



Message from the Sisters of Mercy - #2  
April 10, 2020

Dear Neighbor,

We are sending you this update as a follow up to our last communication and in reference to the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 Shelter in Place Orders. We would prefer to be connecting with you in person at the April Listening Sessions but, of course, those need to be canceled. In light of this, we encourage you to share your comments and questions with us through the enclosed Feedback Form, the Mercy Campus website ([courb.co/mercycampus](http://courb.co/mercycampus)), and/or the Voice Mail number (650 373 4515). In addition, we are now set up for requests to participate in small group Virtual Coffee Chats. These requests, too, can be made through the Mercy Campus website, by return mail, or by phone.

We feel it is important for you to know that, while the campus is owned by the Sisters of Mercy, this planning process is a joint effort of the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy High School, and Mercy Housing, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy.

The group directing and managing this effort is our Administrative Team, the members of which are:

Sister Pauline Borghello, RSM, Sisters of Mercy	Jean Hastie, Sisters of Mercy, West MidWest
Sister Amy Bayley, RSM, Mercy Housing	Una Kinsella, Mercy High School, Board of Directors
Barbara Gualco, Mercy Housing	Bob Grassilli, Mercy High School, Former Board Member

We look forward to you being able to meet the Team in person.

As we have described previously, we are in the midst of a planning process for the Mercy campus which will achieve the primary goals we have established. Those goals are to ensure the continuation of our Mercy mission and ministries, provide for the current and long-term needs of our sisters, address the need of Mercy High School to add an Athletic and Student Life Center, honor the natural environment of the campus, and explore addressing the housing needs of the broader community.

As part of this process, we are nearing the completion of a constraints and opportunities land use analysis, which will help us better understand the physical property. The other key component of our planning is input from the community, and that is the additional purpose of this communication. Your thoughts and observations combined with the physical aspects of the campus will help guide us in the next steps of our planning. Again, please let us know your thoughts and questions in any way you feel most comfortable.

For those of you who have not visited the website, there is one additional piece of information which we would like to share with you, and that is the timeline for the campus. It begins with our earliest days here in Burlingame, notes the additions over the years and includes the current phase of our planning process. We will update this regularly as we proceed.

The following is a summary of the timeline.

- 1924: Kohl Mansion Sold in Probate to the Sisters of Mercy - The Sisters of Mercy purchased “The Oaks”, comprising 40 acres, the Kohl Mansion, and a Carriage House, from the estate of C. Frederick Kohl, to be used as the Sisters' Motherhouse and novitiate.
- 1931: Motherhouse and Mercy High School - The “new” Motherhouse was built down the hill and Mercy High School opened as a school for girls.
- 1962/1963: Russell Hall and Residential Additions - Additional residential wings were added to the Motherhouse for the Sisters, and Russell Hall was opened as a Training College.
- 1975: Marian Oaks - Marian Oaks opened to provide a retirement living community for Sisters.
- 1981: Mercy Center - The original novitiate building, at the back of the Motherhouse on the lower road, was re-dedicated as Mercy Center, a retreat and conference center.
- 1983: Morning Glory Montessori Pre-School - Morning Glory Montessori Pre-School relocated to the Mercy campus.
- 2017/2018: Future Planning - The Sisters of Mercy community undertook an internal visioning process related to their stewardship of the Mercy Campus in Burlingame.
- Fall 2019: Community Engagement Planning - Informal meetings were held with various community leaders and stakeholders in order to design an inclusive, collaborative, and transparent community engagement plan.
- Winter/Spring 2020: Constraints/Opportunities Analysis - A constraints and opportunities land use analysis of the 40 acres was begun and is scheduled to be completed in late spring.
- April and May 2020: Community Outreach and Input

Finally, in this mailing you will find:

Website Card: Please share this with any neighbors and other interested parties so that they may be kept current and engage with us as part of the planning process.

Feedback Form: Let us know how best to stay in contact with you. We would also appreciate your response to a few questions we included on this form.

Virtual Coffee Chat Request: This is included as part of the Feedback Form if you or a small group would like to talk with members of the Administrative Team.

Thank you for your time and your input. We value and appreciate it.

Blessings on your households,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Bayley, RSM". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Sister Amy Bayley, RSM



## Feedback Form

### What is the best way to stay in touch with you?

We are committed to keeping everyone informed and gaining their input. Please check one or more of the below options;

- Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_
- Email \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Mail (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

### Your input is valued

Please mail your responses to Sisters of Mercy, 2300 Adeline, Burlingame, CA 94010, c/o Campus Planning. The same questions can be answered on the website ([courb.co/mercycampus](http://courb.co/mercycampus)). We would appreciate receiving your responses by April 30.

**Listening Session Question #1: Given our goals, what are one or two opportunities which you see for the Campus?**

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**Listening Session Question #2: What are cautions or concerns you would share with us as this planning moves forward?**

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### Request a Virtual Coffee Chat

Even though we can't meet in person, a member of the Administrative Team is available to talk one-on-one or in small groups. Add your details below and we'll be in touch to set up a chat.

- Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_
- Availability \_\_\_\_\_  
(Days and times that work best for you)

**We would appreciate your responses by April 30th.**