

## **Reflections on Our experience and Our Learnings**

### **Students**

“My time at the conference was an experience I will never forget. I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to learn about Catherine’s leadership style. One of my favourite opportunities was meeting the girls from other countries, I learned so much about their own cultures and have made some true friends for a life time” – Hailee Davis Mercy High Omaha

“It was inspiring to hear how resilient Catherine McAuley was no matter what challenge was thrown her way, she kept good people close, formed genuine relationships and left a legacy. I thoroughly enjoyed the interactive presentations especially all those around mindfulness as I feel being present is a characteristic for a Mercy leader” – Lisakhanya Tshili from St. Teresa's school in Rosebank, South Africa

“A great experience that allowed us to broaden our horizon socially, intellectually and spiritually. Attending this conference challenged our perspectives and prompted us to keep an open mind and make change in the world. It also reinforced our sense of duty as Mercy girls to carry on the tradition of Mercy”. – Team Belize

“I think that the conference was a great experience. There were several inspiring speakers and getting a chance to meet the girls from other Mercy schools around the world was an experience I will not forget” - Gianna Borrelli from Rochester, New York

### **Chaperones**

“To watch the learners, grapple with social justice issues in such a mature way as well as realising that Catherine McAuley was a human being with struggles and hopes just like them, was truly remarkable” Sarah Terry from St. Teresa's school in Rosebank, South Africa

“What an experience this was for me to actually be in Catherine’s House. It has strengthened me that I can better serve, understand and appreciate life and those I come in contact with”. Nellita from Belize

“It was inspiring to hear the thoughts on our future through the eyes of our Young Mercy Leaders. It gives us hope for an improved appreciation and respect for our earth and the diverse people who are our neighbours. The conference was a wonderful way to connect the future world leaders. Thank you Mercy!”.

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