

OFFICE of MERCY HERITAGE



The Office of Mercy Heritage introduces the story, tradition, and values of the Sisters of Mercy and celebrates the roots of Carlow University. We sponsor a number of programs and mission-related events throughout the year to assure the vibrancy of our Catholic Mercy heritage, such as:

SEASON OF MERCY

The Season of Mercy extends throughout the first semester commencing around September 24, the anniversary of the founding of the university, and ending on December 12, the founding date of the Sisters of Mercy. During this season, we honor the Sisters of Mercy, our founders, and engage in activities which highlight their Critical Concerns: Women, Earth, Immigration, Racism, and Violence. These festivities - both serious and whimsical - have included an ice cream truck on campus, receptions, lectures and panels, Mercy Service Day, art projects, film screenings, and Carlow Day, on which we celebrate the opening Mass of the academic year.

GOOD CUP OF TEA DAY

In the Mercy tradition, members of the Carlow community gather over tea and homemade baked goods to learn about the international work of the Sisters of Mercy and support the Mercy International Centre in Dublin—the house built by Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, to support her ministries.

MERCY ENCUESTRO

Be part of something new! Mercy Encuentro is a developing student organization that promotes the history, spirit, and Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy. Through learning, reflection, and service, students deepen the spiritual dimension of their lives and commit themselves to the principles of servant leadership. In keeping with our core value of Hospitality, the name Encuentro is taken from Pope Francis' encouragement for us to establish a culture of encounter.

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THE CENTER FOR MERCY HERITAGE AND SERVICE

The Office of Mercy Heritage, the Office of Campus Ministry, and the Office of Mercy Service make up the Center for Mercy Heritage and Service. The Center's mission is to embed in the members of the Carlow University community an appreciation of our Mercy heritage and core values and of their relevance to our lives and work. The Center promotes the dignity of each person, instills a lifelong desire to serve others, enables a community of worship, and nurtures individuals in their personal faith journeys.