

# A Legacy to Mercy

Sisters of Mercy Legacy Society  
New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community

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## THE MISSION OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY



Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in Ireland in 1831 to serve those who suffer from poverty, sickness or lack of education with special concern for the needs of women and children.

Over the years, the mission of the Sisters of Mercy has evolved but the basic mission remains the same today as it was in Catherine's day. Legacy Society members join the Sisters in making sure their Mission continues and evolves to meet the needs of our day.

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

The Sisters of Mercy Legacy Society is an association of special friends who make provisions in their wills to ensure that future generations will be able to share in the mission, works and values of the Sisters of Mercy.

Becoming a member of the Legacy Society requires only an expression of support for the work of the Sisters of Mercy and a statement of intention to give financial support through a planned giving gift.

Legacy Society members just inform the sisters of their intentions, sign a simple enrollment form and decide if they wish their membership to be public or anonymous.

No immediate gift is required or expected as a part of this decision. The amount and type of gift should be made in consultation with family members and financial advisors.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Satisfaction in knowing that your gift will both provide for the future work and mission of the Sisters of Mercy as well as for the care of the Community's retired and infirm religious.
- Financial protection of your loved ones.
- Control of the distribution of your assets.
- Reduction or elimination of estate tax.
- Certificate of Membership in the Legacy Society, which includes...
  - Remembrance in the daily prayers and works of the Sisters of Mercy, New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community.
  - Remembrance in a monthly Mass for the intentions of all Legacy Society members, living and deceased.
  - Invitation to an annual benefactor recognition. New members to the Legacy Society will be recognized at this event.
  - In recognition of our new Legacy Society members, each year a tree or bush will be planted on the grounds of their area Motherhouse. Those members will be invited to a blessing ceremony.

For further information

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*When you leave a legacy — You live forever.*