

# MERCY WELLSPRINGS

## FORMATION MOMENT



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### Self-Reflection:

What might Catherine say to us at this moment of a new Mercy founding with Mercy Wellsprings?

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### Charism of Mercy and Catherine McAuley

Charism can be a difficult word to define, but it is understood as a gift given by the Holy Spirit to be used for the good of people and Earth. Founders of religious institutes are said to have received a particular charism that urges and inspires them to commit their lives to living the Gospel with a special emphasis on the insights that are the gift of their charism.



For the Sisters of Mercy, the charism of **Catherine McAuley** involved a deep understanding of and commitment to the **Mercy** of God. Her response to that charism was to actively serve those who are poor and vulnerable and, in time, to establish a religious congregation with vowed members who shared appreciation and love for God's mercy.

Rooted in the call of the Gospel and in Catherine McAuley's vision, the charism of Mercy invites individuals and institutions to ask not only *what* they do, but *how* and *why* they do it—ensuring that all actions reflect mercy - compassion, justice, and faithful service.

### Catherine McAuley – Founder of the Sisters of Mercy

If you have not done so, we invite you to see the docudrama on the life of Catherine McAuley at <https://www.mercyworld.org/film-in-god-alone/> (22 min 25 sec).

A better understanding of Catherine McAuley and the founding of the Sisters of Mercy lays the foundation for where Mercy Wellsprings is today and for how we will share the charism of Mercy into the future.

**Prayerful Reflection - Isaiah 45:1-5:** ... Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you... you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you... Do not fear, for I am with you...