

Affectionately Yours: Meeting Catherine in her Letters
Sunday 22 August – Saturday 28 August

Discover Catherine's warm humanity and compassion as you enter into the inheritance of her letters. Allow yourself to be nourished by these roots of the Mercy story.

Resource Person: Áine Barrins rsm

Price: €495 [residential]; €250 [non-residential]

Spirituality of Speaking Out: Risk and Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark

Sunday 5 September – Saturday 11 September

Jesus challenged systems of domination that oppress people, suffered a violent death at the hands of the elite, and calls his followers to an ethic of risk which includes a willingness to suffer. This programme will explore discipleship and a "spirituality of speaking out" in the Gospel of Mark by looking at minor characters who embody this spirituality and provide paradigms for faith-filled discipleship.

Resource Person: Mary Kay Dobrovolny rsm

Price: €495 [residential]; €250 [non-residential]

Going Deeper with Catherine

Sunday 19 September – Saturday 25 September

This will be a time of reflection on particular aspects of the spirituality of Catherine McAuley, involving ritual, input and reflection.

Resource People: Bonnie Brennan rsm and Noeleen Reilly rsm

Price: €495 [residential]; €250 [non-residential]

Catherine McAuley: Blessed in Life and in Death

Sunday 7 November – Friday 12 November

Participants will spend the days surrounding the anniversary of Catherine's death reflecting on the blessedness of her life as experienced by her companions and by those who continue to follow her. In addition, the programme will explore how the manner of her dying confirmed the graces of her living.

Resource Person: Sheila Carney rsm

Price: €415 [residential]; €215 [non-residential]

Non-Residential includes programme fees and meals and refreshments during programme times.

Multiple-day programmes begin at 5:00 p.m. (1700) on the first evening and end with afternoon tea at 4:00 p.m. (1600) on the final day, unless otherwise indicated.

Programmes booked for specific groups :

The Spiritual Legacy of Catherine McAuley (8 –11 Jan)
• Hastings College, Nebraska, USA

Walking and Praying with Catherine (22–25 Feb)
• US Associates

Australian Pilgrimage to Baggot Street (10–19 April)
• Sisters of Mercy Brisbane

US Health Care Programme (4–5 May)
• Sisters of Mercy Health System, St Louis, Missouri, USA

The Wellspring: Source of Never Failing Supply (18–22 May)
• MIA Leadership Conference

US Health Care Programme (4–5 October)
• Sisters of Mercy Health System, St Louis, Missouri, USA

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call +353 1 661 8061.

Soup and Substance: Let's Live Lent!

The Mercy International Team invites you to take part in a conversation on a justice-themed topic, while enjoying a complimentary bowl of soup.

Dates: **Weds. 17th & 24th February**
Weds. 3rd & 10th March
Tues. 16th March and Wed. 24th March

Time: 12.30 – 13.30

Resource Person: MIA Team

No booking necessary. All are welcome.

Day of Reflection and Sharing for Associate Core Group Leaders : Saturday 13 February

This process will include prayer and ritual, input on "The Charism of Mercy Embraced by Catherine, the Lay Woman", time for cross-province/congregational sharing of expertise, and facilitated time strategizing for the future.

Time : 11.00am – 4.00pm

(tea at 10.30am and 4.00pm for interested persons)

Resource People: MIA Team

Price: €30 programme only or €50 for programme and one overnight stay

Guided Holy Week Retreat: Women and the Passion Sunday 28 March – Easter Sunday Morning 4 April

Enter into this most sacred week by giving yourself the gift of shared reflection, silence, meditation, and communal liturgy. During this silent guided retreat, retreatants will pray with biblical women surrounding Jesus in his final days. They will also have the opportunity to ponder Catherine's spirituality of the passion. Triduum liturgies will include a mixture of services at Mercy International Centre and at St Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street.

Resource People: Aine Barrins rsm, Mary Kay Dobrovoly rsm, and Mary Reynolds rsm

Price: €525 [residential]; €260 [non-residential]

Celebrating the Circle

Thursday 22 April – Sunday 25 April

This workshop celebrates seasons and festivals. It will look at how we can reconnect with the earth and become more grounded and in tune with our inner lives and communities. The workshop will focus on Ritual, Reflection, Meditation and Circle Dance. Participants will have the opportunity to spend time honouring the rhythms of the seasons, our own internal rhythm and how we are all connected.

Resource People: Susan Dixon and Patricia Langton

Price: €265 [residential]; €125 [non-residential]

Training on the New Mercy World Web Platform

Saturday 8 May – Sunday 9 May

Mercy International Association's new web platform, *MercyWorld.org*, will be launched in March 2010. Come learn alongside the MIA team and staff ways in which it enhances the living, telling, and supporting of the mercy story and gives global visibility to the vision and mission of MIA.

Time: 10.00am–5.00pm Saturday and Sunday

Resource Person: Adele Howard rsm

Price: This programme is free. Regular Bed & Breakfast rates apply

Formed and Reformed : Religious Life Today in the context of new understandings of God, the Universe, Church and Society

Sunday 23 May–Thursday 27 May

Resource Person: Jan Barnett osj

Price: €350 [residential]; €170 [non-residential]

Come Home to Catherine

Sunday 13 June–Saturday 19 June and

Sunday 4 July – Saturday 10 July

This six day programme is an experience of being with Catherine at home in Baggot Street. The programme offers an opportunity to pray with Catherine in her places and spaces, to walk in her footsteps through the city of Dublin reflecting on her life and ministry. Opportunities will be facilitated for touching into the wonderful heritage that has been preserved and handed onto us over the years. There will also be input and time to reflect on and reconnect with Catherine, the tender woman of mercy who continues to inspire and journey with us towards God.

Resource people: Aine Barrins rsm and Anne Reid

These programmes are fully booked

Reading Matthew Ecologically through the Lens of Mercy

Monday 21 June – Saturday 26 June

This programme will engage participants in ways of reading the gospels ecologically. Using the reading lenses developed in the first part of the programme, we will explore together selected texts of the Gospel of Matthew, asking how the readings which emerge contribute to a contemporary engagement with Mercy and Compassion.

Resource Person: Elaine Wainwright rsm

Price: €415 [residential]; €215 [non-residential]

Spirituality: Integrating Mercy and Justice in Today's World

Wednesday 14 July – Saturday 17 July

This time together invites sharing around how new spiritual insights might shape our personal relationship with God and our Mercy spirituality. Participants will explore the spiritual foundation of our efforts toward justice, as well as some implications of recent scientific discoveries such as the universe story and "consciousness" theory. How is Catherine McAuley's insistence on action AND a deep spirituality relevant in this changing world? Input, shared responses to readings, and prayerful reflection will inform our exploration.

Resource Person: Kathleen Erickson rsm

Price: €265 [residential]; €125 [non-residential]

Awakening the Dreamer – Sunday 18 July

This day-long symposium provides participants with the opportunity to connect with people who care about sustainability, spirituality and social justice, and the biggest challenges and opportunities present today.

Resource Person: Kathleen Erickson rsm

Programme Price: €45. Regular Bed & Breakfast rates apply for overnight accommodation.

Engaging with the Spirit of Catherine McAuley to Look at Mercy Today

Friday 30 July – Sunday 1 August

The programme will look at the emerging issues in our world today and how the spirit of Catherine invites us to respond to the challenges of our time.

Resource Person: Deirdre Mullan rsm

Price: €175 [residential]; €90 [non-residential]

Catherine's *Suscipe*: Prayer of a 'Social Mystic'

Sunday 8 August – Saturday 14 August

Catherine McAuley was a social mystic – a woman whose relationship with Jesus had direct, social implications for the people of her day. As followers of Jesus in the tradition of Catherine we too seek to become in our own day...in our own way... *social mystics* – women and men whose relationship with Jesus has direct social implications for the people of our day. Join with others and explore Catherine's *Suscipe* through prayer, ritual, input and sharing. Participants will drink deeply of her spirit so as to face the critical concerns of our own day with her depth of imagination and courage.

Resource Person: Mary Pat Garvin rsm

Price: €495 [residential]; €250 [non-residential]