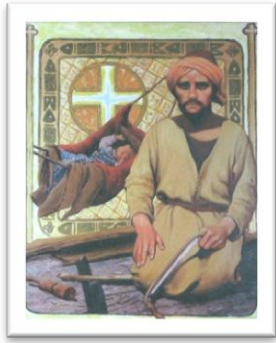


Justice



...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God...
Micah 6:8

Joseph, the just man - He is his own man who follows his conscience. For it he risks disgrace and censure, yet he remains respectful of the law...He struggles with doubts fears and anxieties; yet exercises his gifts and responsibilities with fidelity and strength. Pope John Paul II called the ability to temper a strict interpretation of legal justice with compassion an 'inner justice'. The inner justice of compassion restored the relationship between Joseph and Mary and enabled a larger restoration of relationships through Jesus.

The Rule of the Institute of St Joseph, written by Fr Julian Tenison Woods Co-founder of Sisters of St Joseph in 1867, stated that union with God and neighbour is the underlying object of their service. Fr Julian had been born into the upper class in England but was adamant that the Sisters' primary concern was service to the poor. St Mary MacKillop born 10 years later in Australia was well educated herself with a growing awareness of the injustice of class-consciousness in an egalitarian country.

In recent times globalisation has led to the establishment of 'The Congregations of St Joseph' an NGO in General consultative Status with the ECOSOC (the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations). A network of 14,000+ Sisters serving in 51 countries in the areas of education, healthcare, human rights, the eradication of poverty, women's concerns, environment, sustainable development, peace and security, children's concerns and economic justice. And within the Australian and New Zealand Josephite communities JJN - The Josephite Justice Network - is involved in research and advocacy for the powerless.

- Can you identify an injustice that a particular person was suffering, or that you were aware of, in a particular incident or group?
- How did you feel about that injustice?
- What helps you address injustice?

*Never see an
injustice without
asking - why?*

from the rule of the Sisters'