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## **Statement of Support for Those Who are Suffering in our World Assembly 2010**

Living the call to follow Jesus and the charism of Catherine McAuley, we, as Sisters of Mercy, acknowledge the suffering of our sisters and of so many people in our world.

We send our support and prayers for those who are suffering because of:

- Natural disasters, such as storms, floods, earthquakes and tornadoes.
- Disasters caused by the carelessness of people and their disregard for the Earth. The BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico serves as a stark reminder of the consequences when we fail to preserve and protect precious natural resources.
- Social and political unrest, injustice and corruption, especially that which leads to violence and to utter disregard for life.
- Lack of basic human rights, such as healthcare, clean water, food, shelter, freedom and safety.

In conclusion, the Assembly body affirms the role of Community Leadership to act on behalf of the entire Community during crises or tragedies by extending expressions of support and prayer to our sisters, their co-workers and those who are in need of God's compassionate mercy.