



**THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE A WOMAN OF MERCY WHO EXEMPLIFIES THAT A MERCY GIRL IS COMMITTED TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH, SERVICE TO OTHERS, AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD.**

Mary Faith Gardiner-Ferretto, LCSW-C, C-ASWCM '76 is a graduate of Towson University, where she earned her BA in Sociology, and the University of Maryland School of Social Work, where she earned her MSW, Clinical Concentration. She has been president of Ferretto Eldercare Consulting since 2008. Mary Faith is passionate about the work she does with the elderly and their families, running her business with integrity and compassion for the needs of those she serves. Mary Faith also co-facilitates a support group sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association for persons with Early Onset Dementia, serves as a board member of GEDCO-Stadium Place Board, and is board president of the Senior Network of North Baltimore. According to Mary Faith, "my life has been a path of spiritual growth from my time as a Mercy student until now. I applaud and support local organizations that serve people in need."

Mary Faith and her husband, Marc, are the parents of two Mercy Alumnae, Jessica Ferretto '91 and Lisa Ferretto '92. While a student at Mercy, Mary Faith fondly remembers taking the class Passover People taught by Sr. Margaret Beatty and Vicki Garvey '64 which focused on the history, culture, and tradition of the Jewish faith. Mary Faith draws on what she learned saying, "The content of the class has helped me to understand and appreciate the needs of my clients of different faith traditions."

Mary Faith's continued service to the elderly and commitment to justice in our world make her a wonderful example of a Mercy Girl who has become a Woman of Mercy!