

Mercy Commitment to Move to Poorer Areas

Riverdale Court in Castlebar

In keeping with the commitment to move into the poorer areas and living closer to the people, a house was bought in Riverdale Court, Castlebar in August 1986 and Srs. Ann Fergus, Margo Lombard and Edna McNicholas moved to Riverdale in September.

St. Enda's Avenue in Tuam

A house was bought in St. Enda's Avenue in 1989. It was used as a House of Formation in a disadvantaged area. Following the 1993 Chapter, Srs. Christina Heskin and Breege O'Neill moved in and they set up a Counselling Centre in the town. The house was closed and sold 2006.

This emphasis on moving in with the people was further explored at the Diocesan Chapter in 1993. Two new communities were set up following further discernment.

Michael Davitt Park, Westport

Srs, Áine Barrins, Kathleen Friel, Bríd McDonnell, Clare Moylan and Ann O'Shaughnessy formed an intentional community, following a Chapter decision to move into marginalised areas. Two houses, nos. 33 and 37 were bought in Michael Davitt Park, with 33 being used principally for ministry. The community moved to the new area in September 1994. The original community had moved for different reasons from 2001 – 2007. Sr. Bernadette O'Grady lived in No. 33 after her retirement, and lived there until it was sold in July 2018. Srs. Breege Bryce and Mary Teresa Reilly lived in No. 37 until it was sold in September 2018.

61 The Green, Galway

In May 1990, 61 The Green was bought to provide accommodation for people working in Galway City.