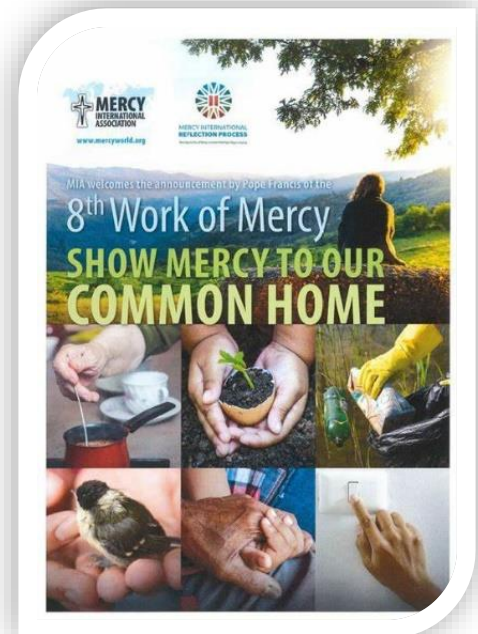
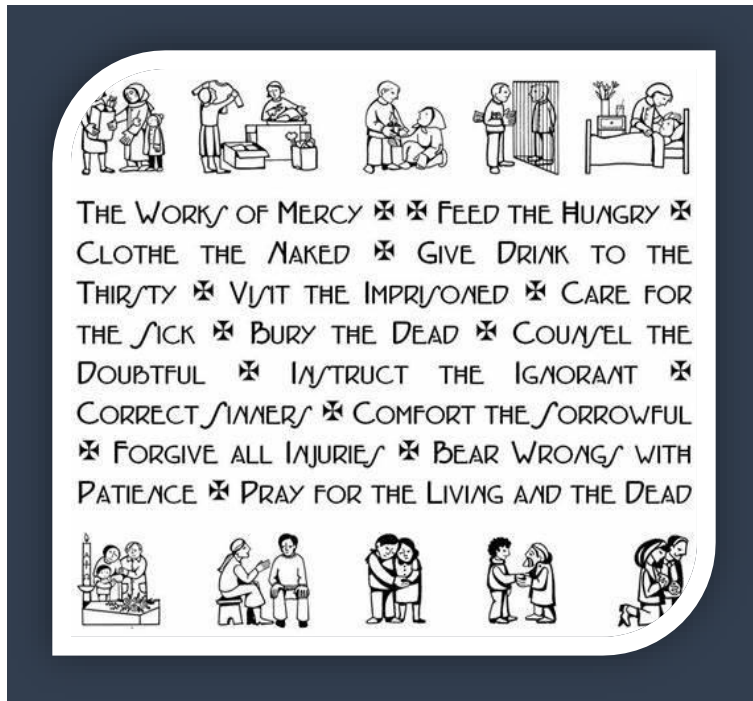


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*The color of mercy - we celebrate.
The shape of mercy - we celebrate.
The mystery of mercy - we celebrate.
The arenas of mercy - we celebrate.*

Mary Wickham

Readings:

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.
Ephesians 2:19-22

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;
Lovingkindness and truth go before You.

Psalms 89:14

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise person who built the house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish one who built the house on the sand.
Matthew 7:24-27

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Reflection: Foundation of the Sisters of Mercy

The new foundation was to become established very quickly, spread rapidly in Ireland, and quite soon extend well beyond Ireland. Catherine and her two companions had set up a structure that would be highly successful in taking the Works of Mercy into the future as the rapid expansion of the Order carried the Mercy beginnings far and wide.

Do our times call for yet another Foundation? All of us are aware of the many situations in which the Sisters of Mercy have handed on the leadership of Mercy Ministries to laywomen and men of Mercy. Will they need structures that will sustain them as they take these Works of Mercy into the future? This foundation day, pray that we will all be alert to the promptings of the Holy Spirit showing us the next few steps of the journey.

Berneice Loch rsm MIA Resources Foundation Day 2022

The Foundress

Extraordinary she was, but only because
She lived the ordinary,
seeing the colours of God always,
the rainbow of need and response,
help and heal, pray and be present.

Yes, we venerate her as exemplar,
standing with reverence by the holy space she fills-
A human being, a woman,
Who found herself a friend of God, Catherine of
Dublin.

Such a spirit shines on, whatever title it is given.
We cannot emulate her uniqueness;
we must live our own.
We do our best to live in our own way the mercy she gleaned,
Drawn to the friendship – with her, with the great God,
catching the colours for our day.
Catherine- such a spirit shines on:
It helps and heals, prays and is present.
Venerable is prismatic.
It refracts into the true colours of Sancta, Naomh, Santa, Santu, Saint.



Mary Wickham, rsm *Venerable*

Video – 23 mins [In God Alone | The Story of Catherine McAuley](#)