



**‘In our lives of service and in our relationships with one another, we are agents of God’s merciful presence to one another... We pray for the grace of personal transformation through this crisis – may we use this time of lockdown and solitude to look at ourselves, review our attitudes and reassess our priorities.’**

-Michelle Goh rsm (frontline worker)

**‘Human beings must feel that they are sons and daughters of the rainbow, those who translate this divine covenant with all the beings existing and living, with new relationships of kindness, compassion, cosmic solidarity, and deep reverence for the mystery that each one bears and reveals.’**

-Leonardo Boff (*Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*)

**‘This year the pandemic is affecting every person, especially those living in poverty and sleeping on our streets. Believing that each of us is an image of God, we can say that Jesus continues to be homeless today in our towns and cities and we are faced with the question, “Can we pass them by and ignore their plight?”’**

-Marie O’Dea rsm



Artwork by Michael G Pacto rsm, Philippines

**‘Doing justice in ministry, loving kindness in community and walking humbly with God for both ministry and community, are a simple and vibrant expression of right relationships among humans and with their God.’**

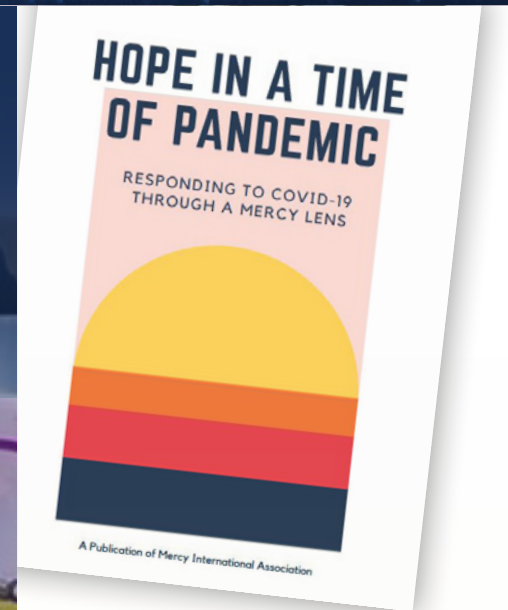
-Elizabeth Davis rsm

**‘What does the Lord require of you, O mortal, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?’**

(Micah 6:8)

**‘A time to share the passion of Catherine to bring mercy to the needy; A time to embrace in our hearts those neglected, displaced, and experiencing uncertainty, anxiety and fears; A time to welcome the homeless, hungry and lowly; A time to hear the cry of the voiceless and those aiming to end violence and racism; A time to stand firm in the truth of the gospels, and a time to promote justice and peace; A time to renew our hearts A time to recognize and respect the sacredness of your creation A time to celebrate your mercy and love.’**

-Marian Ladrera rsm



**‘Hope in a Time of Pandemic: Responding to COVID-19 Through a Mercy Lens has revealed a “pandemic of kindness”, demonstrating the human capacity for transformation and calling forth great acts of resilience, kindness and creativity. In a world plagued by poverty, racism, sexism, xenophobia, and other forms of systemic marginalization, Mercy ministries exemplify a culture of encounter that emphasizes the dignity and rights of all people, and works to reduce social, economic and political inequalities.’**

-Cecilie Kern



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