**Qualities of Mercy Leadership**

**Reliance on God**

We have one solid comfort amidst this little tripping about: our hearts can always be in the same place, centred in God-for whom alone we go forward-or stay back.

Letter to M de Sales White December 1840

…or as the compass which goes round its circle without stirring from its centre. Now our centre is God, from Whom all our actions should spring as from their source, and no exterior action ought to separate us from Him. Retreat instructions

**Encouraging**

Be ever ready to praise, to encourage, to stimulate, but slow to censure, and still more slow to condemn. Familiar Instructions

The simplest and most practical lesson I know, is to resolve to be good today-but better tomorrow.

**Practical**

Let us take one day only in hands-at a time, merely making a resolve for tomorrow. Thus, we may hope to get on-taking short, careful steps, not great strides. As above February 28th, 1841

– Money needed too

…Since there is very little good can be accomplished, or evil avoided, without the aid of money, we must look after it in small as well as in great matters. Fr James Maher 10th January 1838