Join Mercy International Association for a retreat, programme, or workshop. This booklet provides information and descriptions for programmes offered both in Dublin, Ireland and virtually during 2023. Additional information is available on our website.

www.mercyworld.org
Mercy International Centre offers vibrant spaces with all the amenities to meet your groups’ needs. Located in the heart of the city, the Centre boasts space for conferences, meetings, workshops, community celebrations, and spiritual wellness. We can accommodate large groups or small meetings. The building has a lift and is wheelchair accessible. MIC can provide custom setup, car parking, catering packages in our dining room, garden or outdoor patio access, and accommodation. The Centre is updated with the latest technology for presentations and high speed business wifi.

**Room Bookings**

*Non-profit discounts available. Catering needs can be arranged by request.*

**International Room (80 max)**
Full day €375 | Half day or Evening €225

**Coolock Room (80 max)**
Full day €375 | Half day or Evening €225

**Heritage Room (60 max)**
Full day €375 | Half day or Evening €225

**Doyle Room (20 max)**
Full day €270 | Half day or Evening €175

**Library (8 max)**
Full day €100 | Half day or Evening €60

**Chapel (100 max)**, please contact MIC to organise use of the Chapel

*All rooms have 20% surcharge for weekend use.*

**School Groups**

*MIC hosts school group retreats! Pricing includes morning snack.*

**Secondary Student Retreats**, €15/student from 9:30am - 2:30pm

**Confirmation Retreats**, €12/student from 9:30am - 2:30pm

**Primary Student & Communion Retreats**, €10/student from 9:30am - 1:30pm

*If you would like to organise a tour of Baggot Street please contact us!*

**Contact**

*MIC Receptionist, +353.1.661.8061 or receptionist@mercyinternational.ie*  
*Please list details of room rental, number of persons, and date preference*

[www.mercyworld.org/our-centre/conference-facilities](http://www.mercyworld.org/our-centre/conference-facilities)
The staff of MIA is eager to welcome you to Catherine’s House, the first house of Mercy built by Catherine McAuley in response to the needs of the poor of Dublin. This house is a Centre of Hospitality, Heritage, Pilgrimage, and Renewal, and is home to the global Mercy community. Mercy International Centre welcomes visitors and pilgrims from all over the world.

Céad Míle Fáilte: A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

Programme Details

This booklet provides information about 2023 programmes hosted both in Dublin, Ireland and virtually. Week long programmes are scheduled from Sunday through Friday. Residential participants are welcome to arrive on Sunday to settle into your room. Those needing additional nights of accommodation should indicate this during registration.

Contact Information

To register for programmes, please email:
programmes@mercyinternational.ie

For information or bookings, please contact:
info@mercyinternational.ie
+353 1 661 8061

Refund Policy

In light of COVID-19, MIA has updated our refund policy. MIA will not refund programme fees. We will arrange for fees and deposits paid to be credited towards a different programme if the participant has a conflict or is unable to travel. Refunds will be processed in the event that Mercy International Association cancels the programme. For those traveling to Ireland, MIA strongly encourages booking flights and travel that accepts changes. We are unable to reimburse travel expenses for canceled or rescheduled programmes.

thank you!
**PROGRAMMES BY DATE**

**JANUARY**
- 6 January  Virtual: Women’s Christmas Retreat
- 22 January  Mercy Education Pilgrimage (week)

**FEBRUARY**
- 22 February  Ash Wednesday Prayer Service at Mercy International Centre
- 22 February  Virtual: 7-week Lenten Spirituality Gatherings (weekly)

**MARCH**
- 5 March  Final Vows Retreat Experience
- 31 March  Contemplative Practices (weekend)

**APRIL**
- 23 April  Spirituality Renewal Retreat (week)

**MAY**
- 21 May  Catherine’s Suscipe: Prayer of a Social Mystic (week)

**JUNE**
- 18 June  Justice & Sustainable Development through a Lens of Mercy (week)
- 27 June  Young Mercy Leaders Pilgrimage: 17 and under (4-days)

**JULY**
- 23 July  Spiritual Directors Retreat (week)

**AUGUST**
- 11 August  Creative Meditation (weekend)
- 20 August  Silent Centering Prayer Retreat (week)

**SEPTEMBER**
- 3 Sept  Eco-Spirituality & The 8th Work of Mercy (week)
- 19 Sept  Mercy Ethos (week)
- 24 Sept  Mercy Day Celebration (Mass)

**OCTOBER**
- 1 October  Sabbatical Programme (4-weeks)

**NOVEMBER**
- 11 Nov  Catherine McAuley Remembrance Day
- 29 Nov  Virtual: Advent Spirituality Gatherings (4-weeks)

**DECEMBER**
- 7 Dec  Advent Retreat (3-days)
- 12 Dec  Foundation Day
WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS RETREAT
Friday, 6 January, 12pm (Dublin) virtual

Women’s Christmas is an Irish tradition to mark the Feast of the Epiphany. This programme will uncover stories of women who made a great impact on the birth of Christ, and provide space for rejuvenation for the women who work tirelessly during the holidays. Join via Zoom from 12pm - 2:30pm (Dublin).

Cost: €30

MERCY EDUCATION PILGRIMAGE
Sun, 22 January - Friday, 27 January Dublin, Ireland

The Mercy Education Pilgrimage is a unique opportunity for those involved in education in any way. Focusing on the education tradition within Mercy, participants will have an opportunity to deepen their connection to Mercy, and explore Catherine’s story and her approach to leadership in the context of living Mercy today.

Residential: €625 (Accommodation & all meals provided)
Non-Residential: €410 (Lunch provided)

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE
Wednesday, 22 February Baggot Street Chapel

All are welcome to gather in the Baggot Street Chapel at MIC for an Ash Wednesday prayer service.

Open to the public

LENTEN SPIRITUALITY GATHERINGS
Wednesday, 22 February (7-Weeks) virtual: weekly on Wednesdays

Meet virtually at 12pm (Dublin) on Wednesdays during Lent for spirituality sessions to explore the scriptural themes of the season and journey with participants during this time of reflection and Easter preparation.

Suggested Donation: €70 (€10/session)

FINAL VOWS EXPERIENCE
Sun, 5 March - Sun, 12 March Dublin, Ireland

MIA invites members of the Sisters of Mercy who are preparing for final vows to a retreat experience in Dublin.

Residential: €895

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES RETREAT
Fri, 31 March - Sun, 2 April Dublin, Ireland

Explore contemplative practices while engaging in thoughtful dialogue to uncover emerging truths. This retreat weekend will journey through contemplative spirituality to engage participants in the present and grow in deeper understanding of themselves and others.

Residential: €580 (Accommodation & all meals provided)
Non-Residential: €90 (Lunch provided)

SPIRITUALITY RENEWAL RETREAT
Sun, 23 April - Fri, 28 April Dublin, Ireland

This five-day retreat will explore spirituality across multiple themes while providing retreatants the opportunity to re-energize and renew their spiritual connectedness. Diverse daily spiritual practices will be introduced including meditation and art journaling. Participants will learn to find balance in their lives, and explore themes and exercises to cultivate wholeness.

Residential: €575 (Accommodation & all meals provided)
Non-Residential: €290 (Lunch provided)

CATHERINE’S SUSCIPLE: PRAYER OF A SOCIAL MYSTIC
Sun, 21 May - Fri, 26 May Dublin, Ireland

Catherine was a social mystic - a woman whose spirituality had direct social implications for the people of her day. We too are social mystics with those we serve through our ministries impacted by our own spirituality. During this guided retreat we will explore Catherine’s Suscipe, listening attentively with the ‘ear of our hearts’ to the fresh and encouraging words she wishes to share with us. Renewed and refreshed in Mercy, we will go forth to face the issues of our own time with Catherine’s depth of imagination and courage! Facilitated by Mary Pat Garvin, rsm.

Residential: €575 (Accommodation & all meals provided)
Non-Residential: €290 (Lunch provided)
**JUSTICE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A LENS OF MERCY**  
**Sun, 18 June - Fri, 23 June**  
**Dublin, Ireland**

This justice focused five-day retreat will explore justice and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through a lens of Mercy. We will discuss intersectional justice issues, the Mercy justice advocacy model, and what a future of sustainable development looks like for all.

**Residential:** €575 (Accommodation & all meals provided)  
**Non-Residential:** €290 (Lunch provided)

**CREATIVE MEDITATION RETREAT**  
**Fri, 11 August - Sun, 13 August**  
**Dublin, Ireland**

Enjoy a weekend introduction to meditation through art. Participants will learn about art as a spiritual practice, explore prompts in a creative setting, and be encouraged to draw closer to their inner child. No artistic ability required! Art materials will be provided for participants.

**Residential:** €300 (Accommodation & all meals provided)  
**Non-Residential:** €120 (Lunch provided)

**SILENT CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT**  
**Sun, 20 August - Fri, 25 August**  
**Dublin, Ireland**

This five-day retreat will provide a contemplative space to centre yourself in prayer and explore a call to deeper listening. This silent method of meditation will lead participants on a journey of connectedness to Catherine. The retreat will include time in Catherine’s house at Baggot Street, and access to spiritual direction.

**Residential:** €575 (Accommodation & all meals provided)  
**Non-Residential:** €290 (Lunch provided)

**ECO-SPRITUALITY & THE 8TH WORK OF MERCY**  
**Sun, 3 September - Fri, 8 September**  
**Dublin, Ireland**

This five-day retreat will provide spiritual context to ecological sustainability and deepen your connection to creation. The transformative relationship of humans and earth will be explored while also providing time for reflection and time in nature. Additionally, participants will examine the 8th work of Mercy and our call to corporal and spiritual action.

**Residential:** €575 (Accommodation & all meals provided)  
**Non-Residential:** €290 (Lunch provided)

**YOUNG MERCY LEADERS PILGRIMAGE**  
**Tues, 27 June - Fri, 30 June (17 & under)**  
**Dublin, Ireland**

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with individuals from around the world while learning more about Mercy leadership. Sessions will highlight stories of Mercy, provide leadership formation opportunities, and present global Mercy initiatives.

**Cost:** €260 (Non-resident only)

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS RETREAT**  
**Sun, 23 July - Fri, 28 July**  
**Dublin, Ireland**

This five-day retreat will provide sessions for spiritual directors to explore more deeply what it means to listen for the movement of God in everyday life. There will be intentional time for renewal to address the weight carried in spiritual accompaniment and training to explore new possibilities. *Facilitated by Carole Carmody, rsm.*

**Residential:** €575 (Accommodation & all meals provided)  
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**Non-Residential:** €290 (Lunch provided)
**Sabbatical at Mercy International**

**Sunday, October 1 - Saturday, October 28**

This four-week gentle retreat will balance speakers, sessions, and reflective time in Catherine’s house. Participants will be led on a journey to explore our Mercy roots, have access to spiritual direction, and be provided with thoughtful materials for contemplation and renewal. Weekends will be free for participants to immerse themselves in the local community and Irish culture.

**Residential Cost: €4250**
The cost of the programme includes accommodation at Baggot Street and all meals. Stipends will be provided for occasional dinners out. Participants will receive a welcome packet with a prepaid local transportation card, visitor passes to local museums and churches, and access cards and information for day trips to Irish and Mercy heritage sites. Optional pilgrimages to Knock Shrine and Glendalough is included.

**Why Sabbatical at Mia**
Catherine McAuley wrote “Won’t you pray fervently that we may all have a profitable holy retreat. May almighty God helps us to make it well.” A sabbatical experience at MIC in Dublin provides the opportunity for a profitable, holy retreat by providing space for rest and rejuvenation, spending time in Catherine’s house, and learning more about the culture and traditions where Mercy was born.

Please contact with questions!
2023 PROGRAMMES
at Baggot Street & Virtual

THE CENTRE

Mercy International Centre is located in the heart of Dublin city at:

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