

## Conference for Mercy Higher Education: Mission Officers

### A Template for Reporting Best Practices (Modeled on the ACCU “Promising Practices” Site)

This form is intended to capture very high level information or descriptions of a best practice at your institution. For our purposes of quickly collecting a few of your practices that you want to share with our CMHE colleagues, please fill out enough so that we can understand the effort. Hopefully, if this is not too demanding on your time, we will have several practices to explore more thoroughly with the individual mission officer.

**Title:** The McDarby Institute

**Summary:** [1 or 2 sentences only]

The McDarby Institute (named for one of the founding sisters from Carlow) is a year-long program for faculty and staff focused on the experience of working in a Mercy/Catholic institution. The group meets monthly for two hours to reflect on shared readings. There is also an alumni group which meets less frequently but with the intention of continuing the effort to deepen our core identity.

**Goals:**

The goal of the Institute is to prepare a critical mass of Carlow community members who are conversant with our Mercy history and the riches and implications of being a Catholic institution.

**Description:** [Basic details of the practice]

The curriculum includes Catherine McAuley’s life and spirituality, the story of coming to the United States, who the Sisters of Mercy are today, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, higher education as a work of mercy, Catholic Social Teaching and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. The experience ends with a day long retreat.

**Successes:**

Seventy members of the community have participate in the Institute. There have been two pilgrimages to Mercy International Centre with graduates.

**Advice:**

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