

Mercy Week 2017

Choosing Community: Social Justice in a Diverse World



All Week Long: Accepting Donations for Catherine's Cupboard (Various Locations)

Catherine's Cupboard provides nutrition to Gwynedd students experiencing food insecurity. Look for collection baskets at Mercy Week events (think protein!), or make a monetary donation through Campus Ministry.

Monday & Tuesday 9/25-26: SGA Blood Drive, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM (JBA Lobby)

To you donate blood is to help someone you'll never know. What a great way to choose community!

Monday 9/25: An Interfaith Encounter, 1:30 – 2:30 PM (Waldron Griffinaerie, large side)

As a Catholic university, we celebrate our religious diversity. In this conversation we will share perspectives, ask curious questions, dispel stereotypes, and launch Gwynedd's new Interfaith Encounter program.

Tuesday 9/26: Choosing Community:

Lessons from Mercy Volunteer Corps, 10:00 - 11:00 AM (Maguire Hall / Merck Auditorium)

Mercy Volunteers commit to a year practicing compassionate service, social justice and spiritual growth within the context of a simple lifestyle in community, living with others who also seriously commit to this purpose. Their commitment is established through mutual relationship with economically poor and marginalized people and relationship with those in their community. What can their experience of choosing community teach us?

Wednesday 9/27: Academic Convocation, 3:00 – 4:00 PM (Julia Ball Auditorium)

All year long, Gwynedd Mercy will be reflecting on a Big Question: *What does it mean to Choose Community?* Professor Carol Evans will address this question, and a panel of students will reflect and respond. Don't miss it!

Wednesday 9/27: RHA Supports Catherine's Cupboard, 8:00 – 9:00 PM (Triplex & Alex Lobbies)

The Residence Hall Association invites all to the "Griffin helping Griffins" event, where students will collect non-perishable food items and decorate lunch bags for Catherine's Cupboard. Come and see!

Thursday 9/28: Mercy Week Mass, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Waldron Griffinaerie)

Join us as we celebrate our heritage, honor the Sisters and Associates in our midst, and invoke the blessings of God's Spirit on this new academic year! President Deanne D'Emilio will offer the reflection.

Thursday 9/28: Mercy Week Movie: Living on One Dollar, 7:30 – 9:00 PM (University Hall E-107)

This award-winning documentary follows the experience of two young Americans who challenge themselves to live on \$1 a day for two months in rural Guatemala. They battle hunger, parasites, and the realization that there are no easy answers, but they find hope in community. The one-hour video will be followed by discussion.

Friday 9/29: Immersion Travel Opportunities, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM (University Hall W-206)

Get outside your comfort zone! Learn about opportunities for mission-based travel, including Alternative Spring Break, the Dominican Republic Mission Trip (Nursing), the Peru Tech Assessment Delegation, and the Dublin Pilgrimage for Mercy Leaders. Drop in, chat with the leaders, and learn about this year's application processes. Note: Peruvian handicrafts will be available for sale; bring cash or a check, please!

Friday 9/29: Mercy Tea / Authors' Celebration, 2:30 – 4:00 PM (Keiss Library & Learning Commons)

It's Catherine McAuley's 239th birthday! Join us as we celebrate our Tender Courage and Lindback award winners, recognize our recently published faculty and staff authors, and enjoy one another's company at the end of Mercy Week. Of course there will be a birthday cake; donations of additional baked goods are needed, and of course non-perishables for Catherine's Cupboard are welcome!!