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Introductory remarks at the Thanksgiving Mass

St Paul's Outside the Walls – Monday, October 18, 2010

Good morning to all – friends of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop come as pilgrims to this Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. Yesterday, we celebrated with the universal Church at St Peter's Square for the canonisation ceremony when Mary's name was added to the official list of saints. Today we come as Australians and friends from many other countries, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, the United States and Italy to celebrate the first Mass in Rome in honour of Saint Mary. I invite you to pause now and come to peace within yourself and contemplate what this means for each of us in our lives. As we ready our hearts we rejoice with and in the Church for the recognition of one of our own as a holy person. We now stand to begin the celebration.