



Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
Hermanas de la Misericordia de las Américas
Regional Community of Burlingame

Sisters of Mercy Burlingame Region

Mission

Animated by the Gospel and Catherine McAuley's passion for the poor, we, the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, are impelled to commit our lives and resources to act in solidarity with
--the economically poor of the world, especially women and children;
--women seeking fullness of life and equality in church and society;
--one another as we embrace our multicultural and international reality.

Web Site: www.mercyburl.org

Regional Size: 174 sisters
125 Associates

Regional Geographical Area: California and Phoenix, Arizona

Other Mercy Regions: One of 25 regions of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas which includes the United States, Argentina, Belize, Chile, Chuuk, Guam, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, and the Philippines.
By 2008 the regions will combine into six larger Communities.
The Institute was founded in 1991.
4,500 sisters in the Institute

Sponsored Ministries:

Education: ***Mercy High School, Burlingame*** is a four year college preparatory school for girls with an enrollment of over 450. www.mercyhsb.com.

Mercy High School, San Francisco is a four year college preparatory school for girls with an enrollment of over 570. See more at www.mercyhs.org

Spiritual Ministry: **Mercy Center** offers programs year-round, including Taizé prayer, training in spiritual direction, programs in holistic spirituality, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, and dialogue between eastern and western spirituality. www.mercy-center.org.

Mission: Indigenous vocations contribute to the flourishing of Mercy in Peru. Sisters of Mercy in Peru have now come together to form their own Community. Sisters continue to engage in ministries of education, pastoral work, and human rights advocacy.

Co-Sponsored Ministries:

Housing: The Sisters of Mercy Burlingame is one of the women's religious communities sponsoring **Mercy Housing, Inc.** MHI creates and strengthens healthy communities through the provision of quality, affordable, service-enriched housing for individuals and families who are economically poor.



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Mercy Housing California, an affiliate of Mercy Housing, has built 5253 units of housing through a combination of low interest loans, government grants, and efficient land use. MHC has another 2815 units in development throughout California. **Mercy Services** provides property management, resident services, and housing development assistance to Mercy Housing affiliates and other non-profit housing organizations. www.mercyhousing.org.

Healthcare: **Catholic Healthcare West** is a multi-congregational health care system sponsored by the Auburn and Burlingame Sisters of Mercy; and six other women's religious communities. The largest not-for-profit health care provider in California, CHW sponsors 42 acute care facilities in California, Arizona, and Nevada. www.chwhealth.com.

Elder care: **Elder Care Alliance** was formed when Mercy Retirement and Care Center affiliated with Salem Lutheran Home in Oakland to develop a network of faith-centered elder care programs in California. Alma Via San Francisco and Alma Via Camarillo are the first of a series of assisted living facilities built and managed by ECA in California. www.eldercarealliance.org.

Other Ministries: Many of the sisters are involved in ministries outside these sponsored works:

- The Refugee Resettlement program for the diocese of San Jose, California.
- Parish nursing in San Jose;
- Hospice chaplaincy in San Diego
- Chaplaincy for the elderly at Mercy Retirement and Care Center in Oakland and at Alma Via in San Francisco.
- Music therapy at Scripps-Mercy Hospital San Diego
- Prison ministry at San Quentin and for women coming out of prison in San Mateo County.

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