

# Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation

1865 –

**Other Names:** • North Sydney Sisters of Mercy

**URL:** <http://www.nsmercy.org.au>

## Details

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The Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation, is a Catholic order of nuns established in Sydney 1865. They were responsible for the administration of St Carthage's College for Young Ladies (1907-1931), St Catherine's Home, Brooklyn (1931-1990) and Waitara Foundling Home (later known as Our Lady of Mercy Home from 1898 to 1977. It also ran Mercy Family Life Centre and Mercy Family Centre.

The Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation joined the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy Australia in 1981. They did not join the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea when it formed in 2011, but remained an independent congregation, as Women of Mercy.

## Gallery

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**Classroom on the premises, St Catherine's Brooklyn**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image from the Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation archives collection. The image shows a classroom with a teacher and children at St Catherine's Orphanage.

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**'Fun in the sun', St Catherine's Brooklyn**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image from the Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation archives collection. The image shows children playing outside at St Catherine's Orphanage.

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**Lunch in the fresh air, St Catherine's Brooklyn**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image from the Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation archives collection. The image shows children eating their lunch outside at St Catherine's Orphanage.

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### Sister Anne O'Brien with pupils, St Catherine's Brooklyn

**Description:** This is a copy of an image from the Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation archives collection. The image shows children being taught how to play tennis by a teacher at St Catherine's Orphanage.

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### Front of Home [Waitara and Our Lady of Mercy]

**Description:** This is a copy of an image from the Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation archives collection. This image shows the front of the building where Waitara Foundling Home and later, Our Lady of Mercy Home, Waitara operated.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

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- [St Catherine's Orphanage \(1931 - 1990\)](#)  
Date: 1931 - 1990
- [Waitara Foundling Home \(1898 - 1927\)](#)  
Date: 1898 - 1927
- [Mercy Family Life Centre, Waitara \(1977 - 1994\)](#)
- [Our Lady of Mercy Home, Waitara \(c. 1928 - 1977\)](#)  
Date: 1928 - 1977
- [Mater Misericordiae Hospital \(1906 - 1982\)](#)
- [St Carthage's College for Young Ladies \(24 September 1907 - 1931\)](#)
- [Mercy Family Centre, Waitara \(1994 - 2001\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Sisters of Mercy Archives \(North Sydney\) \(1865 - current\)](#)  
The Sisters of Mercy Archives is the record-keeping service for the Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation.

### Resources

- Taylor, Lucy, RSM, *St Catherine's Home - Brooklyn*, 12 April 2012
- *St Catherine's Home at Brooklyn Closes*, Catholic Weekly, 5 September 1990
- Mercy Family Centre, *Looking Back: A foundling home at Waitara*, Mercy Family Centre Annual Report, 1984
- [The Cry of the Children: Mr P McGarry Introduces a Deputation: The Chief Secretary's Sympathetic Words](#), Freeman's Journal, 25 November 1915

## Records

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### Records

- [Sisters of Mercy \(North Sydney\) Historical Records \(1898? - 2001?\)](#)
  - [Records of institutions run by the Sisters of Mercy \(North Sydney\) \(1903? - 1990?\)](#)
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