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## Mercy Health celebrates Mercy Day

Mercy Health staff have held Mercy Day celebrations across the country this week to acknowledge the life and work of Foundress Catherine McAuley.

Mercy Day is marked on 24 September each year, the date in 1827 when Catherine opened her first school in Dublin, providing a place to shelter and educate disadvantaged women and children.

Mercy Health continues to uphold Catherine's work through staff that are committed to the organisation's vision and values in hospitals, residential aged care homes and home and community care services.

To acknowledge Mercy Day this year, Mercy Health joined Mercy ministries from around the world in reflecting on how to care for our Earth.

Mercy Health Director of Leadership & Mission Julia Trimboli said the organisation is committed to following Catherine McAuley's example and responding to the needs of our time by helping the planet's most vulnerable people.

"This year on Mercy Day we took the opportunity to encourage our Mercy Health community to consider how to make sustainable changes to our eco footprint at both work and at home," Ms Trimboli explained.

"It is vital that we all take responsibility for the environment and recognise that as individuals, groups and organisations we can all be doing more to protect our natural resources."

Mercy Health has responded to the 2015 Papal encyclical's call to 'hear the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor' by releasing our own *Approach to care for our common home*.

The document outlines how we as an organisation can support local, national and global efforts to protect our environment.

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