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Buffalo, Erie Hosting Mercy Challenge

Several women, who are interested in the lifestyle and ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, are gathering in Buffalo and Erie for Mercy Challenge from May 22-29.

The Buffalo-based Sisters of Mercy New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community – which includes Buffalo and Erie, as well as the Philippines, Pittsburgh and Rochester – is joining the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas in Silver Spring, Md., to sponsor Mercy Challenge

“Mercy Challenge gives women – whether considering religious life or not – an experience of life in Mercy through prayer, service and community,” said Sister of Mercy Sheila Stevenson, a vocation minister for the New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community.

Sister Sheila said she is certain the schedule of activities will provide all with a wonderful experience of Mercy. Here is the schedule:

- **May 22** – Participants arrive in Buffalo and attend a social to get to know each other.
- **May 23** – Liturgy in a multi-cultural parish, orientation to area ministries, and a picnic with sisters and Mercy Associates, a group of lay men and women who work to live the Gospel and share the values and traditions of Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy foundress.
- **May 24-25** – Perform ministry at Buffalo’s VIVE, Inc. (refugee ministry), and prepare and serve lunches St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room.
- **May 26** – Leave Buffalo to visit with the Sisters of Mercy in Erie.
- **May 27** – Visit Mercy ministries in the Erie area.
- **May 28** – Spend the day visiting and performing ministry at the Mercy Center for Women before returning to Buffalo for theological reflection and prayer to close out the week.
- **May 29** – All participants return home.

Each day will also include morning and evening prayer in the tradition and style of the Mercy community.