



A brief note on Julian Tenison Woods who was ordained in 1857 by Bishop Francis Murphy in St Patrick's church, West Terrace, at the age of twenty-four, is presented.

The year 1866 saw the founding of the Sisters of St Joseph by Woods and Mary MacKillop in the village of Penola. He was a man who longed for priesthood which was a great source of joy for him and lived his priesthood with gentleness and generosity and left a rich legacy in the church of Australia and beyond.

All our discoveries enlarge our small ideas of the immensity of Omnipotence....Beneath the soil carpeted by various flowers which herald forth the beauty of the world to come, are secrets which are only known to us in part. But these revelations, small as they are, stretch far beyond our comprehension. We learn that the dust we tread upon was once alive, the rock on which we stand has lived and died - has been a thing of life and is now a stone: and this is a time that reaches so far back as only to be understood by the One who was from eternity ... and we, pausing in our vain endeavour to stretch our mind to the capacity of that which has no bounds, are obliged to rest ourselves from the thought of the Infinite, and to confess that, whether we search in earth, or sky, or sea, we are everywhere met by the visions of the illimitable.

