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Welcome to the AMSSA Newsletter.

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Things to do at school after WorldYouthDay

Send in your WYD stories?

Can your MercyWYD pilgrims record their stories and send them to contact@fraynwork.com.au so they can be posted on the mercyworld.org website? There are already some stories posted on the www.mercy.org.au Australain Mercy Sisters' website.

(Subscribers to Mercy E-News, you would have seen this invitation in the July 28 edition.)

Talk to other Mercy pilgrims?

Can your pilgrims keep contact with the other Mercy pilgrims on the Mercy Forum at www.mercywyd.org.au?

Buy Photos etc?

If you wish to purchase photos of the day at Monte, please go to: www.akphotos.com.au, select "viewing & ordering", refer to "SPECIAL EVENTS" section, and select Mercy Conference.

(Ann-Marie has promised a complimentary DVD of the day which will be sent to the schools who were there.)

Things for AMSSA to do after WorldYouthDay

Watch for developments about how to keep the spirit alive

How can we do this?

AMSSA executive member Christine Simpson, of St Aloysius College Adelaide, is hoping to be at a meeting planned by the Mercy Sisters with this as the focus. The meeting is at the same time as the next Young Mercy Justice Tree gathering.

Involving students in our own AMSSA conferences

The Planning Committee for our next conference, in Perth from July 1 to July 4 2009, are giving thought to ways of including student representatives in our conferences.

Do you have WYD comments or suggestions for AMSSA? Send them to any of the Exec or to Frances at msea@mercy.org.au.

Thank you's

Thanks to Ann-Marie Herd and the Team behind the Mercy at the Heart gathering at Mont Sant' Angelo

Thanks to Ann- Marie, who gave our Mercy pilgrims a rich experience of being and doing Mercy. AMSSA has arranged for a formal letter of thanks and a gift to be presented to Ann-Marie in appreciation.



Thanks to staffs of the five Sydney Mercy schools who helped with the day, and to Ann-Marie's team of Belinda Antaw from OLMC Parramatta, Kylie Cogger and Joe Galletta from Monte, Genine D'Arcy from Mercy Chatswood, Sr Helen Law and Petah Foran from McAuley at Westmead, Lisa Overton from OLMC Burraneer, and Jacqui McGurren from Monte.

Thanks the Sisters of Mercy and to Catholic Church Insurances, our WYD Sponsor

The funds for our WYD gathering at Monte came from WYD grants from CCI to the Australian Mercy Congregations. This was an extraordinarily generous gift from both the Sisters and CCI, without which our day would not have been possible.

A PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

(Adapted from Morning and Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy)

O God, you have done great things for us. You give us all that we need for life, and you sustain us on the path of Mercy to which you have called us. May we always perceive your guiding hand; may we welcome and encourage the companions you have given us for our journey. In the end, may we be welcomed into your embrace by all the members of our families and communities who have gone before us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus who walks with us. Amen.



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Mercy values alive!

THE 2009 BIENNIAL AMSSA CONFERENCE

JULY 1 – 4, 2009

at the Mercy schools in Perth, WA

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