

June 28 - July 1, 2020

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Detroit, Michigan



Conference of
Mercy
Student
Leaders

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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 that relate to immigration.



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



Conference of Mercy Student Leaders

Student Leaders will ...

- Offer presentations to their peers on how their schools embrace the Mercy Critical Concerns.
- Participate in a direct service opportunity.
- Hone their leadership and team-building skills through facilitated workshops.
- Plan opportunities to share what they have learned at their schools.

The agenda also includes a fun activity in Detroit, a tour of Mercy High School - Farmington Hills and a closing liturgy and commissioning ceremony.



Registration opens April 1
Deadline: June 1

Website: bit.ly/mercy-student-leaders

Questions?
Contact Kimberly Baxter,
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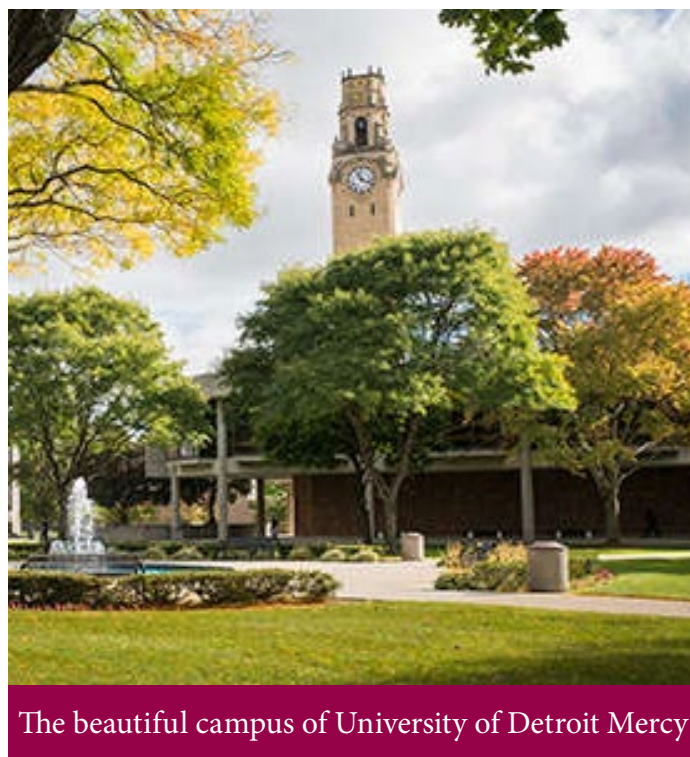


Logistics

Who: The conference invites representative student leaders from various school ministries (i.e. student council/student government, ministry team, community service corps leaders) and others whom the school feels will most benefit from our program. *We recommend sending rising juniors and/or seniors. Number of representatives per school: 4 to 6 students maximum.*

When: Sunday afternoon, June 28 - Wednesday morning, July 1, 2020.

Where: University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Michigan. *University of Detroit Mercy is a sponsored institution of the Sisters of Mercy.*



The beautiful campus of University of Detroit Mercy

Tuition: \$325.00 per student, includes all on-site costs including room and board and activities *This fee does not include travel. No fee required for chaperones (1 to 2 maximum are required for each school group).*

Accommodations: Accommodations for students and chaperones will be provided at University of Detroit Mercy. Students and chaperones will stay in dormitory suites with two double rooms sharing a single bathroom - maximum four per suite for students, maximum two per suite for chaperones. A linen package is included with sheets, blanket, one pillow, towel and washcloth.

Parking: Participants should use Parking Lot D (see campus map on last page).

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.

Packing Checklist

Essentials

- License or school identification card
- Sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle
- Toiletries
- Medical card (in case of emergency)
- Personal prescription(s), if applicable
- Extra pillow if desired



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



Other Items

- Journal or notebook
- School presentation (See page 2)
- A positive attitude!

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





Schedule

Sunday, June 28

- 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 of the film *In God Alone - The Story of Catherine McAuley* followed by a reflection on the mission and charism of Catherine McAuley by Sister Mary Kay Dobrovolny, RSM
- 8:00 pm Ice breakers and school presentations on Critical Concerns
- 9:30 pm Ice cream social
- 11:00 pm Lights out!

Monday, June 29

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Prayer & school presentations (continued)
- 10:00 am Personality inventory exercises and leadership development activities with Eleasha Tarplin
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:45pm School presentations (continued)
- 1:30-2:30 pm "Take Action! How YOU Can Raise Your Voice to Bring about Societal Change," presentation by Jean Stokan
- 2:30 -5:00 pm Service experience
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Service Learning Reflection by Sister Karen Dunville, RSM
- 8:00 pm Leadership/Team-building activity: "Tower-Building" with Kimberly Baxter, MESA Associate Director
- 11:00 pm Lights Out!

Tuesday, June 30

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Prayer & school presentations (continued)
- 10:00 am Presentations on Mercy Ministries involved in immigration with Sister Karen Donahue, RSM
- 11:15 am "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" refugee simulation
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Presentation from Mercy Volunteer Corps by Andrea Haller
- 1:45 pm Teamwork to plan project on immigration
- 3:30 pm Group sharing about projects
- 5:30 pm Depart for evening activities in Detroit
- 10:00 pm Social time
- 11:00 pm Lights out!

Wednesday, July 1

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Tour of Mercy High School - Farmington Hills
- 10:00 am Mass, Commissioning Ceremony and group picture
- 11:00 am Departure



Meet the Presenters



Sister Mary Kay Dobrowolny, RSM, is a member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. Her love of Catherine McAuley and the early women of Mercy was deepened through the opportunity to live and minister in Dublin, Ireland, at the original foundation house for the Sisters of Mercy. These seven-and-a-half years on the leadership and administrative team for Mercy International Association were enriching and helped her form a global perspective.

Mary Kay's professional degrees are in scripture (PhD from Vanderbilt University in Nashville TN and masters from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago IL) and in spiritual direction (certificate from St Patrick's College in Maynooth, Ireland). She currently serves on the New Membership Team for the Sisters of Mercy.



Sister Karen Donahue, RSM, has been a Sister of Mercy for 59 years. She has worked in peace and justice ministry at the local, national and international levels. Karen was part of two religious delegations to Honduras that were organized by the Sisters of Mercy Institute Justice Team. She has participated in three trips to Israel-Palestine with Meta Peace Team and has taken part in civil disobedience actions at the Nevada Test Site, the School of the Americas, and in Washington, D.C. in support of DACA recipients. For the past 11 years, she has coordinated a weekly vigil in solidarity with immigrants at the Department of Homeland Security Office in downtown Detroit and twice a month visits immigrants detained at the Monroe County Jail in Monroe Michigan. Currently she serves as a member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team.



Sister Karen Dunville, RSM, a Mercy Sister for 57 years, is currently volunteering her services as Agency Liaison in the Student Leadership and Service Learning Department at the University of Detroit Mercy. She also continues her Mercy Community service as a member of the Transitional Accompaniment Team working to assist retired sisters with their move off the Farmington Hills Campus. She is a Mercy High graduate and a graduate of Mercy College of Detroit. Her 52 years of Mercy ministry include multiple areas of service beginning with 12 years in elementary classrooms. Following her life-enriching classroom career, she moved into 35 years of service within the Community in positions of administrative assistant to leadership teams and, 14 years as administrator of McAuley Life Center for retired Sisters.



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Andrea Haller joined Mercy Volunteer Corps as community coordinator in March. Andrea served in Guyana at St. John Bosco Academy in 2016-2017. For the past three years, Andrea has worked as an intervention specialist with the Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools District. Andrea graduated with a BS in Education from Ohio Dominican University. While a student at ODU, Andrea was an admissions ambassador and president of the student senate. Currently she is active in the Columbus Interfaith Coalition and Central Ohio Center for Pragmatic Buddhism.



Eleasha Tarplin spent over eight years as a financial analyst prior to her role as an educator. She returned to Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, Michigan, her alma mater, in August 2007, to student-teach in the Math Department and immediately after was hired as a full-time math teacher. She taught various levels of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and business classes. In July 2014, Mrs. Tarplin became the Dean of Student Affairs at Mercy. In this role, one of Mrs. Tarplin's major responsibilities is moderating Student Government. Mrs. Tarplin has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio; a Secondary Teaching Certification in Mathematics and Business; and a Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics from the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Michigan. She currently lives in Oak Park, Michigan, with her husband, and has a daughter and two sons.



Jean Stokan has served on the Justice Team for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, outside Washington, DC, for 10 years. She has worked on human rights in Latin America and immigration policies, and her work includes: direct advocacy on Capitol Hill, public witness activities, coalition initiatives with immigrant-led organizations (e.g., United We Dream) and engaging grassroots faith constituencies on these issues. For over 30 years, Jean has led faith delegations to Central America, and more recently to the US-Mexico border. She also serves on the national council for Pax Christi USA: National Catholic Peace Movement, promoting nonviolent alternatives to war. She is married to Scott Wright, has a daughter Maura Stokan-Wright.



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 1st Floor

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Student Union, 1st Floor

FOUNTAIN LOUNGE

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Student Union, 1st Floor

DETROIT COLLABORATIVE DESIGN CENTER (CDC)

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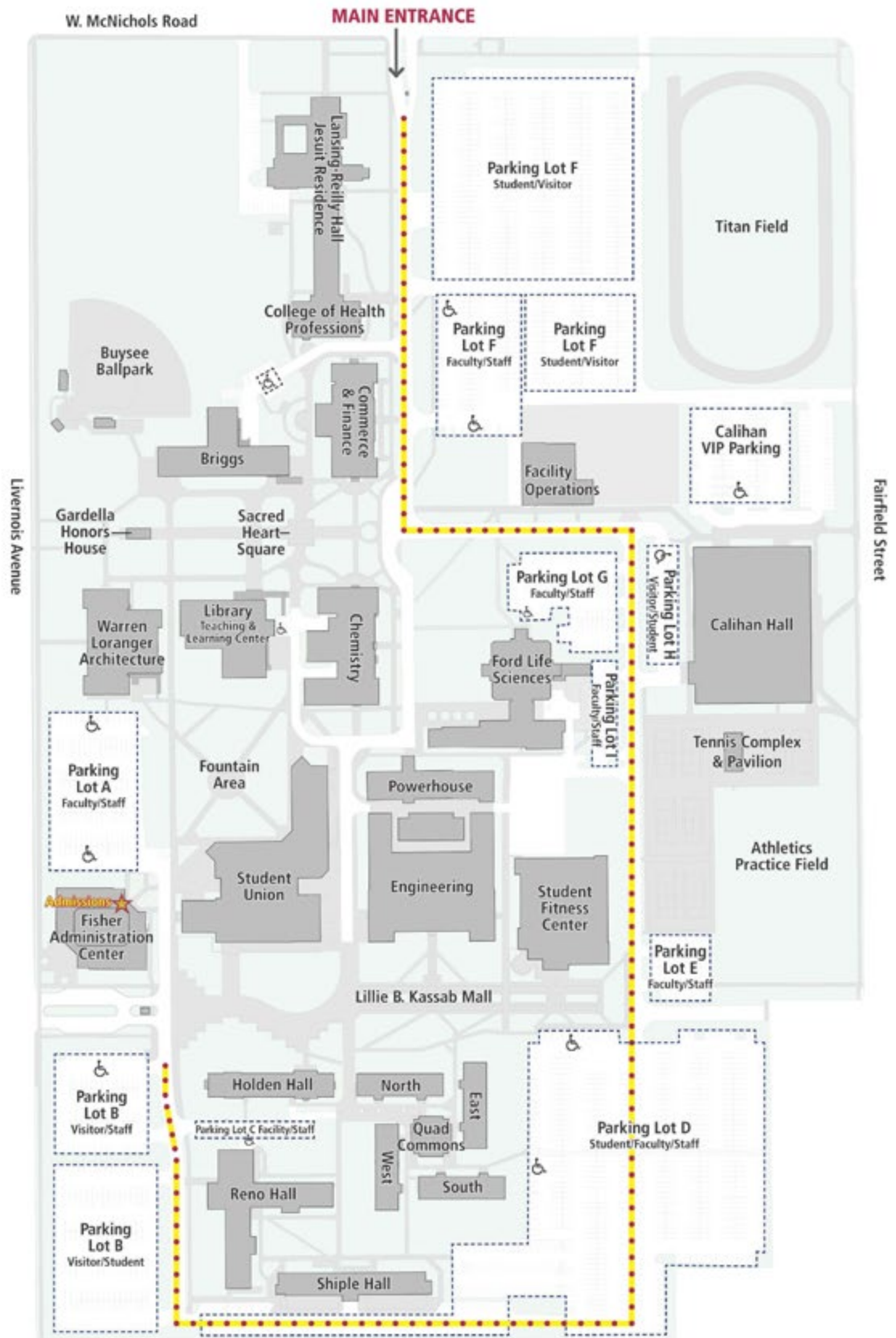
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