

How does one celebrate nine Sisters of Mercy and their 500 Years – for four, 50 years and for five, 60 years - of service to our wide world in the footsteps of Catherine McAuley?

These Sisters began as Mercies in Ballarat East, Townsville or Melbourne and have 'done their time' in their respective Diocese or beyond.

To celebrate, many Sisters gathered at the 'Mercure' in Ballarat for Mass, followed by a meal, and of course some speeches, the cutting of the cakes and much talking.

One cannot celebrate such an event without reflecting on those 50/60 years and all that has happened in our Church and the world in general. From my point of view one thing I can say is 'thank God for Vatican 11' and the ongoing challenge to take up the call of 'the signs of the times' in our present world. We have been so blest in the fact that since then there has been a great diversity in the ministries of these Sisters and opportunities to study and travel.

Thanks go to our former Congregations and now our Communities, families and friends for the support, comfort and companionship over these years and we pray a blessing on whatever the future has in store.

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L-R Kathleen Moran, Nola Morrisy, Cheryl Camp and Geraldine Mugavin (50 years)



L-R Aileen Coghlan, Teresa Monigatti, Anne Lourey and Noelle Russell (absent Anne Arundell) (60 years)