

For Reflection & Discussion

Catherine McAuley's story is the foundation stone of formation and mission work in Mercy ministries. It can be used in many ways with staff, leadership teams and the wider community.

AS WELL AS DISCUSSING THE QUESTIONS WHICH FOLLOW, YOU COULD CONSIDER USING THE STORY AS THE BASIS FOR A MINISTRY MURAL, FOR A DIGITAL REPRESENTATION OF THE MINISTRY FOUNDATIONS OR IN DRAMA AND MUSICAL ACTIVITIES. YOU COULD INVITE SISTERS OF MERCY TO SHARE WHAT INSPIRED THEM ABOUT CATHERINE MCAULEY'S STORY.

- What part of Catherine McAuley's story has the most impact on you?
- How can Catherine McAuley's story be used to inspire new generations of people working in Mercy ministries?
- Catherine faced many challenges and struggles in her work. What can she teach us about dealing with setbacks and difficulties?
- Catherine gave her energy, passion, health, and fortune to help the most vulnerable in her society. Who might Catherine be helping if she was walking in your community today?
- Catherine's story highlights the importance of relationships. Catherine made personal connections with the poor, the children in her schools and those she visited and welcomed into the House of Mercy. Her kindness changed lives. How can your ministry ensure that relationships are the heart of everything that you do?
- Catherine was also supported in her own life. She had a close and loving relationship with her father. Who supports you in your work? Who are the people you are grateful for in your life's journey?
- Catherine's work inspired others and her legacy lived on through the fledgling Religious Congregation she founded and the work of the Sisters of Mercy across the world. What made her work and her vision appealing to others? Who are our contemporary Catherine McAuleys, challenging social and political paradigms and practising radical mercy and compassion?

