

‘In light of the present needs of God's people, where are you noticing new ways of serving in Mercy either bubbling up or actually flowering? In light of all that you have reflected on, to what ministerial action does God seem to be inviting you now?’

-Mary Anne Nolan rsm



“We can't return to normal because the normal that we had was precisely the problem.”
Graffiti in Hong Kong

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‘There is no doubt where Mercy is calling us today. She is calling us together to help shape an integral and integrating vision, one which allows people in all their diversity to flourish and one which allows bioregions in all their diversity to flourish. We know where our new foundations must be!’

-Elizabeth Davis rsm



Sunrise Coolangatta beach
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**They said to each other,
“Were not our hearts
burning within us while
he was talking to us on the
road, while he was opening
the scriptures to us?”**

Lk 24:32



Catherine McAuley rose, Anne Walsh

‘Whānau Mercy has become an important phrase for describing Mercy's extended family, in which sisters and their partners in ministry, their students, staff and volunteers are able to rejoice in sharing the one and same charism, handed down from Catherine McAuley by the pioneer sisters who brought the seed of Mercy to these shores and planted it in the lives of all those they touched, especially through their ministries of education, healthcare and community service.’

-Dennis Horton

‘This response requires imagination and relationships – relationships with young people crying out for climate justice, with racial and ethnic minorities seeking equity, with indigenous peoples seeking protection of their land and way of life, with immigrants seeking rights and dignity. It requires casting aside old thinking grounded in slavery, suspicion of newcomers, considering natural resources as objects for exploitation.’

-Marianne Comfort

‘Hurra for foundations, makes the old young and the young merry’

-Catherine McAuley to Cecilia Marmion, 1841

Good Reading: “What is the meaning of the great stop, the apausalypse?”
by Andri Snær Magnason and Anní Ólafsdóttir

“‘Acting in solidarity with impoverished peoples” challenges Mercy Focus on Haiti to listen to the people of Haiti, to take direction from them, to work beside them in addressing their needs. All are sharing the desire to create conditions for them to thrive.’

Members of Mercy Focus on Haiti
(Kathryn Gauthier, Jane M Heil, Kathy Thornton rsm,
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Dale Jarvis rsm)



Plastic Coated, Sophie Snowball

‘We urgently need a humanism capable of bringing together the different fields of knowledge, including economics, in the service of a more integral and integrating vision.’

-Laudato Si, #141

‘Religious life as we have known it may be over so the title *New Foundations in Mercy* demands a new perspective. I see it as new connections in mercy in the context of the charism of mercy. My experience of being in school has taught me much of how that charism is lived out. The multiplicity of kind acts that occur on a daily basis; the words of affirmation; the looking out for the lost and sometimes very broken in our midst and the ownership of who we are as a school in the mercy tradition.’

-Anne Maria O'Carroll rsm



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