

## 2010 at MacKillop Hill

Functions at MacKillop Hill concluded for the year with a Thank You afternoon on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tenison House, hosted by Srs Margaret and Carmel. Many people who had been part of the Centre's life during 2010 came along for a cuppa, or a glass of wine to celebrate another good year at MacKillop Hill.

Those present reminisced about 2010 activities

– the regular Men's and Women's gatherings, retreat and reflection day experiences, Lent, Advent and Easter programs, Scripture sessions with Dr Drasko Dizdar, various Prayer Pathways (Bridges to Contemplative Living, Christian Meditation) and the exploration of Pilgrimage. The last program for the year was an exploration of film with Dr Peter Malone



Many of the volunteers recalled the Soup and Sandwich Luncheons and the St Patrick's Day and Melbourne Cup functions – a lot of work but also a lot of fun!

Thanks to those involved, care of the buildings and grounds is well in hand - a significant boost to this area coming with the assistance of a Youth and Family Focus project at the beginning of the year and the provision of kitchen joinery courtesy of the Lions Clubs of Forth and Devonport.

Because the Centre is a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph, 2010 has been a year of highlights – a number of locals attended the opening of the Josephite Mission and History Centre in Hobart in March. A Barbecue Lunch was held to mark Mary MacKillop's feast day in August and we joined with the Mersey Leven Parish in celebrating her Canonisation in October



We all look forward to more life-giving activities in 2011. Regular programs will continue and we will host a return visit to the area by Margaret Silf, renowned author and spiritual director from England.

