



Mercy Day: A Call to Action

From the Sisters of Mercy:

Our mission of Mercy is carried out and guided by prayerful consideration of the needs of our time. In a world where there are many local and global challenges, we seek to hear and respond to the despair and suffering of many peoples and the degradation of the Earth by bringing justice and love through our actions wherever we are. Always seeking to open ourselves to receive God's Mercy, we strive to ensure that God can be Mercy for others through us.

While continuing to be a face of Mercy in our everyday lives and situations, we are particularly focused on the Earth community and those people who are poor and displaced in many ways.

2020 has been a year of particular challenge for our whole global community. We know that many in our community are feeling isolated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We also know that many of the elderly members of our community have been particularly impacted by this.

The challenges our environment faces may have not been as front of mind as they otherwise might have due to the pandemic, however, these challenges are still just as present and require us to take action to ensure we are doing our part to bring sustainability and care for our common home to reality.

WATCH 'The Great Realization'

Today, as a Mercy community, we are calling all members of the CMC community to take action in solidarity with the rest of our Mercy community. This might be an act of kindness for someone who is feeling particularly

isolated, such as writing a card or a letter to a resident of an Aged Care Home. It might be an act of care for our common home by going for a walk to a local bushland reserve and collecting rubbish, or even doing an audit of your regular habits or purchases to see if there are more sustainable ways to conduct ourselves that better protects the earth's scarce resources.



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Mercy Works

Mercy Works was formed in 2000 and strives to improve life outcomes for people in our world. Mercy Works is the development arm of the Sisters of Mercy in Australia and Papua New Guinea. We partner with challenged communities in Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Australia to promote justice and self-reliance. We only respond to requests for help and never impose what we think people might need.

Mercy Works Vision

It is our vision that the communities we work with all have equal access to basic human needs such as education, health care and social welfare.

Traditionally, our College fundraising focus for term 3 is Mercy Works. We know this year has been difficult, however, please consider how you may contribute to their great work.

Below you will find some guidelines, but remember, these are by no means exhaustive, you are only limited by your imagination in what you might achieve today.

Call to Action Possibilities

- Write a 'Thinking of You' card or letter to a resident of an Aged Care Home. Some homes and residents have been isolated now for a number of weeks and this is something we know is welcomed by the residents. Our iGen Program has impacted positively on the residents at Bethlehem and we have been invited to contribute further in our Mercy world. Please submit your letter here. [LINK](#)
- Take action for your local environment. Could be collecting rubbish, cleaning up a garden bed, planting a tree. If you want, take a photo and upload here: [LINK](#)
- Do an audit of your purchases asking questions like: is this a sustainably sourced resource? What sort of packaging does this come in? Is that packaging necessary? What other ways could this be sourced?
- Can you help Mercy Works in any way? Have a look at their website and see if there is anything you can do. [Give Now](#) if you are able to...
- Feel free to add others everyone.....?
