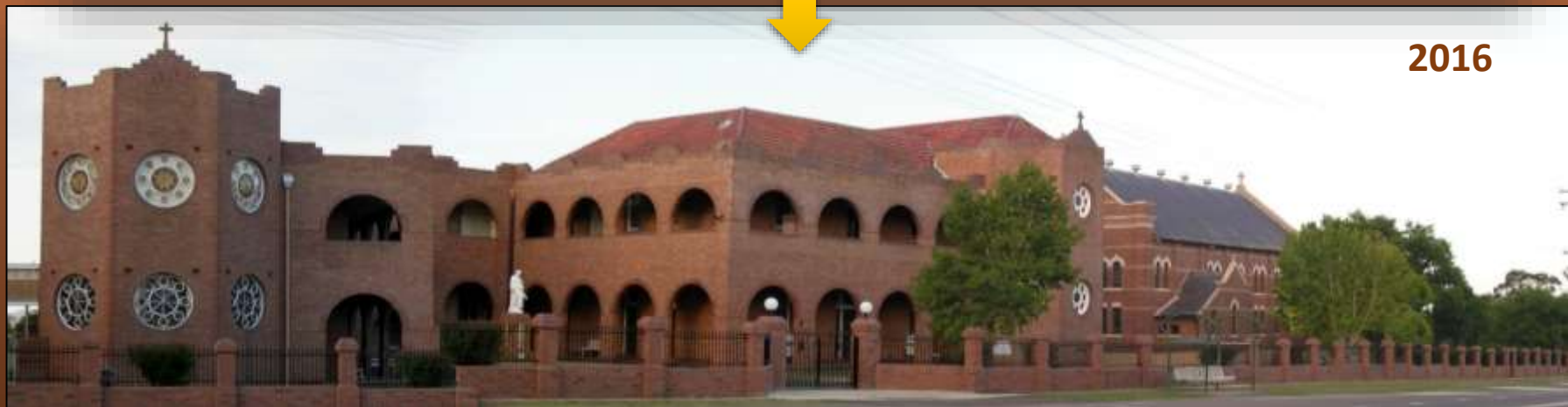
1933

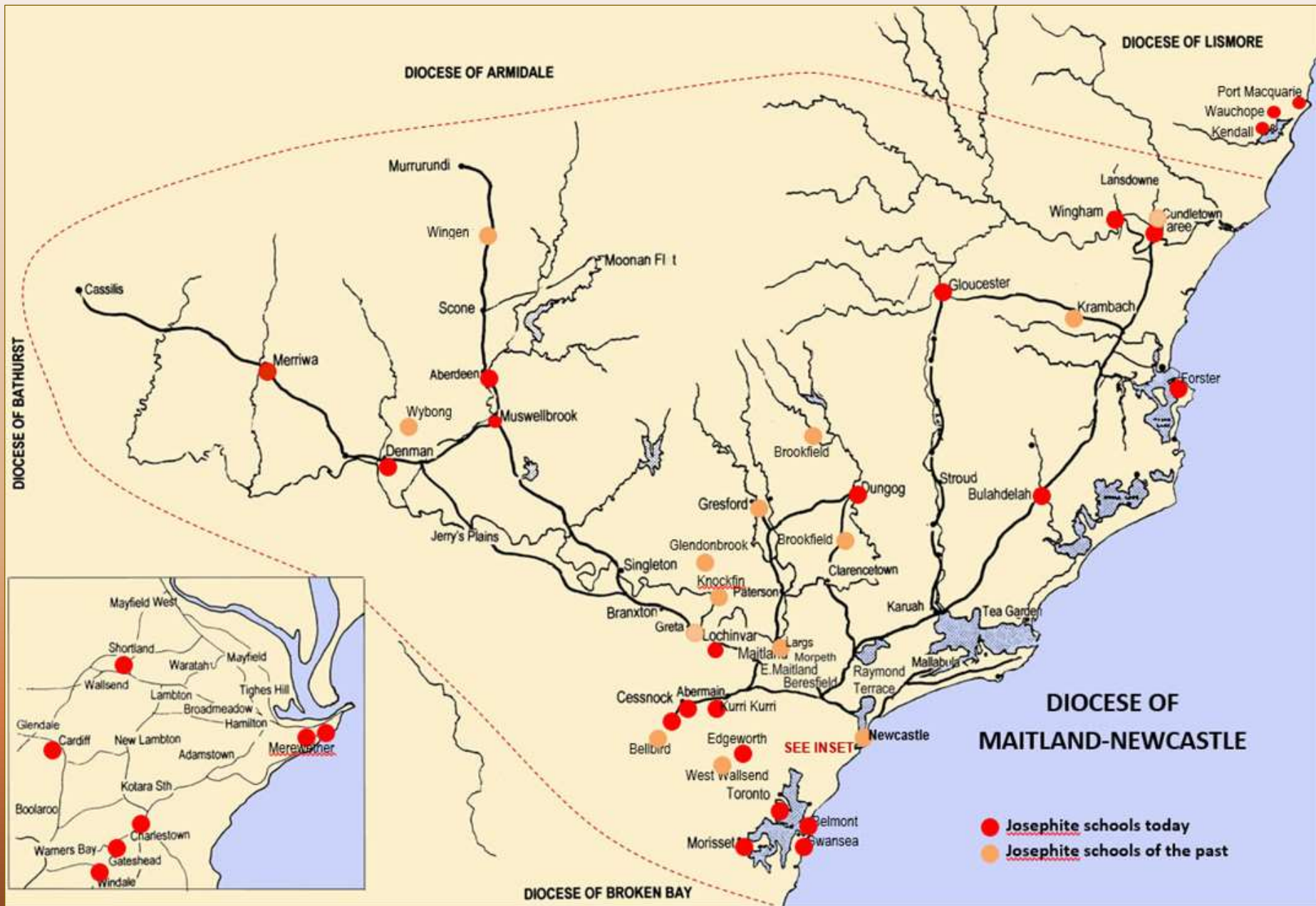


1940



2016





**Network of Josephite Schools**



**Krambach 1893**



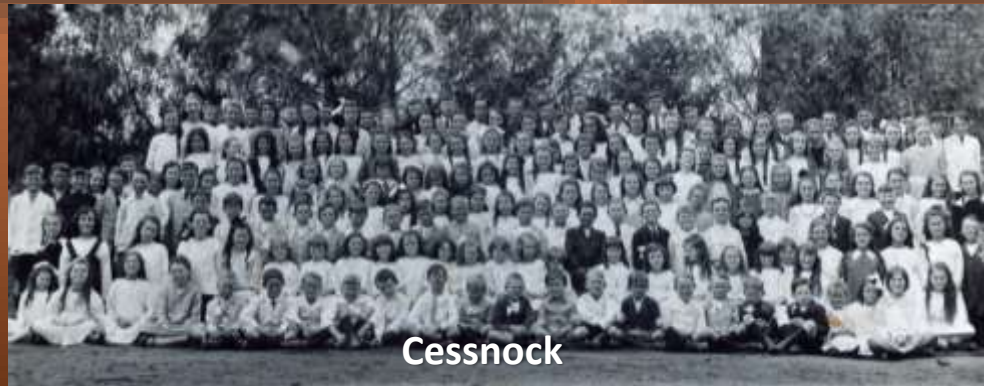
**Largs**



**Carrington**



**West Wallsend**



**Cessnock**



**Boarders at Aberdeen 1914**



**Lochinvar Boarders ~ 1915**

# 1915:

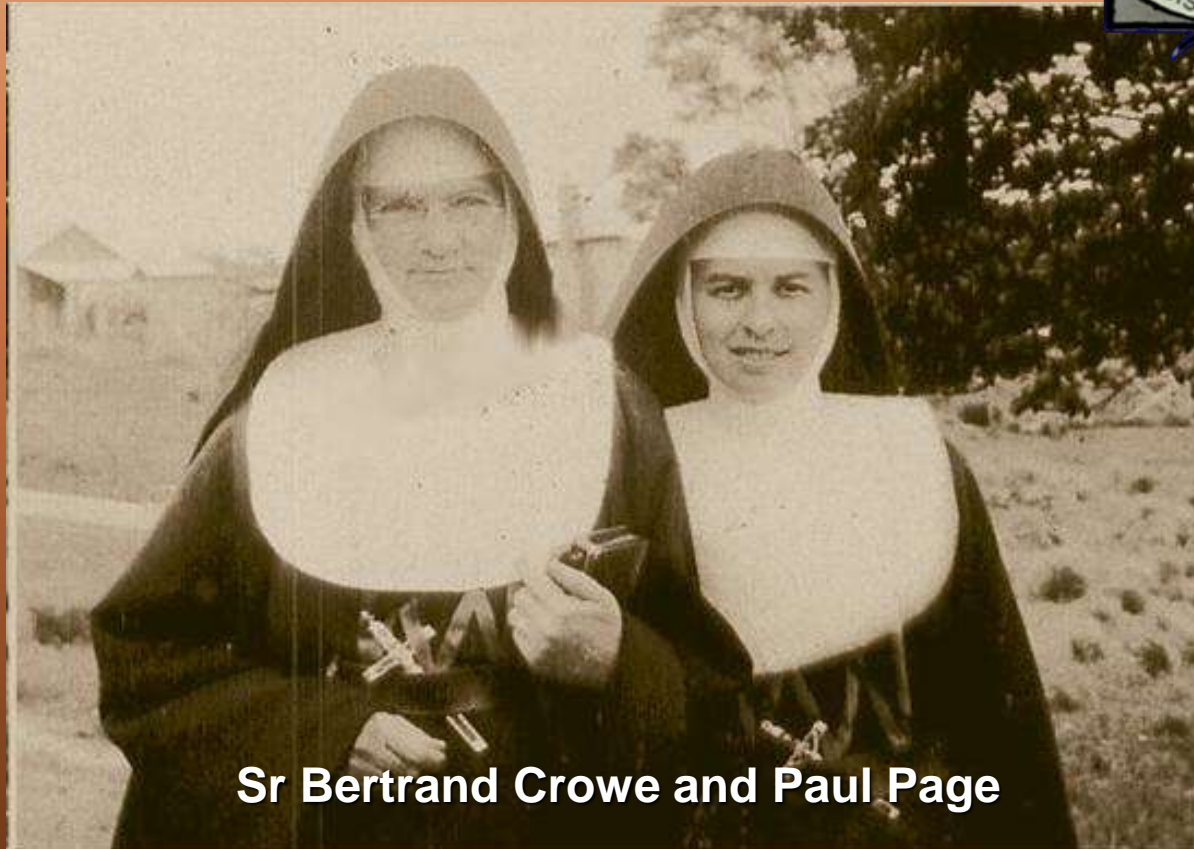
Movement into

Secondary

Education

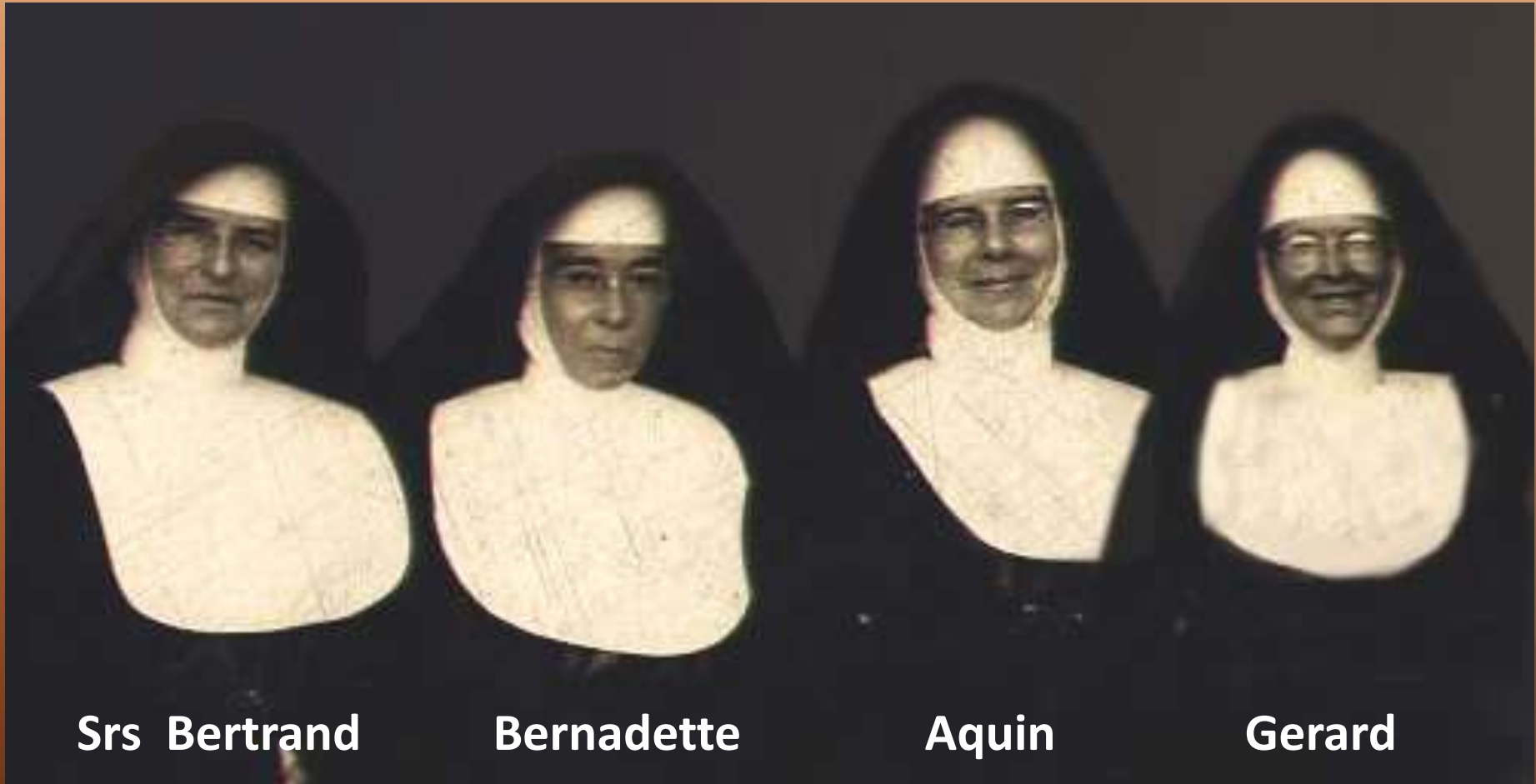


Catalyst for the move into  
secondary education was the  
Bursary Endowment Act of 1912.



**Sr Bertrand Crowe and Paul Page**

**Mother Aquin, Sr Bertrand argued for registration.  
Leader, Mother Evangelist had to be persuaded.  
Opposition from the Bishop and priests.**



**Srs Bertrand**

**Bernadette**

**Aquin**

**Gerard**





**Lochinvar Community with newly-appointed coadjutor  
Bishop Edmund Gleeson CSsR 1929**

**Sisters travelling  
to school**



**... at Swansea**



**... at Forster**

# Greta Migrant Camp



1950's

# Motor Mission 1960's





Shepherding  
pupils  
across the road  
at Edgeworth

50 years later







St Paul's Gateshead



**Music Pupils at Denman**





Marching in High Street Maitland on St Patrick's Day





**Lochinvar College Reunion 1957**

Merriwa  
Quirindi  
Knockfin  
Brookfield  
Merewether  
(Burwood)  
Carrington  
Krumbach  
Cessnock  
Wingen  
Aberdeen  
Abermain  
Cundletown  
Denman  
Wybong  
Dungog  
Wingham  
West Wallsend  
Gloucester  
Kendall  
Kurri Kurri  
Largs  
Charlestown



Gresford  
Cardiff  
Morisset  
Newcastle  
Parkside Qld  
Port Macquarie  
Belmont  
Bulahdelah  
Shortland  
Summer Hill  
Clifton Gardens  
Swansea  
Taree  
Wauchope  
Merewether  
Beach  
Windale  
Edgeworth  
Gateshead  
Muswellbrook  
Kilaben Bay  
Tuncurry  
Wangi



**Music always a prominent  
aspect of  
our Josephite education**

*“Music elevates the mind and enables it to form  
grandeur conceptions of God and holy things”*

Julian Tenison Woods

# School Concerts



**1933**



**Lochinvar Hymn composed  
by Dom Moreno**

**Benedictine monk from  
New Norcia WA**

**Words by Sr Gerard Long,  
Sr Ruth's aunt**



**Dom Moreno playing the Pipe  
Organ in the Chapel**

***“Sr Ambrose was endowed with many gifts  
... the chief among these, perhaps,  
was her love for and great knowledge of music.***

***So great was her reputation that  
many Professors of Music,  
both from Australia and the Continent,  
would come to her to talk about the subject  
that was so dear to her heart ...  
and many musicians in Tasmania today  
owe their position to the early training  
she gave them.”***



Extract from 'The Standard' Jan. 1948





*Sr Hyacinth*

*Webber*

*“had the genius of  
imbuing her pupils  
with her own love of Music”*

*The legendary  
Sr Angela Baker*

*"Hers was a special  
apostolate.*

*Musically, she was a genius,  
who laid the traditions of  
musical perfection  
[at] Lochinvar"*



1897 soon after she was professed

*Clare Keys*

*Talented Violinist*

*100% in AMEB exam*

*(Sr M Cecily)*



*We were founded with vision and courage precisely to undertake a new experiment: to live as religious had not lived before, and to work under conditions they had not experienced before. The first Sisters of St Joseph sensed the spirit of a new world in a way that has left its mark on the history of Australia and New Zealand.*



***We who have taken up their task must press on into each age as it unfolds in a like spirit of daring, strong in our commitment to love.***

***Drawing on the past we will never take refuge in the past but in partnership with the Holy Spirit, we will confront the world of the future fearlessly and bend that future to the dynamic purpose of the Creator.***

**Constitutions of the Australian New Zealand Federation of Sisters of St Joseph**

