

Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage 2026



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is the Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage?

The Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage is a unique international gathering of Mercy Third-Level/College/University students who come together to explore what Mercy looks like in today's world. It's a mix of travel, inspiration, friendship, leadership development, and spiritual grounding, all centered around the legacy of Catherine McAuley - the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

Think of it as a leadership retreat, a cultural adventure, a social justice workshop and a spiritual recharge, all rolled into one.

Q: Where does it take place?

It takes place in Dublin over four days from 28th - 31st July 2026. The principal venue is Mercy International Centre, 64a Lower Baggot Street in Dublin, which is a significant Heritage Site for the Mercy World, the place where Catherine McAuley opened the First House of Mercy in 1827. You will also be visiting other places in Dublin, linked to the life and ministry of Catherine McAuley.

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Q: How much does it cost?

The cost per pilgrim is €295. This is an early-bird offer for bookings completed by 28th February 2026. After that the pilgrimage will be available at full price which is €395 per person. This includes the programme, tours, activities and food. With regards to the food, this includes substantial snacks, lunch (salad, wraps, sandwiches) for Tuesday to Friday. On Thursday you will have the chance to visit the multi-cultural food trucks in Merrion Square.

Please note that your accommodation and travel arrangements and costs are not included.

Q: What are the accommodation options?

We have no accommodation at Mercy International Centre but we have some information available on accommodation to assist you with your travel arrangements.

Q: What are the transport options?

The closest airport is Dublin. Heuston and Connolly Train Stations are short bus rides from Baggot Street. The Luas light rail and the DART rail service both have stops within walking distance of Mercy International Centre, Baggot Street.

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Q: What will I be doing on the pilgrimage?

You will be taking part in visits to venues linked to Catherine McAuley and Mercy Heritage; taking part in prayer, events and workshops at MLC; completing a walking tour. You will also be looking at Mercy in Action and Justice issues such as displacement of persons and the degradation of the earth.

Q: Who will be taking part?

Students from Third-Level colleges across the Mercy World will be attending the YML Pilgrimage. It's a really great opportunity to meet new people.

Q. What have those taking part in the pilgrimage said about the experience?

The pilgrimage has been described a 'once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel to Ireland, meet Mercy students from across the world, and grow as a leader.'

'It's inspiring, fun, meaningful, and unlike any school trip you've ever taken. You'll visit the birthplace of Mercy, explore Dublin, make friends from around the globe, and learn how to become a leader who brings compassion and justice into the world.'

Q: Who do I contact if I am interested?

You can email info@mercyinternational.ie.