

# Mercy Education Values

An education in the Mercy tradition invites us to take up a challenge – one that encourages us to develop fully our own God given talents.

At the same time, it enkindles within us a desire to assist others, so that they too ‘may have life, and have it to the full.’

(John 10:10)



## JUSTICE

The poor need help today, not next week.  
Familiar Instructions of Catherine McAuley p.140

Walk in the way of righteousness,  
along the path of justice.  
Proverbs 8:20

## COMPASSION

Mercy receives and pardons again and  
again even the ungrateful.  
Limerick Manuscript, Sisters of Mercy

As God’s chosen ones, clothe yourself  
with compassion, kindness, humility,  
meekness and patience.  
First Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3:12



## RESPECT

Three things the poor prize more highly than  
gold... the kind word, the gentle compassionate  
look and the patient hearing of their sorrows.  
Familiar Instructions of Catherine McAuley p.138

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
to respect those (who labour) among you.  
First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 5:12



## HOSPITALITY

A good beginning is of great importance.  
You must waste some time with visitors.  
Letter Catherine McAuley to Elizabeth Moore,  
December 1838

Welcome one another just as Christ has  
welcomed you, for the glory of God.  
Letter of Paul to the Romans 15:7



## SERVICE

It is for God we serve the poor,  
not for thanks.  
Familiar Instructions of Catherine McAuley p. 140

Serve one another with whatever  
gift each of you has received.  
First Letter of Peter 4:10



## COURAGE

Speak as your mind directs and always  
act with courage.  
Letter Catherine McAuley to Mary Ann Doyle,  
July 1841

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith,  
be courageous, be strong.  
First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 16:13



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