



Mercy Ministry
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The Newsletter of Mercy Ministry Companions

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Reflection: Pilgrimage, disruption and liminal space

Paul Linossier, Trustee Director MMC

As a newish Trustee Director, I have been most fortunate to join in the 2024 three-module MMC Mercy Leadership Program. I have not long returned from the Dublin Pilgrimage (Module 2) where pilgrims included senior leaders from all ministries, Sisters of Mercy and a Trustee from New Zealand.

Together we 'dived' deeper into Catherine's life and journey, learned about Sr Ursula Frayne and Sr Ellen Whitty (both central to our Australian foundations), and discussed the current global work of the Sisters of Mercy. We also explored how all of this might inform and equip us as 'companions in mercy' today.

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Mercy Ministry Companions Formation Program commences

This year we have commenced a four-part ongoing formation program within MMC, "*Mercy Leadership: Empowering Middle Leaders*." On 26 May, the first cohort of 16 participants from across our Community Services, Education and Health and Aged Care ministries gathered for Part 1 of the program, a two-day residential at Santa Casa Retreat Centre in Queenscliff Victoria.

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Mercy Alliance Formation Seminar

In mid-June, Trustees and Senior Ministry Leaders from across the four Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (MPJPs) within the Mercy Alliance (MercyCare, Mercy Partners, Mercy Ministry Companions and Whanau Mercy Ministries), gathered for a 90-minute Zoom seminar.

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Free copies of SplashArt Discover Mercy now available

MMC has acquired the remaining copies of 'Discover Mercy' created by Fraynetwork (now Carter & Co. Creative) in 2019. The kit contains a paint brush and booklet with five mercy-themed pictures that come to life when touched with a wet brush and fade away when dry. Each picture can be 'repainted' approximately 200 times. If you would like a free copy please contact [Belinda Cooney](#).

Mercy Education



Sacred Heart Chapel's 150 Year Celebration

Sacred Heart College Geelong recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of the opening of its College Chapel. The anniversary was marked by an organ prelude in the Chapel followed by Mass celebrated by Father Jim Clarke of Geelong. In honour of the anniversary Margaret Wills, the College's Music Coordinator, wrote a new composition called 'A Chapel on a Hill', which was sung as the reflection after Communion.

MMC Trustee Directors were represented by Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM, who joined current and past members of the College community for the celebration.



Dr McCrory elected to AISWA

Congratulations to Dr Lucie McCrory GAICD, Principal of Mercedes College in Perth, Western Australia on her election to the Board of Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA). Dr McCrory brings her vast experience and unwavering passion for the future of education to this esteemed role. The AISWA is a non-profit organisation that supports, represents and promotes the interests of Independent Schools across Western Australia.



Long road back to school

After her family made headlines around the world in 2004 following their deportation from Australia, Nagina Zahra (one of the Bakhtiari children) has returned to Adelaide to teach at St Aloysius College where she began her education two decades ago.

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Mercy Health



Celebrating 40 years of Mercy Palliative Care

This month, Mercy Health celebrates 40 years of Mercy Palliative Care (MPC). To celebrate this milestone, the team at MPC have come together to share what they most enjoy about their roles and talk about what their service means to the community.

Mercy Community Services



Celebrating Everyday

Mercy Connect artists have celebrated the closing of their most recent exhibition, 'Everyday', featured at Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA). In honour of their hard work, each artist was gifted a personalised sketchbook by MAMA and together the group enjoyed a sketching session and shared a drink to celebrate their success.



Funding extended for McAuley House Ballarat

McAuley Community Services for Women are celebrating the announcement of a funding extension by the Federal Government, for McAuley House in Ballarat. The service provides medium-term accommodation and outreach support for women who have been homeless or are at risk of homelessness in and around Ballarat. So far in 2023-2024, 19 women have been supported while living at McAuley House with a further 28 women supported who were living in the community.

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Mercy International Association



Attend the Mercy Emerging Leaders Fellowship Research Presentations

As part of the Mercy Emerging Leaders Fellowship, participants will be presenting on a range of justice issues. These presentations will be live streamed via Zoom and we encourage you to join as many as possible.

Save the date

5pm, Monday 14 October -
5pm, Tuesday 15 October 2024

2024 Mercy Ministry Companions
Conference

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Our National Office is located on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin nation, and our

Ministries operate across the country and across a range of other indigenous lands and clans.

We acknowledge the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples across this land.

We respectfully recognise Elders both past and present.

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