



## The Mercy Tradition

If we are to honor our history, implement our vision and live out our mission, we must echo the tenderness of Christ Jesus, the courage of Catherine McAuley and the dreams of those who have gone before us.

We must gather the young, welcome the stranger and teach as Jesus did. We must create hallways of compassion, lessons of justice and gifts that impel.

If we are to trust the call put before us, we must create an institution whose soul is Mercy.

*All: God, we are part of a long tradition of Mercy, which has its roots in the heart of the Trinity and has found many and varied expressions in human history.*

*Bless us as we seek ways to be faithful to that tradition in the times and places where we find ourselves. Continue to plant our seeds of Mercy in our lives and world, water them with the rain of compassion so that we might enjoy a harvest of justice and peace.*

*Amen*