



SEVILLE MERCY CENTRE PRESENTS

RAINFOREST RETREAT 2024 10 - 12 MAY

A retreat immersion experience of Mercy through rainforest reconnection, reflection and renewal of our responsibilities for the Earth community.

This time of learning and renewal will immerse participants in the mystery of the living God, who dwells at the heart of creation. We will deepen our appreciation of the beauty and sacredness of the natural world, hear the cry of Earth and bring forth imaginative responses (personal, organisational and communal) to the ecological challenges of our time and our place.

\$900 (+ GST)
Inclusive of accommodation, all meals, program, tours and excursions.

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THE EXPERIENCE



Immersing ourselves in the ideals of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*, we will experience the lush rainforest and Gondwanan evolution in the land of the Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji & Yirrganydji people, and the Kuku Yalanji people, who are among the first human inhabitants of Australia. We will discover the rich spiritual heritage that links the people of the region to the land. Eco art practices will be used to express what is emerging within us as we reconnect with nature and go forth into new ways of being in harmony with Mother Earth.

THE PRESENTERS



Priscilla O'Brien

Priscilla is the Ministry Development Coordinator at Seville Mercy Centre, a Fellow of the Mercy Integral Ecology Program from the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea, and a *Laudato Si'* Animator. Priscilla is passionate about touching lives through faith, care of creation, and community building, developing programs that inspire participants to deepen their connection to God and creation. She is also passionate about youth ministry and bringing hope to young people.

Alison is an Early Childhood Educator, artist and writer living in Cairns, with a deep connection to the rainforest and sea. That connection, wired into her DNA, and passed from one generation to the next, tells a story of the relationship of life, identity, family, community, culture and the love of the natural world. Alison is passionate about engaging people, creatively and spiritually, with the environment and the natural treasures found on our beautiful planet.



Alison Fitzsimmons

THE VENUE

Seville Mercy Centre

35 Bauhinia Avenue, Earlville Queensland

A unique facility owned by the Sisters of Mercy, with a charm that is warm, personal and relaxing.

Seville is nestled into the foothills of Cairns in a tranquil, rainforest setting.

Seville is Sustainable Tourism Certified by Ecotourism Australia.

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