Research Paper Topics:  
Sisters of Mercy Critical Concerns

**Earth:**

- plastics in lakes, oceans, or landfills
- government subsidized alternative energy
- fracking
- Green Movement/Green New Deal
- oil spills
- Flint, Michigan water contamination
- climate change
- pollution (i.e., Pacific Plastic Patch; Great Barrier Reef, etc.)
- loss of biodiversity
- renewable resources of energy (wind, hydro, solar, geothermal)

**Immigration:**

- Political refugees
- Mexican border (wall)
- Deportation/acceptance of illegal immigrants
- Separation of immigrant families at border crossing
- immigration reform
- lifestyle of undocumented immigrants in United States, in Europe
- sanctuary cities
- migrant labor
- Brexit/Boris Johnson
- Dreamers
- Human trafficking

**Nonviolence:**

- student protestors at Tiananmen Square
- Hong Kong protests
- Gandhi
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- March for Our Lives Movements
- death penalty
- domestic violence
Racism:

- Black Lives Matter movement
- Police violence against citizens (i.e., Eric Garner, Freddie Grey, Michael Brown, Philando Castile)
- Apartheid
- Job discrimination
- Discrimination in justice system
- Educational equality (i.e., Charter schools, voucher programs)
- White Nationalism in the United States
- New Black Panther Party
- American prison systems

Women:

- The glass ceiling
- Lack of females in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Gender wages
- Paid maternity leave
- Treatment of women in prison
- Representation of women in politics (i.e., Elizabeth Warren, “The Squad”)
- Representation of women in the justice system (as judges, prosecutors, and police officers)
- MeToo Movement
- Department of Education policies about sexual assault on university campuses (Betsy DeVos)