



Orientation to Mercy 8 Module Program (self-paced)

Accredited by MACS, CESA and CEWA

Modules can be used as a full program or stand alone

This 8 Module Program is updated each year (most recently in January 2025) and is accredited for 6 hours by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) for those completing all 8 Modules (Accreditation also includes educators working in the Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst Dioceses in Victoria) via the TAP.

Accreditation has also been approved by CESA for educators in South Australian Catholic schools and by CEWA for educators working in Western Australian Catholic schools. Some school staff groups have engaged in Module 1 as a 'stand-alone' whole staff formation opportunity. Other Modules, such as Modules 3 and 4 which explore the Works of Mercy, could be done in a similar way. Staff new to Mercy-heritage schools have also worked in small groups with a mentor when undertaking the 8 Modules for Accreditation.

Mercy Heritage and Spirituality Resources

Mercy Heritage Resources include information about:

- [Catherine's Life](#)
- [Catherine's Dublin](#)
- [In God Alone](#) – the docudrama of Catherine's life and that of the early sisters
- The new Mercy Archive – Preservica
- [On this day](#) – historical daily facts about the unfolding Mercy story

Mercy Spirituality resources include:

- [Prayers and Reflections](#)
- [The Works of Mercy sketches by Clare Agnew](#)
- [Mercy quotes](#)

Mercy's companion values

The Mercy Ministry Companions (MMC) website gives access to resources on the Values of Compassion, Hope, Hospitality, Justice and Respect which are the Core Values of MMC. Some of your ministry's Core Values might be the same so the resources can be adapted to meet your ministry's ongoing formation needs.

For each of the five Values you will find:

- printable leaflets
- ppt slides which can be amended to include your ministry context, and
- short videoclips in which Mercy biblical scholar, Elizabeth Dowling rsm, explores each Value separately.

There is also a downloadable Resource Guide for using these resources with staff.

Books & articles about Catherine McAuley and the ongoing Mercy Story

- Sullivan, M. (2004) **The Correspondence of Catherine McAuley 1818-1841** Dublin: Four Courts Press [Note: Three of Catherine's letters are explored in Module 2 of the Orientation to Mercy Program]
- Sullivan, M. (2012) **The Path of Mercy** Dublin: Four Courts Press
- Schneider, A. (2019) **A Lens on the Works of Mercy: Clare Agnew and her Legacy** Dublin: Mercy International Association [Note: can be ordered via the Mercy International Association Online Shop website]
- Thompson, C. (2023) **Be as shining Lamps Leadership in Mission Charism Series Book 2** Mercy Partners [Note: can be ordered via the Mercy Partners website]
- The Resources listed above can be borrowed from the MMC Resource Library which can be contacted via welcome@mercyministrycompanions.org.au

