



DEVOTED SERVICE: Toowoomba nun Pat Quinn embarked on a pilgrimage to Tasmania. Photo: Contributed

Nun's cross-country pilgrimage

TOOWOOMBA nun Pat Quinn has embarked on a pilgrimage to mark a milestone in her life.

Sr Quinn joined the nuns from the Missionary Sisters of Service on a pilgrimage back to Tasmania to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the order's foundation.

Sr Quinn said the pilgrimage would visit places of significance in the order's history and that a memorial would be unveiled on Bruny Island.

"Sisters from Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania will take part in the five day trip," Sr Quinn said.

"The journey will begin in Launceston where the founding group of sisters took up residence and will then travel to Derby, Longford, Oatlands, Richmond and Hobart."

The order was founded in Tasmania by Father John Wallis on Bruny Island.

"Father Wallis started the congregation because he was

concerned about people who were isolated and in need of spiritual support," Sr Quinn said.

"Since those early days, the sisters have branched out into many ministries to help those in rural communities," Sr Quinn said.

Sr Quinn has worked in the Toowoomba area for the past 40 years with the order.

"There are seven sisters who still live and work in Toowoomba," she said.