

Mercy International Centre

# YOUNG MERCY LEADERS' PILGRIMAGE 2025



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **Q: What is the Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage?**

The Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage is an opportunity for second level students to gather together in Mercy International Centre in Dublin for a Journey of empowerment and leadership. It offers the opportunity to connect with other students from Mercy schools and to learn about Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. It also offers an insight into Mercy in Action across the world and our Action for Justice.

### **Q: Where does it take place?**

It takes place in Dublin over four days in July 2025. You will be attending Mercy International Centre (MIC) each day and some other venues.

### **Q: How much does it cost?**

The cost per pilgrim is yet to be decided but will be approximately €300 for 2025. This includes the programme and food. With regards to the food, this includes substantial snacks, lunch (salad, wraps, sandwiches) for Tuesday to Friday. On Thursday you will have the chance to visit the multi-cultural food trucks in Merrion Square. Your flights, transport and accommodation are extra.

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## **Q: Can I attend on my own?**

**You will need to be part of a group. Chaperones generally accompany each group. The ratio between chaperone and students is 1:7. Each chaperone is charged the standard rate - €300.**

## **Q: What are the accommodation options?**

**With regards to accommodation, you might look up University College Dublin (UCD) summer accommodation. UCD is on the bus route to Baggot St. In fact the bus stop to get to UCD is just outside Mercy International Centre.**

**Another possible option is Trinity College accommodation. However, as that is in the city centre, it may be more expensive. Still it may be worth exploring.**

**Similar to Mercy International Centre is Avila ([www.avilacentre.ie](http://www.avilacentre.ie))**

**We also suggest that you look up hostels and hotels on the south quays and south side of the city. It will be nearer to Mercy International Centre.**

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## **Q: What are the transport options?**

The closest airport is Dublin. Heuston and Connolly train stations are short bus rides from MIC. The Luas light rail also runs within walking distance of MIC.

## **Q: What will I be doing on the pilgrimage?**

You will be taking part in visits to venues linked to Catherine McAuley and Mercy Heritage; taking part in events and workshops at MIC, completing a walking tour, and being part of a Céilí, and more. You will also be looking at Mercy in Action and Justice issues such as displacement of persons and the degradation of the earth.

## **Q: Who will be taking part?**

Secondary school and high school students from Mercy Schools across the world will be taking part. It's a really great opportunity to meet new people.

## **Q: Who do I contact if I am interested?**

You can email [heritage@mercyinternational.ie](mailto:heritage@mercyinternational.ie). We will also have a dedicated landing page on our website as we get closer to the event.