

MERCY WELLSPRINGS NEWSLETTER



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LIVING THE VALUES OF MERCY WELLSPRINGS

Compassion – respect dignity of each person, extend tenderness and care to whole of creation

Respect – recognize each one uniquely made in God's image, celebrate beauty & integrity of creation

Justice – uphold and support the rights of all persons and Earth

Collaboration - engage others as partners, welcome diversity and inclusion

Deep Listening - hear the voices of people, of Earth beings, and of Earth herself



Mercy Wellsprings Board of Directors

WELCOME FALL 2026 & THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS!!

As Fall 2026 begins, we are grateful for the continued support and partnership that guide us through this important season. We are making meaningful progress with our transition planning, thoughtfully preparing for the future while staying true to our mission and values.

In this edition, we are pleased to share updates on this journey and the steps we are taking toward a strong and purposeful next chapter. Thank you for walking alongside us as we move forward together.

“How kind and charitable and merciful ought not Sisters of Mercy be?” Catherine McAuley

SUMMER UPDATE

Over the past few months, activity has naturally slowed during the summer season; however, our focus on transition planning has continued. Following the second round of sessions with the Sponsored Ministries and the Board, we have continued to refine and advance our transition plan, while also making progress on governance-related work.

We continue to build on our Mercy Wellsprings Formation Moments and have begun planning an upcoming session to which all Board members will be invited. We expect this will happen in 2027.

In addition, we recently completed updates to the [Mercy Wellsprings pages](#) on the Sisters of Mercy NL website.

Formation

We debuted our **Mercy Wellsprings Formation Moments** back in March 2026. Since that time Anne Walsh and I have been collaborating regarding topics and developing these one-page Moments.

While these Formation Moments are sent via email, they are also saved on the Mercy Wellsprings webpages on the Sisters of Mercy website - [Formation Moments – Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland](#).

Website Update

The [Sisters of Mercy NL website](#) has gone through a transformation and with that came updates to our Mercy Wellsprings webpages. With these

**The Opening of Catherine McAuley's
House of Mercy on Baggot Street,
Dubline, Ireland – September 24, 1827**



200th
ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF
Catherine McAuley's
FIRST HOUSE OF MERCY

One year from now, on September 24,
2027, we will celebrate the 200th
anniversary of the opening of the House of
Mercy.

To learn more about how we open doors of
mercy today, go to:

<https://www.mercyworld.org/opening-doors/>

Happy Mercy Day – September 24!



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[Mercy Wellsprings page](#)

changes, the aim was to create pages that could be lifted and shifted to our own website. Starting this fall, we plan to have more in depth conversations around our website development.

Strategy - Transition Planning

Transition planning has been top of mind for the past couple of months. With the support of the Leadership Team and the Sponsored Ministries, we have done a great job in identifying themes and actions we need to undertake to move forward with the transition. Work has been done to take this and develop a more robust project plan outlining actions, people responsible and timelines. This plan will guide the work that will be required for an effective transition.

Financial-Governance Update

Over the past few months, we have had numerous discussions regarding the financial structure and governance of Mercy Wellsprings. Our initial focus was to develop a clear understanding of the arrangements currently in place with the Congregation and to identify the steps required to establish Mercy Wellsprings.

A key priority is ensuring that appropriate structures and processes are in place for financial management, banking, payroll and benefits, policy development, and the transfer of funds. As part of this work, we agreed to explore various financial management options, including whether engaging a third-party financial management provider could provide stronger controls, greater cost-effectiveness, and increased flexibility during the initial years of operation.

There are several areas requiring further follow-up, including investigating payroll and benefits options for Mercy Wellsprings employees; reviewing and updating financial and governance policies to ensure alignment with the by-laws and reserved powers; and seeking expert guidance on CRA and Canon Law requirements related to the transfer of funds from the Congregation, both now and in the future.

While we have identified and are continuing to define and evaluate a number of important next steps, this work will continue to evolve. Further updates and decisions are anticipated over the coming months as we work toward establishing the appropriate financial and governance framework for Mercy Wellsprings.

MERCY WELLSPRINGS BOARD UPDATE

On September 22, the Mercy Wellsprings Board held its third Board meeting for 2026. During this meeting many topics were discussed including Formation, the website, review of the transition plan as well as governance and financial update. It was agreed we will continue with the actions set forth in the transition plan. We continue to work toward the goal of sustainability aligned with [Mercy Wellsprings' Foundational Statement and Guiding Principles](#).