

June 30 - July 3, 2019

Mercyhurst University  
Erie, Pennsylvania



*Conference of*  
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**Student**  
**Leaders**

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# Conference of Mercy Student Leaders

**Welcome to our first annual event!**

## *Logistics*

**When:** Sunday afternoon, June 30 - Wednesday morning, July 3, 2019

**Where:** Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. *Mercyhurst University is a sponsored institution of the Sisters of Mercy.*

**Accommodations:** Accommodations for students and chaperones will be provided at Mercyhurst University. Students will share dormitory suites that include two bedrooms and two bathrooms as well as a small kitchenette and living area.

**Parking:** Participants should use the parking lot located to the north of Ryan Hall - please see map attached to this program. The parking lot that should be used is circled.

## *Student Presentations on Critical Concerns*

We are requesting that each school's student delegation prepare a brief, 10-15 minute presentation that shares how your school lives out the Mercy Critical Concerns. The presentation can also include significant Mercy traditions that you celebrate at your school.

**Website:** [bit.ly/mercy-student-leaders](http://bit.ly/mercy-student-leaders) | **Questions:** [kbaxter@sistersofmercy.org](mailto:kbaxter@sistersofmercy.org)





## Program Goals



Participants will grow in their understanding of the mission of Mercy and Catherine McAuley.



Participants will engage in Mercy Critical Concerns through a direct service opportunity and education about Mercy ministries in Haiti.



Participants will enhance individual leadership skills and goals through various exercises and team-building activities.

# Packing Checklist

## Essentials

- License or school identification card
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle
- Toiletries
- Beach towel
- Medical card (in case of emergency)
- Personal prescription(s), if applicable
- Extra pillow if desired. All participants will be provided with sheets, blanket, one pillow, towels and washcloths.

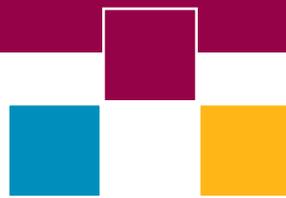
## Clothing

- Comfortable, lightweight clothing - shorts, t-shirts, etc. *Please be mindful of packing **appropriate** attire, i.e. no revealing shorts or tops, no clothing with inappropriate language or images.*
- One pair of jeans or pants
- Sweatshirt and/or jacket
- Sneakers
- Flip-flops
- Bathing suit

## Other Items

- Journal or notebook
- School presentation (See page 1)
- A positive attitude!

*We recommend leaving valuables, including school rings, at home so they are not misplaced.*



# Schedule

## *Sunday, June 30*

**3:00-5:00 pm** Registration and check-in to residence hall. Participants encouraged to be present by 4:00 pm.

**5:00 pm** Welcome and introductions

**6:00 pm** Dinner

**7:00 pm** Presentation on the mission and charism of Catherine McAuley by Sister Sheila Carney, RSM, followed by a presentation of the film *In God Alone - The Story of Catherine McAuley*

**8:00 pm** Ice breakers and school presentations on Critical Concerns

**9:30 pm** Ice cream social

**11:00 pm** Lights out!

## *Monday, July 1*

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** Prayer & school presentations (*continued*)

**10:00 am** Leadership Development including Keirse Personality Inventory and presentation, "Build the Kingdom," by Mr. Ed Curtin, president of Mercyhurst Preparatory School

**12:00 pm** Lunch

**12:45 pm** School presentations (*continued*)

**1:30-2:30 pm** "Take Action! How YOU Can Raise Your Voice to Bring about Societal Change," presentation by Ms. Maggie Conley, Director of the Institute Justice Team of the Sisters of Mercy

**2:30 -5:00 pm** Service experience

**6:00 pm** Dinner

**7:00 pm** "Yearbook Activity" led by Mr. Ed Curtin

**8:00 pm** Team-building activity: "Tower-Building"

**11:00 pm** Lights out!

## *Tuesday, July 2*

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** Prayer & school presentations (*continued*)

**10:00 am** "Mercy Ministries in Haiti," presentations by Sisters Dale Jarvis and Jill Weber, RSM, from Mercy Focus on Haiti; and Sister Marilyn Lacey, RSM, from Mercy Beyond Borders

**12:00 pm** Lunch

**1:00 pm** Teamwork - planning projects to build school's relationship with Haiti

**3:00 pm** Group sharing about projects

**5:00 pm** Barbeque and evening out at Presque Isle State Park with swimming, volleyball and more

**10:00 pm** Social time

**11:00 pm** Lights out!

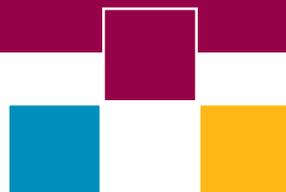
## *Wednesday, July 3*

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** Tour of Mercyhurst Preparatory School

**10:00 am** Mass, Commissioning Ceremony and group picture

**11:00 am** Departure



## Meet the Presenters



*Sister Sheila Carney, RSM*, a Sister of Mercy for 51 years, is the Special Assistant to the President for Mercy Heritage at Carlow University in Pittsburgh, PA. With degrees in English and ministry, she has served in education at the elementary, secondary, baccalaureate levels and in elementary administration. In addition, she has served her community in the incorporation of new members, the presidency of her regional community and membership on the Institute Leadership Team. Her special interest in the story of Catherine McAuley and the charism of Mercy has created the opportunity for her to travel the Mercy world, meeting sisters and associates, giving and receiving insights on our shared heritage. Sister Sheila is the vice postulator for the Cause of the Canonization of Catherine McAuley.



*Ms. Maggie Conley* is the Director of the Institute Justice Team for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and works at the Institute office in Silver Spring, MD. She joined Mercy in 2017 and is passionate about engaging the Mercy community with the Critical Concerns. Her work also focuses on forming partnerships to bring important issues to national policies. Ms. Conley has spent all of her professional career engaging in social justice through the Catholic Church, previously working with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and Catholic Relief Services. She serves on local boards for her parish and community and for her children's school system. She is a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, and currently lives in Silver Spring with her husband and three children.



*Mr. Ed Curtin* has over 25 years of teaching experience in the Theology Department at Mercyhurst Preparatory School (MPS), where he has spent almost his entire career. He received a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies/ Religious Education from Gannon University. Mr. Curtin served MPS as assistant principal from June 2011 until his appointment as president in July 2015. He was named a Golden Apple teacher in 2008. In the past, Mr. Curtin has served as MPS Athletic Director. He was also an adjunct instructor in the Religious Studies Department at Mercyhurst College and served as the Youth Minister / Confirmation Director at St. Julia's parish in the Diocese of Erie.



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*Sister Dale Jarvis, RSM*, currently volunteers as Co-Chair of the Development Committee for Mercy Focus on Haiti. Sister Dale has been involved with the work of Mercy Focus on Haiti since its beginning in 2011. She travels to Haiti regularly with high schools, colleges and adult immersion programs. Prior to this position, she served as a vocation minister for 11 years. Sister Dale's first years in ministry were in education as a science teacher and principal. She has served in many social justice roles, both nationally and internationally, including chair of the Mercy International Justice Network and director of Mercy Global Concern, the Sisters of Mercy's nongovernmental organization at the United Nations.



*Sister Marilyn Lacey, RSM*, is the founder and Executive Director of Mercy Beyond Borders, a nonprofit working with women and girls in South Sudan, Haiti, Uganda and Kenya to alleviate their extreme poverty. She has traveled well off the beaten path, ventured into war zones and more than once stared down rebels carrying machine guns. She has been working with displaced peoples since 1981. For her life's work Sister Marilyn was personally honored by the Dalai Lama in 2001 as an "unsung hero of compassion". In 2017 Sister Marilyn received a \$1 million global award from The Opus Prize Foundation in recognition of her faith-filled leadership with Mercy Beyond Borders. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from UC Berkeley and three honorary doctorates, but she insists that the poor have been her best teachers.



*Sister Jill Weber, RSM*, has been a Sister of Mercy for 46 years. Born and raised in Mount Vernon, NY, she met the Mercies at Sacred Heart College in Belmont, NC. After ministering in elementary education and administration, she earned a degree in physical therapy. With these skills she served hospital patients at Home Health Care and children and adults with special needs at Holy Angels in Belmont. In 2010, Sister Jill volunteered to go to Haiti to assist after a devastating earthquake destroyed Port au Prince. That experience brought her back to Haiti every year. In 2012, she became part of Mercy Focus on Haiti. And after retiring from Holy Angels, she decided to spend more time in Haiti and works with Mercy Focus on Haiti and our Mercy partners there.



## Connect with Mercy

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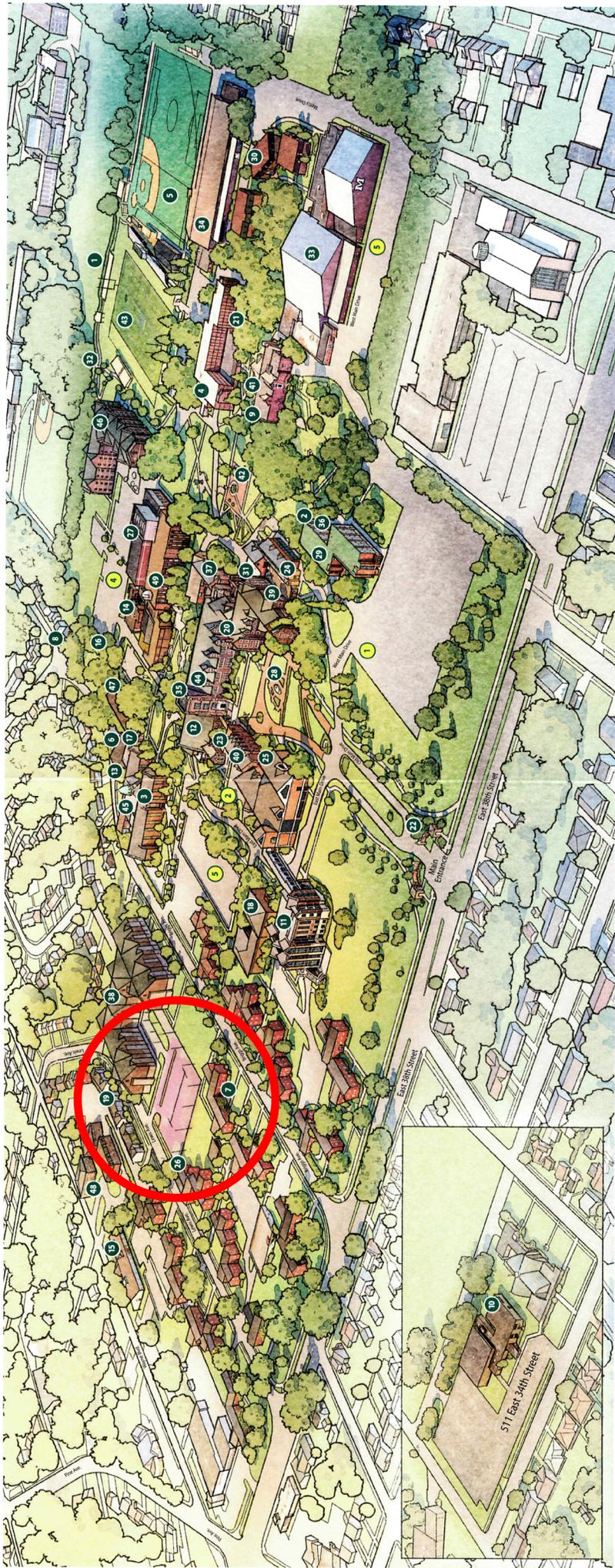
### *Mercy Ministries in Haiti*



Mercy Beyond Borders - [www.mercybeyondborders.org/](http://www.mercybeyondborders.org/)



Mercy Focus on Haiti - [mercyfocusonhaiti.org/](http://mercyfocusonhaiti.org/)



- 1 Alumni Hill Pavilion
- 2 Athletic Training
- 3 Audrey Hirt Academic Center
- 4 Baldwin Hall
- 5 Baseball/Soccer Field
- 6 Bookstore
- 7 Briggs Apartments
- 8 Briggs Hall Annex
- 9 Carolyn Herrmann Student Union
- 10 Catherine McAuley Center
- 11 Center for Academic Engagement
- 12 Christ the King Chapel
- 13 Cohen Student Health Center
- 14 D'Angelo Department of Music

- 15 Department of Interior Design
- 16 Department of Psychology
- 17 Distance Learning
- 18 Duval Apartments
- 19 East 41<sup>st</sup> Street Townhouses
- 20 Egan Hall
- 21 Football & Lacrosse Offices
- 22 Gates
- 23 Graduate Admissions
- 24 Grotto Commons
- 25 Hammermill Library
- 26 Lewis Apartments
- 27 Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center
- 28 Mary Garden

- 29 McAuley Hall
- 30 Mercy Apartments
- 31 Mercy Heritage Room
- 32 Mercy Walkway
- 33 Mercyhurst Athletic Center
- 34 Mercyhurst Ice Center
- 35 Old Main
- 36 Police & Safety
- 37 Preston Hall
- 38 Ryan Hall
- 39 Sullivan Hall
- 40 Taylor Little Theatre
- 41 The Roost
- 42 Trinity Green

- 43 Tullio Field
- 44 Undergraduate Admissions
- Walker Recital Hall
- Warder Hall
- Warder Townhouses
- Wayne Street Apartments
- Zurn Hall
- McAuley Lot
- Visitor Parking Lot
- MAC Parking Lot
- PAC Parking Lot
- Faculty Parking Garage



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