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In care of the sick, great tenderness above all things.
- Catherine McAuley, Founder, Sisters of Mercy



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Since its inception Mercy Medical Center has been blessed by the service and dedication of the Sisters of Mercy. Over the years the Sisters have served in a wide range of roles in support of the hospital and its mission. Below we honor the Sisters who currently serve the patients, families and staff of Mercy Medical Center.

Sister Helen Amos, RSM Executive Chair, Board of Trustees

I was born and raised in what is sometimes called The Deep South, in Mobile, Alabama. When my older sister, Pat, came to Baltimore for college (and to Mercy Hospital for Medical Technology training), my family thought she came home with a strange accent.

The Sisters of Mercy taught me through elementary and high school. As I became friends with many of my teachers, particularly those who guided the school newspaper, the glee club and sports, I decided to join the community.

I've been a teacher and an administrator, including seven years as President of the Sisters of Mercy. In the latter role I visited the Sisters working outside the U.S., in Jamaica, Guyana, Honduras, Belize and Argentina. Observing the works of Mercy in these cultures was an unforgettable experience.

Of the four vows we make as Sisters, the vow of obedience has changed most dramatically in its meaning for me (and all of us) over the years. What it means to me today is searching daily for how to be the best instrument of peace, mercy and justice I can be. God's work on earth really is our work.

My work here at Mercy is motivated first of all by the patients — their needs, their gratitude for every act of caring we give them, even if it's only a smile. At the same time, I am moved by the spirit of this great house of Mercy that lives in our incomparable co-workers throughout the organizations.

Sister Theresa Carter, RSM Hospitality Staff