

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

ROOM BOOKINGS

at baggot street

THE CENTRE

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 e375 | Half day or Evening e225

Coolock Room (80 max), Full day e375 | Half day or Evening e225

Heritage Room (60 max), Full day e375 | Half day or Evening e225

Doyle Room (20 max), Full day e270 | Half day or Evening e175

Library (8 max), Full day e100 | Half day or Evening e60

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



Céad Míle Fáilte: A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

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.

MIA

Baggot Street, Dublin

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.



PROGRAMMES BY DATE

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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 Experience31 March Contemplative Practices (weekend)

APRIL

23 April Spirituality Renewal Retreat (week)

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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)

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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

Thursday, 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 Dublín, Iveland

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.

SPIRITUALITY RENEWAL RETREAT

Sun, 23 April - Fri, 28 April

Dublin, Ircland

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 SUSCIPE: 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.

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) 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.

SILENT CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

Sun, 20 August - Fri, 25 August

Dublin, Ircland

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.

ECO-SPIRITUALITY & 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.

MERCY ETHOS

Tues, 19 September - Sun, 24 September Dublín, Iveland

Join a five day Mercy ethos experience to draw closer to Catherine's story, the foundation of Mercy, and envision our next century of Mercy. Participants in this programme are welcome to attend mass and Mercy Day celebrations.

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

MERCY DAY MASS & CELEBRATIONS

Sun, 24 September

Baggot Street Chapel

All are welcome for Mercy Day mass and celebrations. Tea will be served following mass.

All are welcome!

CATHERINE MCAULEY REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sat, 11 November

Baggot Street Chapel

All are welcome to gather in the Baggot Street Chapel at MIC for a Remembrance Day Prayer.

All are welcome!

ADVENT SERIES (4 WEEKS)

Wed, November 29 (weekly on Wednesdays)

This fully virtual four-week retreat will meet weekly on Sundays to pray, explore the scriptural themes of the season, and journey with participants during this time of anticipation and preparation.

Recommended Donation: €40 (€10/session)

ADVENT: JOURNEYING WITH THE MAGI Thurs, 7 December - Sun, 10 December Dublin, Ireland

This three-day retreat will provide participants with space to step back from the day-to-day and focus on preparation for Christmas, the birth of new stirrings, and a deeper calling to connection. We will explore the gospel messages of the Advent season and the journey of the Magi from searching to discovering.

Residential: \bigcirc 385 (Accommodation & all meals provided) Non-Residential: \bigcirc 185 (Lunch provided)

FOUNDATION DAY

Mon, 12 December

Baggot Street Chapel

Celebrate Foundation Day at Baggot Street.

All are welcome!

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!

