

'We are to be the mat carriers of the paralyzed, the coffin bearers in Nain, the arms on which the lame lean, those who listen to the mute and cry out for wider human listening, those who eat with and try to influence the tax collectors... the hands assisting the blind, the voices that encourage lepers to come forward, the boy who brings and shares his two fish, the Simons of Cyrene, the centurions who offer sponges soaked in wine. Through such mercying, we may slowly awaken ourselves and others from the harmful sleep of our inhumanity.'

- Mary Sullivan rsm



Water pitcher from Newfoundland and Labrador by sculptor, Gerald Squires

'In all the voices – theologian, artist, distinct voice, scientist, minister, global thinker, prayer maker – which voice speaks most passionately to me about mercying?'

(Musing for the Journey)



Ceramic Tile, St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, St. John's Newfoundland, Gerald Squires



'Let us ask for the grace to become witnesses of mercy. Only in this way will our faith be alive and our lives unified. Only in this way will we proclaim the Gospel of God, which is the Gospel of mercy'

(Pope Francis)



Las Hermanas de la Misericordia de Terranova y Labrador viajando con Perú y su gente

Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland & Labrador journeying with Peru & people of Peru

'Mercying has a rhythm of breathing in, breathing out. Breathing in the mercy of God for us, and breathing out the mercy of God to the world. In our contemplative prayer we are being transformed into Mercy, and it spills forth into our relationships with all creation. Catherine McAuley spoke frequently of this relationship of being centered in God and the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy.'

- Jean Adam rsm & Carolyn McWatters rsm

'We look to the Scriptures to see what "mercying" means. In the Old Testament, in the book of Micah, the prophet invites us, "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Mic 6:8). In the New Testament, the good Samaritan teaches us, "He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him" (Lk 10:34). In the Hindu holy books, the Sanskrit word for mercy is दया (daya), in its literal meaning, "Suffering in the suffering of all beings."

- Elizabeth Davis rsm

'The pandemic has increased the rates of crime and hunger in most towns of our country... "Mercying" is at risk, and a huge challenge and often becomes only a feeling at this time of the global pandemic in Papua New Guinea.'

- Theresia Tina rsm

'Mercying' is our daily gift and our daily challenge.'

- Elizabeth MacNeal

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