MARY WARD GRANT RECIPIENTS 2016

The Mary Ward Grant Committee, on behalf of the Loreto Sisters, is pleased to announce the recipients of the Mary Ward Grants for 2016.

True to the vision of Mary Ward and her belief in the pivotal role of women in leadership, the Loreto Sisters established the Mary Ward Grant in the year 2000 to support specialist and post graduate study in theology, spirituality and pastoral ministry.

This year’s successful recipients are:

**CATHERINE ANDERSON** is completing Masters of Philosophy (research). The working topic of her thesis is: Balm for the Wound? Spiritual Practices and Narratives from L’Arche. Catherine is a full member of L’Arche Genesaret Canberra. Her practical involvement in L’Arche is long-standing.

**MICHELLE EMMETT** moved from country NSW to ACU Canberra to undertake a double degree in Theology and Social Work. Her Social Work placement in India was in the area of Women’s Empowerment and Human Rights. In 2016 Michelle will undertake Honours in Biblical Studies. She is a parish Youth Minister, involved in RCIA, the Parish Council, and running sacramental programs for state school children.

**KATHERINE FOGWELL** is completing Masters in Theology, balancing study and the care of three pre-school aged children. She has taught for twelve years in Catholic Primary Schools, and aspires to become a Religious Education Coordinator. She writes of her studies and her aspiration: “I will be able to better live out my mission to spread the good news that Jesus gave us – that we are all loved and called in to love.”

**EMMA KILPATRICK** writes of teaching at Loreto Ballarat: “I feel blessed to work within a teaching institution that is dedicated to motivating young, independent women, nurturing them in a practical and spiritual way to be honest, genuine, fair, principled and happy in their pursuit of excellence, not only academically but personally.” Emma is pursuing Grad Cert RE to enable her to teach Religious Education.

**JANINE LUTTICK** is currently undertaking PhD research in the field of biblical studies with a focus on Mark’s rendering of the raising of Jairus’s daughter in the light of first century conceptualisation of the human body, and its relevance to today’s construct. Currently Janine works with Catholic schools in the area of theological education and the design of religious education in a multi-faith environment.

**MELANIE PYRAH** is completing Grad Dip Pastoral Counselling. She holds a Diploma in Community Services and is active in her faith life. Melanie’s long-term goal is to work in hospital or prison chaplaincy. Her interim goal is to work in parish pastoral care.

**MICKIE YAU** is undertaking MA (Theology) to underpin her work in spiritual direction for which she holds MA (Spiritual Direction) and Grad Cert in Ministry Supervision. Mickie has been very involved in Ignatian Spirituality programmes overseas, and brings her experience and skills to her engagement in similar programmes in Australia.