Would you like to...
- make a difference in the world?
- deepen your faith life?
- help others?

Explore the number of ways you can join the Sisters of Mercy—centered in God and full of compassion, service and spirituality.

- Vowed membership as a Sister of Mercy
- Mercy Associates
- Mercy Volunteer Corps
- Companions in Mercy

Who Are the Sisters of Mercy?
The Sisters of Mercy is an international community of Roman Catholic women who dedicate their lives to God through vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and service. They live a life of prayer and service, responding to the needs of people facing poverty, illness and a lack of education.

For more than 180 years, motivated by the Gospel of Jesus and inspired by the spirit of their founder Catherine McAuley, the Sisters of Mercy have responded to the continually changing needs of the times.

The sisters sponsor and serve in more than 200 organizations that work with those in need in the U.S., Central and South America, Jamaica, Guam and the Philippines.

Share the mission of Mercy. Discover how at sistersofmercy.org.
Vowed Membership

Sisters of Mercy are committed to following Jesus Christ in his compassion for suffering people. Following the example of Catherine McAuley, who founded the order of Roman Catholic women religious in 1831, Sisters of Mercy profess public vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and service to poor, sick and uneducated persons.

Sisters of Mercy minister in hospitals, schools, parishes, prisons, retreat centers, and as social justice advocates. You'll even find them lobbying and working to create change on such timely and critical issues as immigration reform, homelessness, housing, healthcare, education and the environment.

A life of prayer and community is at the heart of the mission of the Sisters of Mercy.

Mercy Associates

Mercy Associates are women and men who hear and respond to a call from God, an invitation to Gospel holiness lived through sharing in the mission of Mercy. While maintaining an independent lifestyle, Associates make a commitment to Mercy through a formal and mutual covenant. Associates and sisters partner in the mission of Mercy, as they walk with and care for those who are poor, sick and uneducated. They support one another through prayer and participation in community life.

Mercy Volunteer Corps

Committed to compassionate service, a simple community lifestyle and spiritual growth, Mercy Volunteer Corps is comprised of lay women and men who dedicate one year or more to full-time service with people who are economically poor or marginalized.

Volunteers serve in the spirit of Mercy at ministries across the United States and internationally. Whether Mercy Volunteer Corps volunteers are teaching on the Navajo reservation in Arizona, serving the needs of people who are homeless in Sacramento, California, caring for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Baltimore, Maryland, or mentoring boys who live in an orphanage in Guyana, South America, their mission is common: service in the spirit of Mercy.

Companions in Mercy

Companions in Mercy are women and men who seek to walk a path marked out by Jesus and by Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy. They respond to the call of the Gospel by making a commitment inspired by the mission of Mercy; manifested by a life of service and prayer; supported by community relationships; and sealed with a private vow of Mercy.

Answering the Call to Mercy

We know the importance of fully discerning and exploring every option as you pursue your calling in life. We also understand that your journey is a deeply personal one. The Sisters of Mercy celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of all who desire to share in the life of Mercy.

If the strong feeling in your heart to do something more might be calling you to join the Sisters of Mercy as a sister, associate, companion or Mercy Volunteer Corps volunteer, contact us. We would love to connect with you.

Wherever you are on your journey, there’s a place for you in Mercy.