

Mercy Day Events Celebrate a Leadership of Service

Festivities set for Orland Park and Chicago campuses on September 21-22

Leadership in service of the common good will be the theme as SXU celebrates Mercy Day, 2011. Students, faculty, and staff will have several opportunities to participate in special events marking this year's celebration. They might...

- Encounter the spirit of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, in the Orland Park Campus library on Wednesday, September 21st at 6 p.m.;
- Gather with the University community for a special Eucharistic Liturgy honoring the Sisters of Mercy in McDonough Chapel on Thursday, September 22nd at noon;
- Participate in commissioning and blessing University leaders, called like Catherine McAuley to a leadership of service, at the Academy Bell on Thursday, September 22nd at 3:30 p.m.;
- Join student leaders in conversation with local Sister of Mercy leaders in the Student Lounge on Thursday, September 22nd at 4 p.m.

Celebrated around the world, Mercy Day recalls the beginning of Mercy education in Ireland (1827) as well as the arrival of the first Sisters of Mercy in Chicago (1846). Each year SXU celebrates Mercy Day by highlighting the importance of leadership – thought leadership, organizational leadership, collaborative leadership – all shaped by the University's core values and mission “to serve wisely and compassionately in support of human dignity and the common good.” That's the style of leadership Catherine McAuley modeled and passed on to her sisters and their co-workers – that is, to all at Saint Xavier University.