



CONFERENCE DATE CLAIMER

THE CHALLENGES OF LIVING MERCY | BRISBANE | 21-23 SEPTEMBER 2011

This conference is being sponsored by the Brisbane Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy as part of their sesquicentenary celebrations. Planning is still at a very preliminary stage, but we invite you to note the dates for what is shaping as a very exciting and in-depth consideration of the challenges of living mercy today.

21 Sept – Challenges from our Tradition (Keynote speaker: Caitlin Conneely rsm)

22 Sept – Challenges from our World (Keynote speaker: Deirdre Mullan rsm)

23 Sept – Challenges for the Future (Keynote speaker: Peta Goldberg rsm)

As well, there will be a wide range of workshops/seminars etc led by Sisters of Mercy and lay colleagues from various Mercy ministries around Australia. A call for workshop/seminar abstracts will be made in February 2011. Please consider what you or your colleagues have to offer to the wider Mercy community.

Cost To be advised. Every effort will be made to keep the registration fee as low as possible to enable maximum attendance.

Keynote Speakers **Caitlin Conneely rsm** is a native of the Arran Islands and a member of the Western province of the Irish Sisters of Mercy. Until recently she was the Director of the Mercy International Centre in Dublin. She is much in demand as a speaker on Catherine McAuley and the early Mercy story.

Dierdre Mullan rsm is an Irish Sister of Mercy of the Northern Province. Currently she is the Director of Mercy Global Concern which maintains a Mercy presence at the United Nations in New York. She is an engaging and challenging speaker on contemporary issues of concern to people of Mercy.

Peta Goldberg rsm is an Australian Sister of Mercy of the Brisbane Congregation. Professor Goldberg holds the foundation Chair of Religious Education at Australian Catholic University. Her presentation will explore what it means for Mercy related ministries to be Catholic and Mercy in today's diverse world.