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August 16, 2021

Dear Administrators,

Mercy Education is thrilled to offer the 2021 Mercy Education Conference as a virtual event. The conference will focus on pedagogical practices that will enhance the work that we do with our students to bring about greater understanding of the mission of Mercy and the Mercy Critical Concerns. It is our great hope that our schools will see this virtual conference as an opportunity to provide professional development and renewal to their entire faculty and staff.

Here are some of the logistics of the conference. This information is also included in the program brochure.

When: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm ET
Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 12:00-5:00 pm ET

Conference Registration Costs: \$25.00 per person to a maximum of \$1000.00 per school

Theme: "Conference of Renewal: Why We Do What We Do as Mercy Educators"

On Wednesday, October 13, the conference opening will include prayer and a keynote presentation by Sr. Áine O'Connor, a member of the Institute Leadership team, entitled "Living Mercy, Living Hope" emphasizing the Mercy Charism and Critical Concerns.

Presentations on Thursday, October 14 will be as follows:

- (1) Amie Konwinski of the Smart Gen Society will present on social-emotional learning and the iGen learner
- (2) Rachel Dowell, Mount St. Mary Catholic High School, Oklahoma City, will present on ways the pandemic has changed education.
- (3) Amanda Ables, Mercy Academy, Louisville, will offer a workshop on wellness practices as part of a wholistic education.

(4) Ryan McGoran, Mercy High School - Burlingame and Colleen Swain, Mercy Global Action, will present on global partnerships and advocacy

You will find the conference brochures (English and Spanish) attached.

For registering participants, please use the provided Excel spreadsheet. It would be very helpful to have **one person in each school handle the registration** for all participants, whether one or one hundred. Because we anticipate that the majority of participants will view the keynote address from their homes, **it is important that we know exactly how many ZOOM connections will be needed**. We also want to be able to send follow-up information directly to all participants. The **due date** for registration is **September 17, 2021**.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly at kbaxter@sistersofmercy.org or 610-331-2255 with any questions.

Thank you,

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