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***Window on Creation* Book Launch**

In celebration of [World Environment Day](#) on 5 June, a new online educational resource titled [Window on Creation](#) has been launched by the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Written by Carmel Jones rsj, *Window on Creation* has been created for upper primary and secondary school staff and students. The e-book is an invitation to all who care about the environment and offers an opportunity to explore how to make a difference, right where we are. The reader is invited to look at our world, as if out of a window, with St Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis, and Fr Julian Tenison Woods (co-founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph alongside Mary MacKillop).

As a well-respected scientist, Fr Julian contributed greatly to Australian natural history. He found God in science and creation, not just in his religious duties as a priest. His concern for nature interconnected with his commitment to face the environmental and social challenges of his time.

Fr Julian sensed that the future of Earth depends on the realisation that all creation is in relationship, and that we human beings are irrevocably inter-connected with the natural world. In this he echoes the sentiments of St Francis of Assisi whom Pope Francis brought to our attention in 2015 when he gave the world *Laudato Si'*. Pope Francis shows us that St Francis' way of living simply and sustainably was in solidarity with Earth and her peoples.

"Seeing Fr Julian in this way renders him an 'Eco-Hero' for us in our time," says Sr Carmel. "We see he is a person who realises that our concerns for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace are all interconnected.

"I have tried to make this e-book a stand-alone resource so that most of the information is either contained within the words or through clicking on links. There are also reflective activities which can be completed alone or in a group. I am grateful that this resource is enhanced by illustrations created by Sr Dorothy Woodward and has been reviewed by Sr Mary-Ann Casanova, Project Officer for the Sisters' [Explore~Embrace~Embody: A Laudato Si' Action Plan for the Josephite Community](#).

"I am hopeful that *Window on Creation* will be a useful resource for school staff and students, particularly those in our Josephite schools who are interested in the influence of Fr Julian. I believe the material contained within could be used across various curriculum units. However, I am sure this book will also appeal to anyone who is interested in Fr Julian and in the welfare of our Earth. Maybe this resource will help us towards harmony within ourselves, with each other and with all of creation."

The e-book *Window on Creation* is available for reading and download via FlippingBook here: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1004194906/>



Caption: *Carmel Jones rsj is proud to present her latest educational resource - Window on Creation*

About the Author:

Carmel Jones rsj grew up in Devonport, Tasmania and attended schools conducted by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She entered the Tasmanian Sisters of Saint Joseph 50+ years ago. As a primary teacher and Principal Carmel ministered in Tasmanian Josephite schools in Moonah, New Town, Geeveston, Smithton and Devonport.

Sr Carmel has also been a member of various Boards of Management, Governing Councils of Tasmanian Catholic Secondary Colleges, National Catholic Education Commission and Tasmanian Catholic Education Office committees.

At present Carmel is involved with several Congregational committees and with Catholic schools (on request). Also, with telling the Josephite Story through the Tasmanian Colloquium and through writing articles and stories with a Josephite theme. Her passion is making the Fr Julian Tenison Woods story more widely known, and Window on Creation is her first publicly available ebook.

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