

Welcome to Mercy Partners

Mercy Partners is a multi-charism Public Juridic Person (PJP) in the Catholic Church. Its acts first and foremost in the stewardship of the ministries entrusted to its care by the founding Congregations and Orders.

Mercy Partners works within the Catholic Church to build partnerships, relationships and connections across our ministries, our regions and the wider Church.

The name Mercy Partners originates from the mercy of God working in partnership.



Mercy Partners' mission is to contribute to the emergence of a world where the healing, liberating and life-giving mercy of God is experienced.

Mercy Partners expresses its mission by safeguarding the ministries entrusted to our care, helping them to function effectively in accordance with the tradition of their founding charism.

About Us

Mercy Partners was granted canonical status as a PJP by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life on 17 November 2008 and was established to provide canonical sponsorship and civil ownership of ministries, conducted in the first instance by the Sisters of Mercy in Queensland.

Since the inception of Mercy Partners, the following congregations and orders have joined Mercy Partners.

- Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Queensland (2014)
- The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Australia (2017)
- Sisters of Mercy Parramatta (2021)
- Sisters of Mercy North Sydney (2023)
- The Carmelite Province of Our Lady Help of Christians, Australia and Timor Leste (2024)
- Sisters of Our Lady Sion (2025)

Governance

Mercy Partners operates within Church Law (Canon Law) and Civil Law.

Mercy Partners Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, it is the sole member and owner of its subsidiary ministries. The ministries are also companies limited by guarantee as well as registered charities.

Mercy Partners is governed by its members which are entities that are owned or controlled by the founding religious Congregations or Orders.



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Heritage

Mercy Partners is a dynamic multi-charism, multi-ministry PJP dedicated to continuing God's mission through the work of its ministries, ensuring that Catholic identity is preserved and strengthened, and honouring, nurturing and reimagining the unique charisms of the congregations and orders.

Mercy Partners acts at all times for the common good empowering our ministries to advocate and care for the most vulnerable in our society.

The charisms celebrated at Mercy Partners are Mercy, Presentation, Franciscan and Carmelite.



Formation

To fulfil its canonical responsibilities regarding leadership formation, Mercy Partners provides formation opportunities for key leaders, including ministry Board Directors, Chief Executive Officers, Principals, and Mission Leaders, within its ministries. These include:

- Orientation and Induction for new Board Directors, CEO/Principals and Mission Leaders
- Resources for Board Directors including Partners in Mission booklets, Partners in Mission video series
- Prayer Resources
- Charism Resource books
- Mercy Moments
- Sharing of information regarding external formation experiences

These resources are located in the Mercy Partners' portal.

Mission Leaders

Mission Leaders are supported through an annual Mission Leaders Gathering, providing opportunities for networking and shared learning.

For ministries without a dedicated Mission Leader, Mercy Partners provides assistance with formation planning and delivery as required.

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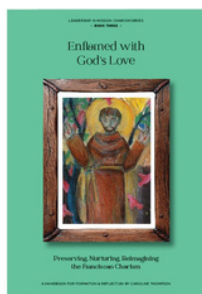
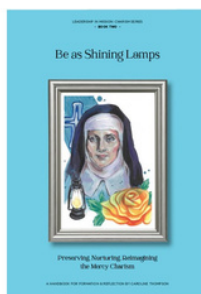
Mercy Partners as the PJP, is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the ministries operate within the teachings and laws of the Catholic Church.
- Confirming that the charism and traditions of the founding religious congregations/orders continue within the ministries.
- Leading the delivery of Catholic Identity Formation to support ministry Boards, CEO/Principals.

Ministry Boards are responsible for:

- Ensuring that Catholic Social Teaching, Scripture, Theology and the founding charism are reflected within the Board and across the organisation.
- Leading the ministry's charism and heritage Formation.

Additional information about Formation is outlined in the Annual Ministry Planning Guide.



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Ministries

Mercy Partners is privileged to sponsor and own ministries in aged care, community services and disability services, education, health, social justice and social enterprise.

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It is the role of Mercy Partners to provide the canonical sponsorship to each of its ministries through ensuring that the leaders of the ministries are well formed in the charisms of the founding Congregations or Orders.

Each ministry is a work of the Catholic Church and as such has the responsibility to ensure its Catholic identity remains at the forefront of its operation.

Mercy Partners provides support to its ministries through the provision formation programs, educational materials, library resources and digital productions for the advancement of formation in the ministries.

It is the policy of Mercy Partners that the Boards of the individual ministries are responsible for the operational matters that ensure the day-to-day ongoing provision of a Catholic education in the tradition of the founding Congregation or Order.

Under each ministry's constitution the Members have reserved powers to ensure 'best practice' governance of the ministry by the Board.

Current ministries of Mercy Partners:

- All Hallows' School (Brisbane)
- Holy Cross Services (Brisbane)
- Mater Health Group (South-East, Central and North Queensland)
- Mercy Community (South-East, Central and North Queensland)
- Mercy Foundation (Sydney)
- Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College (Sydney)
- Mount Alvernia College (Brisbane)
- Our Lady of Mercy College (Parramatta)
- Our Lady of Sion College (Melbourne)
- St Patrick's College (Townsville)
- St Rita's College (Brisbane)
- St Ursula's College (Yeppoon)
- Whitefriars College (Melbourne)

Trusts

The Board of Mercy Partners, in addition to their governance role to oversee Mercy Partners ministries, also undertake the role of Trustee for beneficial trusts established by a number of member Congregations of Mercy Partners.

These Trusts have been set up to support the charitable works of the founding Congregations.

The current trusts under the governance of Mercy Partners are:

- Nudgee Trust
- Missionary Franciscan Sisters Trust



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Join the PJP

Mercy Partners is open to religious Congregations and Orders who are seeking alternative sponsorship and ownership for their ministries within a PJP in the Catholic Church.

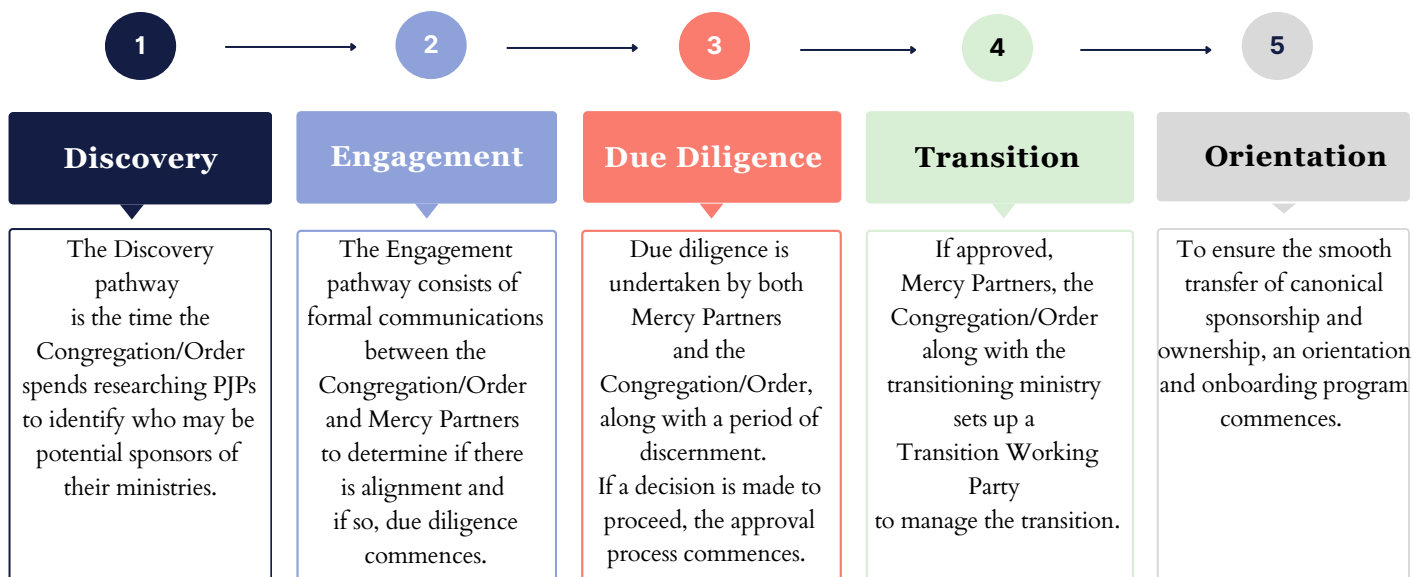
Mercy Partners' Canonical Statute and Constitution enable it to take responsibility for other Catholic ministries that are entrusted to its

care and maintain the ongoing charism of the founding Congregations and Orders.

Mercy Partners has produced a detailed Ministry Transition Guide that steps out the journey involved with transiting a ministry from a Congregation or Order into Mercy Partners.

The Transition Journey

To support transition discussions, Mercy Partners has included in their Ministry Transition Guide the key steps that make up the transition journey. An outline of the transition journey is below.



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