



MERCY
Associates
Institute of Sisters of Mercy
of Australia & Papua New Guinea

One Charism, Many Paths

Vision Statement

Mercy Associates are called to live and share the mercy of God.

We are women and men inspired by the life of Jesus Christ revealed in Scripture, and by the vision and charism of Catherine McAuley.

Guided by mercy values of compassion, justice, hospitality and hope, we:

- ◆ celebrate and give thanks for God's merciful love
- ◆ nurture our relationship with God
- ◆ witness to our faith in prayer and action, giving expression to God's mercy under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in response to the needs of these times in the ordinariness of our daily lives and in right relationship with all of creation.
- ◆ journey with each other and in companionship with the Sisters of Mercy.

Vision in Practice

Mercy Associates form faith communities in which to nurture and live out together the charism and mission of mercy. We deepen our participation in the mission of Mercy by:

Growing as just and compassionate communities who:

- ◆ Pray together
- ◆ Participate in formation through engagement with the ongoing stories of God's mercy, Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy
- ◆ Develop a reflective, mindful perspective on Mercy and Justice issues
- ◆ Discern social needs and issues, including calls for Mercy ministry support
- ◆ Celebrate significant Mercy dates and occasions locally and across the Institute
- ◆ Participate in gatherings and pilgrimages to Mercy places of heritage – local, regional, national and international
- ◆ Support the public voice of ISMAPNG on justice issues.

Ensuring a balance between contemplation and action in the Mercy tradition, by:

- ◆ Nurturing a spirit of prayer individually and at all gatherings
- ◆ Discerning actions by drawing on scripture, mercy tradition, and life experiences
- ◆ Responding with prayer and action to the discerned needs of our time
- ◆ Developing a culture within the group that respects and encourages this balance
- ◆ Being attentive to the wonder of creation
- ◆ Striving to live a sustainable lifestyle.

