## Sisters of Mercy Under 60s Group

As the age profile of Sisters of Mercy changes, many Congregations have provided opportunities for those in the under 60 age group, or 60 and under, or under 65... to gather together. In 2015 Mercy International Association conducted a survey with sisters under 60 who had been selected by their congregations. This survey revealed a hope for those in this age profile to dialogue together further.

## **Invitation**

Mercy International Association invites all Sisters of Mercy who will be under the age of 60 on the **24th September 2017** to join a restricted online group with a long term aim of establishing connections and reflecting together on mercy life and leadership today.

## How the group will work

- Messages or announcements can be made which will be sent to all members of the group. Individuals can choose whether they want the messages instantly, in a daily digest, in a weekly digest or to just access messages via a web browser.
- Scheduled video conferences will be a tool used in the future to connect those in this
  group, that are interested in doing so, to engage in workshops or reflect together on
  an article, or other uses that may emerge from the group.
- The group is set up through Google which means that members must have a google account (note that a gmail address is not necessary, just any email address that is connected to a google account. Accounts are free and can be established at https://accounts.google.com/SignUpWithoutGmail)
- A google group gives members the flexibility to unsubscribe from the group at any time.
- While the primary language of communication will be English, discussion threads may also occur in other languages and the use of google translate, although rudimentary, does allow for enhanced communication between speakers of different languages.

## How to participate

Those who would like to be part of the group need to request membership. This can be done by emailing Anna Nicholls rsm on the email <a href="mailto:heritage@mercyinternational.ie">heritage@mercyinternational.ie</a>, including name, email address and Congregation.

An invitation will then be generated and emailed, together with further information, directly to the Sister to register.