

# The Sisters of the Southern Cross: A Legacy of Compassion and Service in Australia

## Early History

Mary MacKillop was born in Victoria, Australia, in 1842. She was the eldest of eight children, and her family was poor. MacKillop began working at a young age to help support her family. In 1866, she met Father Julian Tenison Woods, a priest who was dedicated to serving the poor. Woods encouraged MacKillop to start a religious order to help the poor and marginalized in Australia.

In 1885, MacKillop and Woods founded the Sisters of the Southern Cross. The order's first convent was in Adelaide, South Australia. The sisters quickly established a reputation for their work with the poor and marginalized. They provided education for children, cared for the sick and elderly, and worked to promote social justice.

## Expansion and Growth

The Sisters of the Southern Cross quickly expanded their work throughout Australia. They established convents in all of the major cities, as well as in many rural and remote areas. The sisters also began to work in other countries, including New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands.

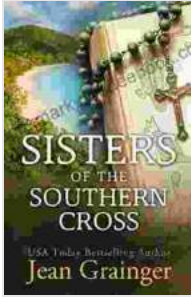
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By the early 20th century, the Sisters of the Southern Cross had become one of the largest religious orders in Australia. They were providing a wide range of services to the poor and marginalized, including education, health care, and social welfare.

## **Education**

The Sisters of the Southern Cross have a long history of providing education in Australia. They established schools in many rural and remote areas, where there were no other educational opportunities available. The sisters' schools were known for their high quality of education and their commitment to serving the poor.

Today, the Sisters of the Southern Cross continue to provide education in Australia. They operate a number of schools, as well as a university in Adelaide. The sisters' schools are open to students of all faiths and backgrounds.

## **Health Care**

The Sisters of the Southern Cross have also been involved in health care for many years. They established hospitals and nursing homes in many

parts of Australia. The sisters' hospitals were known for their compassionate care and their commitment to serving the poor.

Today, the Sisters of the Southern Cross continue to provide health care in Australia. They operate a number of hospitals and nursing homes, as well as a hospice in Adelaide. The sisters' health care services are available to people of all faiths and backgrounds.

## **Social Welfare**

The Sisters of the Southern Cross have a long history of working to promote social justice. They have been involved in a number of social welfare programs, including housing for the homeless, food banks, and support for refugees.

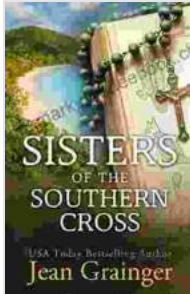
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## **A Legacy of Service**

The Sisters of the Southern Cross have a long and proud history of service to the poor and marginalized in Australia. They have provided education, health care, and social welfare services to millions of people over the years. The sisters' work has made a significant difference in the lives of many people, and they continue to be a source of hope and inspiration today.

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