

# Risk taking

*To St Joseph*

*Patron of Risk Takers*

You took the risk unsure  
of anything save love and faith:  
made no demand, humbly  
gave your word and life  
to greater gamble: Mother, Son.  
At what expense, such recompense.

*Sister Anna Marie Mack – SSJ Philadelphia*



“...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said. ‘Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt”. Mt 2: 13-15

Dreaming of a new way to be Church and listening to ‘the signs of the times’ the Documents of Vatican II promulgated many positive changes to church practices and religious life. Religious congregations were urged to return to the Charism and original vision of their founders.

Sisters of St Joseph, Whanganui were encouraged to re-train and re-educate themselves in fields where they could most effectively carry out their mission. Work began in areas of counselling & psychotherapy, education for change, spiritual direction, supporting women & children, helping immigrants settle into New Zealand and advocacy for prisoners.

- *How could you follow through on messages you may be receiving from God?*
- *Are there actions you are often prompted to do, but put off?*
- *What are the barriers to following these promptings and are there solutions?*
- *Try something new in your life...join a group you are attracted to; try a different activity/hobby; go out to someone you have not spoken to?*



May the Spirit of Joseph touch us;  
May the deep listening of Joseph influence us;  
May Joseph’s sense of responsibility move us;  
May Joseph’s openness to others work in us;  
May the risk taking of Joseph inspire us,

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*Let us not be afraid to dream.....*