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Dear Mercy Friends,

It's official! As of July 1, the Sisters of Mercy Cedar Rapids Regional Community became part of the West Midwest Community. As a friend of Mercy you probably will not see much difference other than the formal title of the name. The sisters you know continue to serve those in need in the community and Sacred Heart Convent in Cedar Rapids remains to be a local resource, facility and administrative center for the Sisters of Mercy.

As always the fall issue of *Mercy Works* includes the annual report of donors who have supported the works of Mercy in the last fiscal year. Thank you for your generosity so that the Sisters of Mercy can continue to serve the poor, sick and uneducated as well as care for the retired sisters who have provided works of mercy in their years of ministry.

The sisters would also like to thank those who expressed concern and offered prayers during this summer's devastating flood which affected Cedar Rapids and the surrounding areas. Your prayers and words of concern were greatly appreciated during those days of devastation and uncertainty in June. Many of you also entrusted the sisters to help others by donating funds to assist flood victims. The sisters are putting your dollars to work by identifying those affected by the flood who are in need of additional financial support to rebuild their future. Thank you for providing your trust in the Sisters of Mercy to support those in need in our community.

In Mercy,

Melissa L. Pence

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The West Midwest Community is among the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, a religious order of over 4,000 members founded in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831 by Catherine McAuley.

Introducing the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - West Midwest Community

On July 1, 2008, the Mercy regional communities of Auburn, California; Burlingame, California; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; and Omaha, Nebraska joined together to become the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - West Midwest Community.

The new Community includes almost 900 Sisters of Mercy and more than 500 Mercy Associates and Companions in Mercy. They continue to be part of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, an international community of Roman Catholic women vowed to serve people who suffer from poverty, sickness and lack of education, with a special concern for women and children.

The West Midwest Community Leadership Team consists of Sister Norita Cooney, president; Sister Judith Cannon; Sister Michelle Gorman; Sister Judith Frikker; Sister Sheila Megley; and Sister Kathy Thornton.

While the primary administrative site for the West Midwest Community is in Omaha, Nebraska, sisters and associates will continue to live and maintain an active presence in their local areas, serving in 32 states and four countries.



The Leadership Team of the Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community. Pictured in front from left to right: Sister Judith Frikker, Sister Norita Cooney and Sister Sheila Megley. Pictured in back from left to right: Sister Kathy Thornton, Sister Judith Cannon and Sister Michelle Gorman.



Renovation of Sacred Heart Convent Complete

The latest renovation of Sacred Heart Convent was completed this summer. The project was almost a year's work in progress, beginning in July 2007. It was the first renovation of the convent in over 15 years and was needed to provide for safer living quarters for the sisters who reside at the convent.

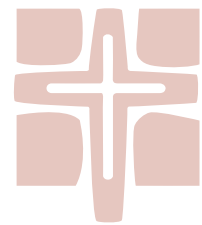
Nearly 30 sisters residing at Sacred Heart are enjoying their newly expanded bedrooms; patio with flower garden and walking path outside of the sun porch; and rooms for arts and crafts, massages, exercise, sewing and visiting with guests. Additional

changes made with the renovation included implementation of more handicap accessible features, energy efficient lighting and heating units, sidewalk repairs and updated fire and security alarm systems.

Special thanks to friends who helped to support the renovation of Sacred Heart Convent with prayers and gift donations. Your spiritual and financial support made it possible for the renovation project to become complete and continue to be a place of prayer and ministry for the Sisters of Mercy.



Sister Betty Carr (left) looks on as Sister Mary Kurt (center) and Sister Mary K. Doughan (right) hang a picture of Catherine McAuley in the new visiting room at Sacred Heart Convent. All three sisters pictured are new residents of Sacred Heart Convent, moving into the facility after the completion of the renovation.



Suspice

*My God,
I am yours
for time and eternity,
teach me to cast myself
into the arms of
Your loving Providence
with the most lively,
unlimited confidence in
Your Compassionate,
tender pity.*

*Grant me,
O most merciful Redeemer,
that whatever
You ordain or permit
may be acceptable to me.*

*Take from my heart
all painful anxiety;
suffer nothing to sadden
me but sin,
nothing to delight me
but the hope of*

*coming to
the possession of You,
My God and my All,
In Your everlasting Kingdom.*

Amen

- Catherine McAuley



Community Survives Flood Waters

The second week of June, parts of Iowa succumbed to flood waters. In Cedar Rapids, the flood waters rose higher than what anyone could predict and its destruction was incomprehensible. Waters crested nearly 20 feet above flood stage and 11 feet above its previously highest crest in the history of the city, engulfing the downtown area and forcing people to evacuate their homes and businesses. In the end, over 5,000 homes and 1,000 businesses in Cedar Rapids were damaged due to flood waters.

Despite the destruction of Mother Nature, all the Sisters of Mercy in Cedar Rapids were safe. Sacred Heart Convent, sharing the same campus as Mount Mercy College, being located on higher ground, escaped any flood damage. Sisters residing at Mercy Hallmar Care Center had a bit more of an adventure. Located inside Mercy Medical Center, sisters at Mercy Hallmar Care Center were awakened in the early morning hours on Friday, June 13 as part of the evacuation process at the hospital. The sisters were relocated to another nursing facility on higher ground for two weeks until Mercy Medical Center and Mercy Hallmar Care Center could be opened again for operations.

The Sisters of Mercy sponsored works in Cedar Rapids responded to the call of mercy during the disaster. Staff at Mercy Medical Center worked quickly to



Flood waters rise outside the Lundy Pavillion at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids on Friday, June 13, 2008. Photo courtesy of Sister Marilyn Ward, RSM

move their patients to a safer environment when flood waters threatened the hospital. After the evacuation and as the flood waters receded the hospital staff worked tirelessly to clean and bring the hospital back up to code for operations. The Catherine McAuley Center was fortunate not to have flood damage and continued to assist their constituents, as well as other non-profit organizations and members in the community. Mount Mercy College offered its campus to house the National Guard and displaced hospital workers while flood waters submerged the city. During the city's clean-up phase, the college opened its campus to displaced downtown businesses

by providing work space so that the businesses could continue to operate until they are able to move back into their offices or find another location. In her last days as president of the Cedar Rapids Regional Community, Sister Kathy Thornton, RSM stated, "If I ever worried about our sponsored works carrying on the Mercy tradition and values, I need do it no longer."

Although the waters have receded, what awaits is a long clean-up process that will take years to rebuild some neighborhoods in Cedar Rapids. In a message to other Mercy communities, Sister Kathy Thornton wrote of her experience on Sunday, June 22



as the city of Cedar Rapids was beginning its clean-up effort. "I drove around the areas where the most damage was done. It is frightful. Block after block of curbside piles of debris-piles as high as eight to 10 feet."

In the aftermath of the flood, sisters are doing what they can to offer their assistance for flood victims. Some sisters have assisted in clean-up efforts while others are collecting supplies such as clothing, food, furniture and household items for people who have lost everything. Sisters at Sacred Heart Convent gather in the chapel everyday at 4 o'clock to pray the rosary for flood victims, a routine practice at Sacred Heart since the flood occurred in mid-June.

Many friends of Mercy have donated funds to the sisters to assist flood victims. The funds collected for flood relief will assist those directly impacted by the flood waters. The sisters are in the process of identifying flood victims in the community in need of financial assistance for expenses incurred from the flood and will distribute funds based upon need. Some of those flood victims include our Mercy Associates, family and friends of the sisters, and parishioners of churches in the Dubuque Archdiocese. The flood victims' stories are devastating and many still uncertain about the future. Some wonder if they will ever be able to return to their homes or how they will continue to pay for the mortgage on their home damaged by the flood waters. Flood

victims who are able to return to their homes still endure the expense of the clean-up efforts to rid homes from mold, and to replace carpet, furniture and appliances.

In addition to the households affected by the flood many businesses have been displaced too. Some have been able to continue with business working from temporary offices or out of their homes, but others are uncertain if they will be able to reopen.

The Sisters of Mercy are thankful to all friends near and far away who have expressed their concern and offered prayers as flood waters rose and the results impacted the community. As the clean-up effort is underway the sisters continue to ask for prayers for flood victims that they may be able to return to their homes and jobs soon.



Sister Mary Ellen Flaherty packs up items to donate to flood victims.

Donations for the
Sisters of Mercy
Flood Relief Fund
can be sent to:

Sisters of Mercy -
West Midwest Community
Flood Relief Fund
1125 Prairie Drive NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402



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 most practical lesson
 I know... is to resolve
 to be good today, but
 better tomorrow. Let
 us take one day only in
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 making a resolve for
 tomorrow. Thus we
 may hope to get on,
 taking short, careful
 steps, not great strides."*

~ Catherine McAuley

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 return a benefactor can
 receive is a countenance
 testifying the gratitude
 of the heart. How
 acceptable must it be to
 God when we make God
 this return, showing
 to all by our cheerful
 happy countenance, the
 gratitude with which
 our hearts overflow
 towards God and the
 many favours in this
 life, and great promises
 for the life to come."*

~ Catherine McAuley

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convinced that no
work of charity can
be more productive
of good to society, or
more conducive to
the happiness of the
poor than the careful
instruction of women,
since whatever be
the station they are
destined to fill, their
example and advice
will always possess
influence"*

~ Catherine McAuley

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Cedar Rapids
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from July 1, 2007 to
June 30, 2008. We
regret any omissions or
errors that has
been made in
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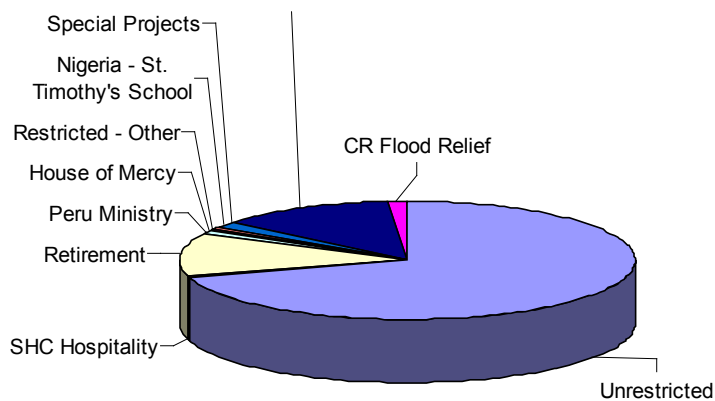
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SHC Hospitality
\$2,122.00
Retirement
\$64,794.00
Peru Ministry
\$3,347.51
House of Mercy
\$2,175.00
Restricted - Other
\$4,203.84
Nigeria/St. Timothy's
\$8,930.30
Special Projects
\$50.00
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\$68,363.00
CR Flood Relief
\$8,235.00

**Total donations received from
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\$547,524.52**





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greater blessings on us
than strict attention
to every branch
of charity. Never
command anything,
which you have not
first practiced yourself"*

~ Catherine McAuley

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we take towards
eternity and we
shall continue thus to
step from day to day
until we take the last
step which will bring
us into the presence of
God."*

~ Catherine McAuley

In Memoriam

Sister Mary Kathleen Saunders, RSM

Sister Mary Kathleen Saunders, RSM, 98, died on Monday, August 4, 2008 at the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy in Cedar Rapids, after a brief illness. Services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, by Rev. David Ambrosy and the burial followed at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. Stewart Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sister Mary Kathleen was born on August 23, 1909, in Cumberland, Iowa the daughter of John and Mary Dolan Saunders. She entered the Sisters of Mercy Cedar Rapids Community on June 25, 1928 and professed final vows on June 23, 1934.

Sister Mary Kathleen attended Mount Mercy Academy and was a member of the first graduating class of Mount Mercy Junior College in Cedar Rapids in 1930. She furthered her education receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in elementary education at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and a Master's degree from St. Louis University. Sister Mary Kathleen spent most of her ministry as a teacher at Immaculate Conception in Charles City; St. Matthew's, Immaculate Conception and Regis High School in Cedar Rapids; St. Matthew's in Kalispell, Montana; Sacred Heart in Oelwein; Sacred



Heart in Waterloo; and St. Joseph's in DeWitt. In between her ministry as an educator, Sister Mary Kathleen served as the Directress of Novices at Our Lady of Mercy Novitiate in Marion and Cedar Rapids from 1953 – 1965. She retired in 1987 and resided at Sacred Heart Convent in Cedar Rapids.

In addition to the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Kathleen is survived by a sister, Corita Saunders of Atlantic; a sister-in-law, Mildred Saunders of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Rev. Charles, Timothy; a twin brother, Gerald; and two sisters, Josepha and Regina.

Memorials may be sent to the Sisters of Mercy at 1125 Prairie Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.



News on the Hill

Memorial Mass

Each November the Sisters of Mercy, Associates and family members gather for a Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel to remember Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates who have entered eternal rest in the last ten years. This year's Mass will take place on All Souls' Day, Sunday, November 2. Friends of the Sisters of Mercy will be invited later this fall to share names of their deceased loved ones for the Mercy Book of Prayers.

Meet the DRAMAS

This summer the Cedar Rapids development office of the Sisters of Mercy - West Midwest Community formed a committee of sisters called the Donor Relations and Mission Advancement Sisters or DRAMAS. The DRAMAS will support the development office with duties previously done by the former leadership team in Cedar Rapids. Such duties include signing acknowledgement letters, making thank you calls, overseeing donation requests for the Sisters of Mercy Discretionary Fund and Cedar Rapids Flood Relief Fund and reviewing the development activities of the Cedar Rapids office. The six sisters serving as DRAMAS are: Sister Mary Corkery, RSM; Sister Judith Meyers, RSM; Sister Mary Lou Podzimek, RSM; Sister Shari Sutherland, RSM; Sister Kathy Thill, RSM; and Sister Mary Cephas Wichman, RSM.



2008 Jubilee

Sisters pictured above celebrating their jubilee in June are in front from left to right: Sister Mary Lenore Gardner, RSM - 70 years and Sister Mary Clementine Cashman, RSM - 75 years. Pictured in back from left to right: Sister Sheila Geraghty, RSM - 50 years, Sister Jane Ehrhardt, RSM - 60 years, Sister Lillian Marie Connolly, RSM - 50 years and Sister Mary Charlene Chase, RSM - 50 years. Sister Mary Patricia Conlan, RSM also observed 50 years as a Sister of Mercy, but was unavailable for the photo.

Sister Kathy Thill Speaks on Capitol Hill

Sister Kathy Thill, RSM spoke at a press conference on Capitol Hill on May 20, 2008 to share what happened in Postville, Iowa when nearly 400 residents were arrested and detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on May 12. Sister Kathy has been working with Postville families in the aftermath of the raid on



Agriprocessors, Inc. meatpacking plant. In her remarks during the press conference, Sister Kathy called on government to pass a comprehensive immigration policy.



Mercy Day Justice Lecture Features

Father Daniel Groody

In conjunction with Mercy Day, the Sisters of Mercy Social Justice Committee is hosting a lecture titled, "One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist" on Saturday, September 20. The lecture will be held at the Chapel of Mercy at Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids at 3 p.m. and will be presented by Father Daniel Groody, CSC, PhD.

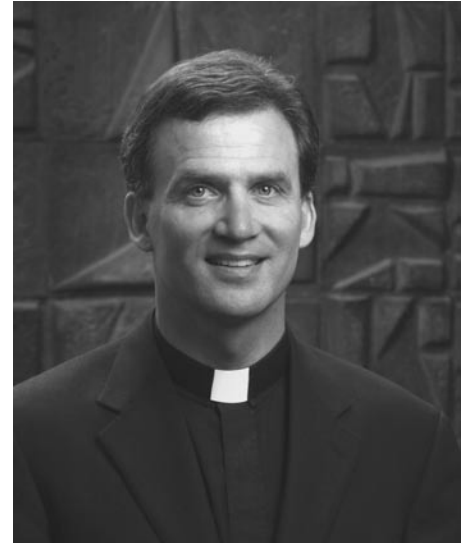
Rev. Daniel G. Groody is a Catholic priest, a Holy Cross religious, scholar, teacher, and an award winning author and film producer. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame in the Great Books Program, a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology, and a Doctorate in Theology from the Graduate Theological Union.

Rev. Groody is currently an Assistant Professor of Theology and the Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He spent many years working in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.- Mexican Border, and is the author of various books and articles which have been translated into five languages, including "Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant

Journey of Heart and Spirit" and "Globalization, Spirituality and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace". Rev. Groody is the editor of two books, "The Option for the Poor in Christian Theology" and "A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey: Theological Perspectives on Migration". He is also the executive producer of various films and documentaries, including "Strangers No Longer" and "Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey", which has been accepted into various international film festivals, won national awards, and has aired on PBS. Rev. Groody lectures widely in the United States as well as Latin America, Europe and Asia.

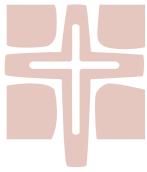
As part of the Mercy Day events, Eucharistic Liturgy will follow Rev. Groody's lecture at the Chapel of Mercy at 5 p.m. A reception will follow in the Mount Mercy College Campus Ministry.

The Mercy Day events are free and open to the public, but reservations are recommended. To make a reservation to the Mercy Day events, contact John and Laura Locher at johnlocher1@yahoo.com or (319) 350-0525.



Father Daniel G. Groody, CSC, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Theology and the Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Mercy Day is celebrated each year by Sisters of Mercy around the world. It marks the anniversary when the Sisters of Mercy's foundress, Catherine McAuley opened the House of Mercy on Baggot Street in Dublin, Ireland on September 24, 1827, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mercy. The House of Mercy served the poor, educated and lodged young women and led to Catherine McAuley's founding of the Sisters of Mercy women religious order.



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