

Grace James (Catchpole) YHS 1945, sent this article about Brenda Finlayson (Block) who started YHS in 1946 and came from Hernes Oak.



HONOURED: Brenda Finlayson has been awarded the Papal Honour of Dame of the Order of St Gregory the Great.

Brenda's faith repaid

BRENDA FINLAYSON'S faith has taken her all around the world.

And in recognition of her services to the Catholic Church, she was awarded one of its highest honours.

Mrs Finlayson recently received the Papal Honour of Dame of the Order of St Gregory the Great.

She believes she may be the only Ballarat woman to have received such an honour.

She was the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation's vice president

general for 10 years, only the second Australian to ever hold the position.

She said winning the award was a humbling experience but added it was recognition of the efforts of all women involved.

"I've just been lucky to represent the women, its not just me really," she said.

A parishioner of St Augustine's in Creswick for 18 years, she said she would now take a step back from many of her roles and spend time with loved ones.