

Celebrating Catherine McAuley



Catherine McAuley opened her first school in Dublin in 1827 in response to God's call to work towards empowering the poor to overcome the crushing poverty in which they lived. Her first schools were primary schools for the improvement of literacy and the teaching of the Catholic faith to those who had no other opportunity to learn.

Inspired by the vision of Catherine McAuley, Mercy education is committed to the full development and the achievement of the potential of each student, particularly those who are disadvantaged or marginalized, conducted in an atmosphere of care, respect and joy.

(CEIST Charter p.20)

In our work as the MSEI Board, let us listen to Catherine's words:

"I leave you free to do what you think best.
I am satisfied you will not act imprudently, and this
conviction makes me happy."

Catherine McAuley

Prayer (All)

God, our Father, as we meet here this morning we reflect upon your call to Catherine McAuley and her unwavering response to you. As schools in the Mercy tradition we pray that our schools may always be places in which the example of Catherine's faith will burn brightly and in which our students will be inspired by Gospel values and come to know you in their lives.

May we be ever mindful of the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy which we have been entrusted to embrace and carry into the future. Bless us with the wisdom to always allow your Holy Spirit to lead us in our work.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.