



Liturgy
to celebrate the
Opening

of
Mercy
International
Centre

July 23, 1994



Eucharistic Celebration

Welcome:

Dervilla Byrne, RSM

Entrance Processional:

Symbols of the works of our hands
to be consecrated

Processional Cross

Mary Trainer, RSM
who brought the project to completion

Book of the Word

Mary Quinn, RSM
who served as the first Project Director

Candles

Richard Hurley, Noel Brady
*architects who brought
light into the building*

Incense

Keith Burke, RSM
*who was part of the original
International Steering Committee*

Keys

Mary Sebastian, RSM
*who gave Mercy International
the keys to the House*

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Mary Waskowiak, RSM
*Chairperson of Members,
carrying the document which
formally links world-wide
Mercies in sponsorship of
Mercy International Association*

Book containing list of Archival Collection

Felicitas Powers, RSM
*who catalogued and organized
the collection*

Illuminated Rule and Constitutions

Magdalena Fisby, RSM
*who has been telling the story
of the House of Mercy to
pilgrims over the years*

Feasibility Study

Canice Hanrahan, RSM
*who served as advisor in developing
the plans for the building*

Thimble of Catherine McAuley
engraved "for a friend"
and sewing basket

Joan O'Connor
*project manager who wove many
parts of the project together with care*

Concelebrants

Most Reverend Desmond Connell
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Dublin

Very Reverend John Fitzpatrick
*Vicar for Religious, Diocese of Dublin,
Pastor, St. Andrew's Parish*

Reverend Martin Nolan
*Vice Postulator for the Cause of
Catherine McAuley, Archdiocese of Dublin*

Entrance Hymn



Let all the peo - ples praise you, O Lord, let all the peo - ples praise you.



Let all the peo - ples praise you, O Lord, let all the peo - ples praise you.

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Sisters of Mercy Choir, St. Andrew's Choir, Brendan Kelly, Director

Penitential Rite

We bring water, symbolising the streams of Mercy from all parts of the world returning to their source, enriching one another and then moving back out to the ends of the earth.

Assumpta Moran, RSM, Ireland
Scholastica Nganda, RSM, Kenya
Connie Khuele, RSM, South Africa
Francis Xavier, RSM, Great Britain
Patricia March, RSM, Newfoundland
Patricia McCann, RSM, United States of America
Moira Flynn, RSM, Argentina
Maria Ines Olguin Caro, RSM, Chile
Juanita Cueva Rios, RSM, Peru
Sarita Vasquez, RSM, Belize
Theresa Lowe Ching, RSM, Jamaica
Elizabeth Ihaka, RSM, New Zealand
Malia Simone, RSM, Tonga
Marieta Ifopo, RSM, Samoa
Cabrini Taitano, RSM, Guam
Carmella Cabactulan, RSM Philippines
Jacinta Messer, RSM, Australia

A Thiarna, dean trocaire
A Christ, dean trocaire
A Thiarna, dean trocaire

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Gloria:

Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes

Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Reading:

Isaiah 8, 6 - 12

Mary Quinn, RSM

Response:



Your fav - ors, O God, are not ex - haust - ed; our mer - cies are not spent.
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Second Reading:

Ephesians 4, 1 - 6

Elizabeth Ihaka, RSM

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel:

John 6, 1 - 15

Homily:

Very Reverend John Fitzpatrick

Prayers of the Faithful:

We pray in gratitude to God for wondrous mercy poured out. May we know and name God's mercy active in the world in our times. *South Africa*

We pray in gratitude for all those who have gone before us in Mercy. May we tell the story and share the dream. *Ireland.*

We pray in gratitude for all who reach out to peoples in need. May God inspire and empower all efforts for world peace with justice. *Peru*

We pray in gratitude for those who left home and loved ones to carry Mercy to all corners of the world. May their courage live as we face the challenges of this era. *Newfoundland*

We pray in gratitude as Church. May we live the gospel of Jesus, gathering with people of good will throughout the world to share with love works of mercy. *Samoa*



Lord, hear our prayer.

Preparation of Gifts:

Elizabeth McCaver, RSM
Mercedes McCarthy, RSM

Song:

Ag Criost An Siol
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Monica O'Sullivan, RSM

Holy, Holy, Holy: Our Lady of Lourdes Mass

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.
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The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font. The copyright notice is centered below the lyrics.

Memorial Acclamation:

We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate for you are with us here, An we believe that we will see you when you come in our glory, Lord. We remember; we celebrate; we believe.

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Amen:

Through him, with him, in him, A - men, in the unity of the Holy Spirit A - men.
all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, for ev-er and ev-er. A - men.
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The image shows two lines of musical notation on five-line staves. The first line has lyrics underneath it. The second line also has lyrics underneath it. The notation includes various note values and rests. The copyright notice is at the bottom left.

Our Father:

Sign of Peace:



For the cir - cle of Mer - cy is time - less: it is Spi - rit of Life it



self which roots us in Faith, and lifts us in Hope, and



holds us in God's lov - ing care, and holds us in God's lov - ing care.

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Lamb of God:

Irish Instrumental:

Harpist, Denise Kelly

Communion Songs:

Panis Angelicus, C. Frank

Frank Patterson

Instrumental Music

Harpist, Denise Kelly

My Soul Rejoices

Choir and Assembly



My soul re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My spir - it



finds its joy in God the liv - ing God.

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Reflection:

Mary Trainer, RSM

Commissioning of Mercy International Centre Team:

Members:

Mary Waskowiak, RSM, United States of America
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Mary Pascal O'Brien, RSM, Great Britain
Dominic Timmers, RSM, Great Britain
Enda Donovan, RSM, Ireland
Marian Collins, RSM, Newfoundland
Judith Leydon, RSM, New Zealand
Carmella Cabactulan, RSM, Philippines

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Josephine Grey, RSM, Ireland
Ursula Gilbert, RSM, Australia
Mercedes McCarthy, RSM, Ireland/Great Britain

Suscipe of Catherine McAuley

My God, I am yours for time and eternity. Lord, I am yours forever. It is you who must teach me to trust in your providence, loving Lord. I place my trust in you and I ask that you grant me acceptance of your will, loving Lord. Take from my heart all painful anxiety. Let nothing sadden me but sin. And then let my delight be hoping to see your face, God my all.

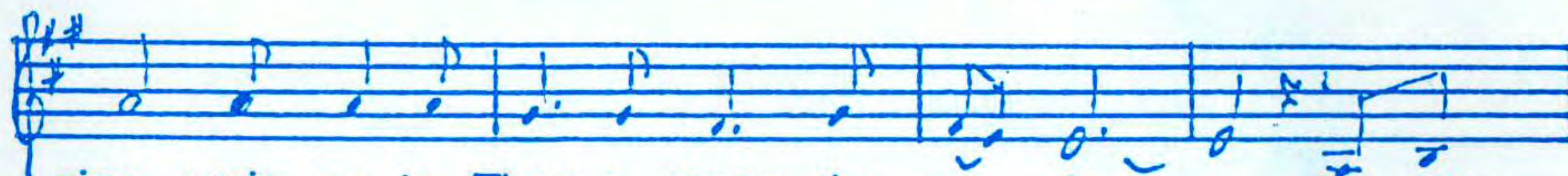


Recessional:

Be Exalted



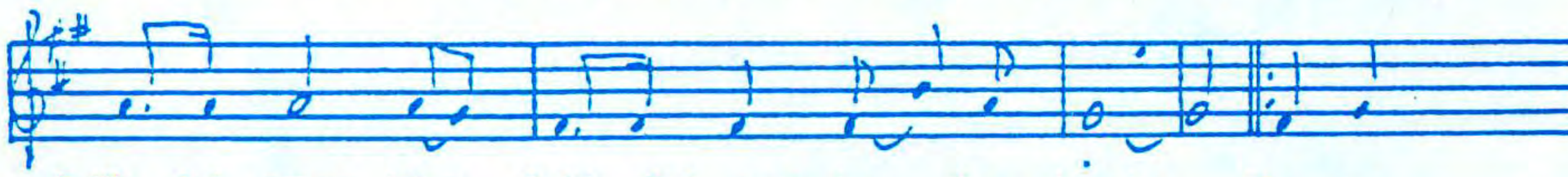
I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, a - mong the peo - ple. I will



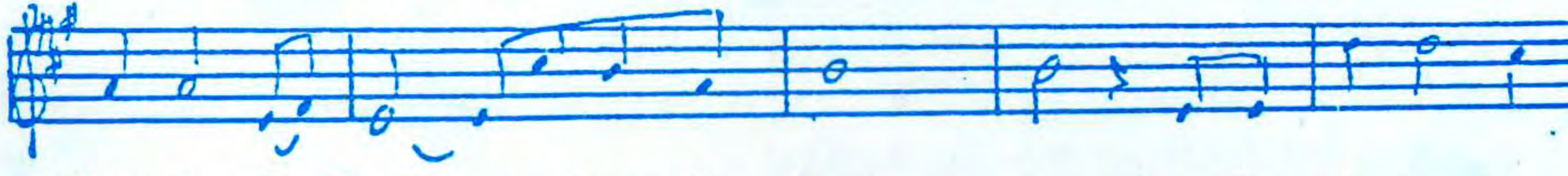
sing prais - es to Thee a - mong the na - tions. For Thy



stead - fast love is great, is great to the heav - ens, and Thy



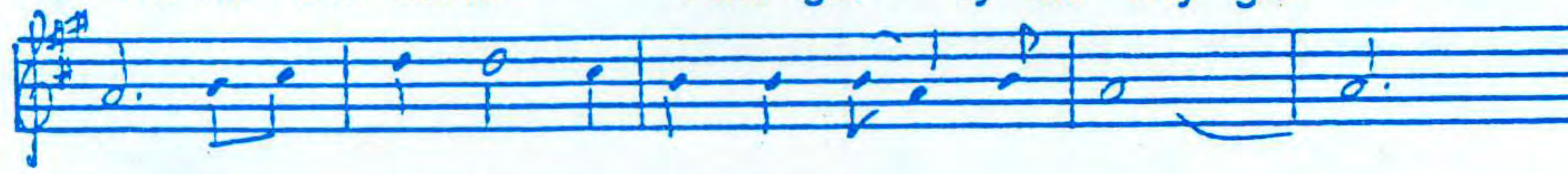
faith - ful - ness, Thy faith - ful - ness to the clouds. Be ex -



alt - ed, O God, a - bove the heav - ens. Let Thy glo - ry be



o - ver all the earth. I will glo - ry let Thy glo -



ry, let Thy glo - ry be o - ver all the earth.

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