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Mother of Mercy House Announces Team Changes

Philadelphia — August 5, 2020 — Mother of Mercy House (MoMH) announced today that Sr. Ann Raymond, IHM has made the decision to commit to a full-time position at Camilla Hall.

Mother of Mercy House Executive Director, Fr. Liam Murphy shared, "On the one hand, this is a big loss for MoMH and the people that we serve. "Dolly," as Sr. Ann is called by family and friends, was affectionately referred to as Mother, Madre, or even Mom by many of the homeless and neighbors who stopped by MoMH. They will miss her presence. On the other hand, the change takes Sister Ann back to her roots in her community and her leadership is now a blessing to the Sisters in her care."

In her new role Sr. Ann will serve as Superior, implementing a pioneering new team model of leadership in Camilla Hall—the Convent Home and Health Care Center for the IHM Sisters. She and the rest of the leadership team is committed to person-centered care for their 200+ sister residents. Sister shares, "As I begin this new community endeavor - as I did when I joined Mother of Mercy House - I have great enthusiasm for the ministry, recognition of the challenges and belief in God's abiding grace."

Sister Ann was part of the founding team at MoMH and also a member of the MoMH founding board on which she serves and will continue to serve as Board President. She is responsible for establishing the Food Ministry and the successful implementation of the program's operation. Sr. Ann commented "I am grateful for my five years at Mother of Mercy House and excited for this new challenge in my life. Physical presence isn't the only way to serve and MOMH will forever be a marked influence in my life." The team at MoMH will miss her but will continue to benefit from her influence and work on the board of directors.

We are so delighted to announce that the IHM sisters continue their support of Mother of Mercy House by allowing Sr. Mary Ellen Broderick, IHM to join the Mother of Mercy House team.

Sister Mary Ellen taught in elementary education for over 25 years, serving in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Arlington, VA and Camden, NJ. She was also stationed in Lima, Peru first at the IHM Villa Maria Academy, then she helped to open a Jesuit sponsored *Fe y Alegria* (Faith and Joy) school in Barranca, Peru. Sister then was missioned at Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence, MA. Lazarus House is a multi-faceted Ministry for people who face economic hardship. Her work was with the families and single guests who resided in the shelter, helping them to achieve stability in their lives.

Sr. Mary Ellen is also a founding Board Member for Mother of Mercy House, serving as Board Secretary. Sister shares, "This ministry has been close to my heart. It has been an exciting yet challenging opportunity for me and the Board. I have been blessed to have so

many invested laypeople on the Board with me— their dedication has inspired and humbled me on so many occasions. I am grateful to my IHM Community for their dedication to MOMH and their desire to continue to have an IHM as part of the team who serves God's Beloved living on the margins of K&A."

Fr. Murphy commented, "Sister Mary Ellen is uniquely qualified for this work and we are thrilled to have her as part of our team at Mother of Mercy House."

PHOTOS:



Sr. Ann Raymond, IHM



Sr. Mary Ellen Broderick, IHM

ABOUT MOTHER OF MERCY HOUSE:

Located at 720 E. Allegheny Avenue in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Mother of Mercy House opened in June 2015 inspired by Pope Francis' call to "be a poor Church for the poor," to be a "field hospital," to "take the Church to the frontiers," to "move beyond our comfort zones" and be where others might not want to be, the ministry began five years ago. Mother of Mercy House had a simple desire to be the presence of Christ and the Church, to discern the needs of the people who live there and to respond as best they could. Led by Fr Liam Murphy, the entire team at the Mother of Mercy House works each day to meet God's people where they are in their lives, with the love and mercy of God.

Mother of Mercy House is a 501c(3) charitable organization.

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