

**From Marian Szczepanowski's work titled  
"The Image of Our Lady of Częstochowa on the Exiled Paths,"  
we learn that:**

- Father Tadeusz Miksa discovered one of the images of Our Lady of Częstochowa in the home of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Adelaide, which contained the inscription: "By the Members of the Polish Mission as a token of affectionate esteem and gratitude – Hill River – 10th October 1876."
- This painting was gifted to Bishop Reynolds, and the sisters donated it to the chapel in Polish Hill River in the 1970s. The painting required restoration, which was undertaken by the prominent artist **Władysław Dutkiewicz from Adelaide**.

It's worth knowing:

- **Władysław Dutkiewicz** (1918 - 1999) emigrated to Australia in 1949. He was a painter, sculptor, actor, set designer, and theater director, winning numerous awards as a painter.
- The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, along with schools under this name and numerous social welfare institutions in Australia and New Zealand, was founded by **Mary MacKillop** and **Father Julian Tenison Woods**.



Her vision was to provide education for children from poor families. When many other women joined her, Mary and Julian established the first religious order in Australia: the Sisters of St. Joseph. Mary and the Sisters committed themselves to serving the poor—going wherever there was need and living among those in need. This led Mary to many rural areas throughout Australia. Thus, the Sisters also spent ten years in Polish Hill River.

Mary was an extraordinarily strong leader in 19th-century Australia. The education in this country is what it is today, thanks to her dedication and determination.

**Mary MacKillop is the first Australian saint.**