

Marymede Houses



House Patron
Saint Peter Chanel

House Patron
Caroline Chisholm

House Patron
Saint Marcellin Champagnat

House Information

Chanel House fosters the patronage of Saint Peter Chanel who undertook missionary work throughout the Pacific Islands. St. Peter Chanel consistently demonstrated the values of sacrifice and service for others. He spent his life bringing the Word of God to all people but did so in a manner that demonstrated perseverance and respect. Chanel House seeks to foster this same spirit in its students; the recognition of the selfless sacrifice required to genuinely serve others with hope and love.

House Information

Caroline Chisholm is a well-known humanitarian whose desire to help others saw her work in a number of different areas. She is best known for her work assisting immigrants arriving in Australia, especially women, having witnessed the poverty of many new immigrants to this land. Caroline Chisholm fought to have shelters built to accommodate women and families.

Students in Chisholm are encouraged to aspire to be like Caroline Chisholm in the way they interact with and support others at the College and in the wider community.

House Information

Saint Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers, is the life-giving root of Marist education. St Marcellin was born in 1789 in Marlihes, southern France. St Marcellin was ordained as a priest in July 1816 and begun work to help young people of spiritual and human poverty. Through the Marist Brothers, Marcellin began a journey of "making Jesus Christ known and loved" through teaching and learning. This is where our House value of knowledge is derived from. Marcellin believed that "if you want to teach young people, first you must love them – love them all equally".

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House Patron
Catherine McAuley

House Patron
Irene McCormack

House Patron
Mary MacKillop

House Patron
Archbishop Oscar Romero

House Information

Venerable Sister Catherine McAuley was an inspiring woman from Ireland who dedicated her life to the care and support of those in need. When she inherited a large sum of money, she used the money to open a sanctuary for women and children who were denied access to shelter and education. Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831, now there are over 20,000 Sisters of Mercy continuing her good work around the world. She was declared venerable by Pope John Paul III in 1990, the first step on the path to Sainthood.

House Information

Sister Irene McCormack RSJ is the patron for McCormack House. For 30 years she worked as a teacher in country areas. During this time, she persistently challenged the bishops to act more justly in providing resources for country students and schools. In 1987, Sister Irene McCormack undertook missionary work in Peru. She worked in low income suburbs of Lima, before being transferred to supervise the distribution of emergency goods by Caritas Peru in Huasahuasi, situated in the Andres Mountains about 200km from Lima. This House has taken for its theme the virtue of Courage. We trust that McCormack House will offer an outstanding example of courageous service to the College staff and students.

House Information

Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross is Australia's first Catholic saint. Mary was born in Victoria in 1842 to Scottish immigrants. At age 24, she dedicated her life to God, becoming a nun and took the name "Mary of the Cross". Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children. She inspired many women to join her and together they founded Australia's first religious order: The Sisters of St Joseph. Mary and the Sisters were committed to serving the poor, travelling to many rural areas all over Australia to support the poor. Despite experiencing much opposition, Mary stayed true to her faith, forgiving those that persecuted her and continued her mission to reach out to those in need.

House Information

Romero House fosters the patronage of Saint Oscar Romero who undertook missionary work throughout El Salvador. St Oscar Romero consistently demonstrated the values of sacrifice and service for others. He spent his life working to better the lives of ordinary El Salvadorians living under the corruption and oppression of a military regime by restoring their hope through education and the basic necessities such as medical supplies, food and shelter. Romero House seeks to foster this same spirit in its students: the recognition of the plight of others and extend a helping hand to maintain their hope that one day the world, their world, may be a better place.