



Sponsorship Seminar March 11-12, 2012 Overview and Site Information

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW: The ministry of Mercy secondary and elementary education is rich and treasured. The ministry is part of the legacy of fidelity to the charism of Mercy and individually and collectively the schools look to the future with commitment to this charism.

Much has evolved in governance and sponsorship especially over the last five years. The Sponsorship Seminar is held annually by the Network for Mercy Education as a place of learning, dialogue and sharing between and among those from the Communities committed to this ministry.

WHO ATTENDS? Each school and Community decides who attends. The seminar can be a rich resource for those new to a role and a venue for dialogue for those with experience who wish to share with others to continue to help shape a preferred future. Seminar participants have included Sisters of Mercy in leadership, those in appointed positions of sponsorship, sponsorship council members, school administrators, board members or board leaders, participants in the mentor program and more.

MEETING SITE: The 2012 Sponsorship Seminar will be held in New York at the Courtyard by Marriott New York LaGuardia Airport Hotel, 90-10 Ditmars Blvd ,East Elmhurst New York 11369.

HOUSING SITE: Each person makes her/his own hotel reservations. Housing is at the Courtyard By Marriott La Guardia Hotel. Vouchers for reimbursement from the Network are provided at the seminar and reimbursements are sent following the seminar.

RESERVATIONS: Please ask for the block of rooms for the Network for Mercy Education to get the group rate. For Group Reservations please call 1-800-321-2211. The Group Code is NEW. For online reservations one can go to www.courtyard.com/LGACA, Group Code Newnewa (For King Beds); Newnewb (Double Beds). The block will be held until February 19, 2012. The block is for the night of March 11th. A small number of rooms is being held for March 10 also. If one calls and has any difficulty with reservations, please contact the Network and we will call to check on the issue.

DRESS: Dress for the seminar is business casual.

MEALS: Refreshments for opening of meeting, dinner on Sunday and breakfast on Monday morning are provided.

TRANSPORTATION: The hotel provides a courtesy shuttle to and from the airport.

EXPENSES: The Network for Mercy Education pays for housing and the program. Schools or Communities are asked to pay for travel. The Network does have a line item for travel assistance if help is needed. To request travel assistance, please contact the Network for Mercy Education.



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Program**

Sunday, March 11

- 2:30 – 3:00 Registration
3:00 – 3:30 Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 3:30 – 4:15 “Mercy Secondary and Elementary Education 2012 – A Profile”
Network for Mercy Education
- 4:15 – 5:00 Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas – “Our Community as of March 2012” –
Participants – one participant from each Community will be asked to serve as leader and all from a Community will be invited to meet for the conversation and then share with all.
- 5:00 – 6:00 “Raising the Questions of Our Time” – facilitated process – *Sister Lisa Gambacorto, RSM, the Directress of Mount Saint Mary Academy, Watchung, NJ will facilitate the dialogue. Follow-up will be Monday morning.*
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 – 7:45 “The Path of Mercy - The Life of Catherine McAuley” – *audio visual presentation on insights from the new biography of Catherine McAuley written by Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM followed by dialogue.*

Monday, March 12

- 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast
8:45 Morning Prayer
- 9:00 – 10:00 “Affirming and Envisioning Response to the Questions of Our Time” - *facilitated process – Sister Lisa Gambacorto, RSM, facilitator*
- 10:00 – 10:45 “Claiming a Source of Strength and Inspiration – Catherine McAuley” – *Ms. Becky Henle, Principal of Assumption High School, Louisville and Ms. Peggy Lake, Co-Principal, Catherine McAuley High School, Brooklyn, NY will share insights and their insights will be followed by participant dialogue and sharing.*
- 11:00 – 11:45 “Stepping Stones to the Vision” – *facilitated conversation - Network for Mercy Education*
- 11:45 Closing Prayer



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Registration form

(This form can be mailed to the address below or the information sent in an email to the email address below)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip: _____

School _____
(if applicable)

Community _____

E-mail address: _____

Current Ministry/Professional Role

Relationship to Mercy Secondary or Elementary Education

Return Requested by February 27, 2012

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