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Self - Reflection:

What 'picture' of Catherine as a person are you developing in your mind?

If you met Catherine today, what question would you ask her? How do you think she might respond?

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Early Expansion: Outwards from Dublin (early Foundations in Ireland & England)

The rapid expansion of the Sisters of Mercy in the six years 1835-1841 flowed from Catherine McAuley's ever generous response to human need.

In the remaining 10 years of her life following the founding of the Sisters of Mercy and the first convent at Baggot Street, Catherine founded a further nine autonomous convents, two of them in England, and two branch houses in the Dublin community.

She traveled with the founding parties by stage coach, canal boat, steam packet, and railway, humorously enduring the fatigue and



inconvenience such travel entailed, and remained at least a month with each new community, anxious to "begin well," so the poor could be immediately served, and claiming: "God knows I would rather be cold and hungry than that the poor in Kingstown or elsewhere should be deprived of any consolation in our power to afford." Learn more about Catherine and her early foundations at

<https://www.mercyworld.org/catherine/chronology/>

Autonomous Convents & Branches (1836 – 1841)

Tullamore	1836		
Charleville	1836		
Carlow	1837		
Cork	1837		
Limerick	1838		
Bermondsey	1839 (England)		
Galway	1840		
Birr	1840		
Birmingham	1841 (England)		
		BRANCH HOUSES	
		Kingstown	1835
		Boosterstown	1838