



On Monday 3 December 2012, during the celebrations for International Day of People with Disability, there was a special Turning of the Sod ceremony at 31 Guardhouse Road Banyo, the site of the new Holy Cross Laundry. Pictured at left is Richard Marszalek, Chair of Holy Cross Laundry Governing Board, overseeing Sister Sandra Lupi, Congregation Leader, Sisters of Mercy Brisbane Congregation, turning the sod for the new laundry.

This new laundry is a joint project made possible through a spirit of cooperation established by the Sisters of Mercy in partnership with Mater Health Services and Holy Cross Laundry. Construction will commence shortly and it is expected to be commissioned in late 2013. The new laundry will be built to world class standards and will be equipped

with the most up to date equipment available. The building has been designed with environmental sustainability considerations in mind and will incorporate modern energy and water saving technologies. The capacity of the new laundry will be significantly higher than currently achievable at our current site at Woolloowin, and is purpose built to meet the future supply and demand of the Health Care Industry.

The history of Holy Cross Laundry reaches back to Dublin, Ireland in 1831 where Catherine McAuley took women and girls into care, providing them with the safety and security of a home, an education and employment. This tradition continues today with Holy Cross Laundry, a fully integrated workplace, providing employment and opportunity for the disadvantaged sector of our society. The existing laundry at Woolloowin was established in 1889 and was one of the first projects undertaken by the Sisters of Mercy after arriving in Brisbane in 1861.



*John Gilmour, Chair of the Project Control Group, addresses the gathering*