

*Mercy Associates England, Scotland
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Adult National Commission 2009



Work of “The National Commission”





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NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME



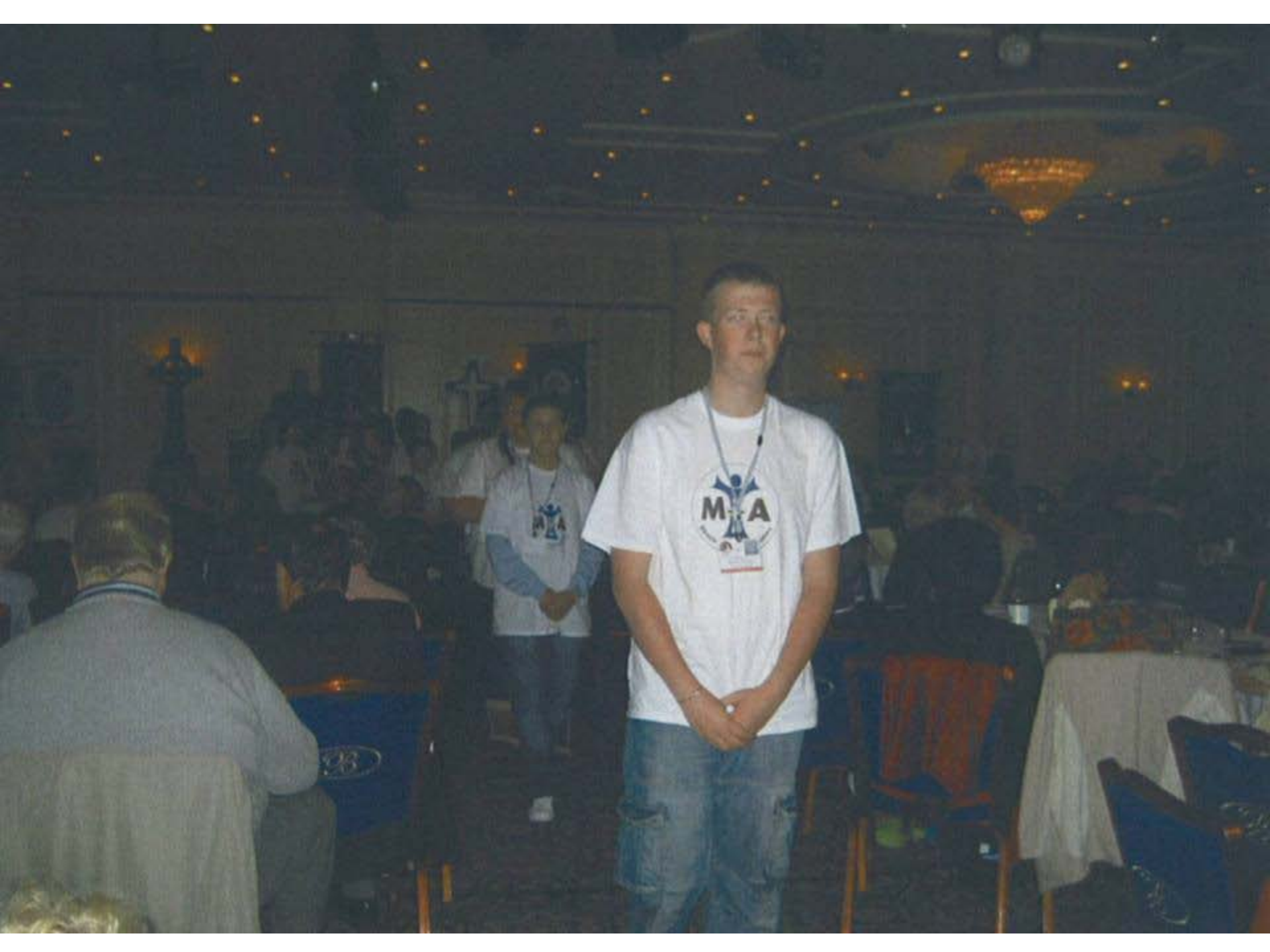














Prayer for the Beatification of Catherine

Loving God you chose Catherine McAuley for the service of your people who are poor, sick and uneducated. You inspired her to found the Sisters of Mercy so that these good works might endure.

Give to each of us of us a portion of her compassionate spirit and an ardent desire to serve your suffering people.

Graciously hear our prayers for Catherine and by granting the favours we ask through her intercession, hasten the day when her sanctity will be celebrated by all the Church. Amen

Suscipe

My God I am yours for time and eternity, Lord I am Yours forever
It is You must teach me to trust in Your providence loving Lord

You are a God of love and tenderness, I place my trust in You
And I ask that You grant me acceptance of Your will
Loving Lord

Take from my heart all painful anxiety, let nothing sadden me but sin. And then let my delight be hoping to see Your face. God my all



Mercy Associate National Commission 2010

Mercy Year of Prayer 2009-2010



Catherine and ME

Scripture Reading

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and the living. This is also why you should never pass judgement on a brother, or treat him with contempt, as some of you have done
(John 14 v 7 -11)

Quiet reflection on the Word of God

Catherine inspired her followers with her own love and zeal. Francis Warde, her closest companion and confidante, gives an insight into the power of Catherine's example & influence. In a letter to M. Gonzaga O'Brien in 1879 she wrote:

"You never knew her, I knew her, better than I have known anybody in my life. She was a woman of God and God made her a woman of vision. She showed what it meant to be a Sister of Mercy, to see the world and its people in terms of God's love, to love everyone who needed love, to care for everyone who needed care. Now her vision is driving me on".

"She carved her name in the lives of all with whom she came into contact."

(Sr. Angela Bolster rsm—about Venerable Catherine)

REFLECTION/SHARING



As a Mercy Associate:

Think of someone you know really well - your best friend, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister.....

Knowing some one really well is more than knowing a few facts about them.

Reflecting on this:

How well do you really know Catherine?

How could you get to know her better?

In what way is Catherine's vision, driving YOU on?



The Word of God

"Glory be to Him whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine". (Ephesians 3v20)

Quiet reflection on the Word of God

Glory be to Him whose power working in Catherine did do infinitely more than she could ask or imagine.

What incidents in Catherine's life illustrates this for you?

Glory be to Him whose power working in Me Can do infinitely more than I can ask or imagine.

When have you seen God's power at work in your life?

Suggested hymn: Will you let me be your servant?

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER:



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

'THE LIFE & DEATH OF EACH OF US HAS ITS INFLUENCE ON OTHERS'.

Mercy Year of Prayer
2009- 2010




God of Compassion



CATHERINE
MCAULEY



"Our charity must be in our hearts and from our hearts, and a charity such as Jesus Christ practiced while on earth."
Catherine McAuley

Mercy Year of Prayer
2009-2010
Catherine and Charity






"One thing is remarkable-No breach of charity has ever occurred among us. The sun, I believe, never went down on our anger.
This is our only boast, otherwise We have been deficient enough...."
Catherine McAuley

MERCY YEAR OF PRAYER
2009-2010

Catherine and the Poor



"It is better to relieve a hundred impostors, if there be any such, than to suffer one really distressed person to be sent away empty."
(Catherine McAuley)

Mercy Year of Prayer
2009-2010
"Catherine and the Children"



"Let us fit the children for earth without unfitting them for heaven"




Mercy Year of Prayer
2009- 2010

Catherine and Ecumenism



CATHERINE
MCAULEY

"Nothing can rank in importance to gentleness of manner and sweetness of demeanour towards others."
Catherine McAuley

Mercy Year of Prayer
2009-2010

CATHERINE AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY





"What a sweet and blessed union you have formed! Prove your gratitude by going hand in hand with your Divine Redeemer: nothing to interest you but what relates to His glory."
(Catherine McAuley)

Mercy Year of Prayer
2009-2010
Catherine and Prayer





"Above all things , constant , fervent prayer....."

MERCY YEAR OF PRAYER 2009-2010



CATHERINE AND HUMOUR

IF YOU ARE MY GUIDING SPIRIT, YOU KEEP ME HAPPY AND CLOSE YOUR HEART. GIVE ME THE SPIRIT OF JOY AND HUMOUR AND LET ME BE OPEN TO THE SPIRIT WHO IS IN MY HEART, LET ME EXPERIENCE JOY AND FUN AND LAUGHTER







The Square Dance











Regional Retreat Days

Topic Catherine and the Scriptures

5 Areas

1 Saint Catherine's Edinburgh

2 Immaculate Conception Church Hall Cleveland

3 Saint John's Wood London

4 Endsleigh Mercy Centre Hull

5 Convent of Mercy Handsworth

	DATE	VENUE	NUMBER ATTENDING
1	Date: 17th April 2010 10.00 Arrival: Tea/Coffee 3.30 Departure	Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Marine Hill, Clevedon, BS21 7PP Capacity : 70 maximum Cost: £5.00 pp & bring packed Lunch Mass in Church at 10.00 a.m for those who wish	
2	Date: 24th April 2010 10.00 Arrival: Tea/Coffee 3.30 Departure	Convent of Mercy, 4 Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 9HH Capacity : 70 maximum Cost: £5.00 pp & bring packed Lunch	
3	Date: 15th May 2010 10.00 Arrival: Tea/Coffee 3.30 Departure	St Mary's Convent, Hunters Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B19 1EB Capacity : 35 maximum Cost: £5.00 pp & bring packed Lunch	
4	Date: 22nd May 2010 10.00 Arrival: Tea/Coffee 3.30 Departure	St Mary's Convent, Hunters Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B19 1EB Capacity : 35 maximum Cost: £5.00 pp & bring packed Lunch	
5	Date: 12th June 2010 10.00 Arrival: Tea/Coffee 3.30 Departure	The Endsleigh Centre, 481 Beverley Road, Hull HU6 7LJ Capacity: 70 maximum Cost: £5.00 pp & bring packed Lunch	
6	Date: 19th June 2010 10.00 Arrival: Tea/Coffee 3.30 Departure	54 Lodge Road, St John's Wood, London NW8 8LA Capacity : 70 maximum Cost: £5.00 pp & bring packed Lunch Mass in Church at 10.00 a.m. for those who wish	

Cheque enclosed: £ _____

Cheque payable to: Mercy Associates

Please return the form with full payment by 8th March 2010 to:

**Mrs Monica Mills, Bethany, 5 Callerton, Greenhills,
Killingworth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE12 5BE**



Sister Sheila O Gorman RSM an Maria Gray

*Regional Retreat Day at the Mercy Centre
Endsleigh*



Sister Helen Furness Regional Retreat Day



Youth National Commission 2009



WE NEED YOU!

come and join us

**Make
a difference**

Be yourself

**Meet
challenges**



**Spread
the good**

**Make
the right
choices**

For more information

Please contact

Tommy and Monica Mills

on

(0191) 268 0222



Catherine McAuley



See the
Mercy Website
LOOK OUT

Youth Mercy Associates



A message of
hope ...

Following in the footsteps of Catherine McAuley

Catherine was:

- *caring*
- *attentive*
- *trusting*
- *happy*
- *energetic*
- *responsive to need*
- *independent*
- *natural*

and an

enlightened star!

Youth Mercy Associates



The Youth Mercy Associates is a partnership between the Mercy Congregation and young people.

The Youth Mercy Associates wish to follow in the footsteps of Jesus ...

- by upholding the Catherine McAuley vision of faith, joy and mercy.
- by praying, reflecting and sharing together.
- by letting God's light shine through the sharing of their gifts and talents for others.

Help us to build a new world by becoming a YMA

The first group of YMA was founded by Sister Mary Michael Bell in a small fishing port in the North East of England at St. Joseph's R.C. School, North Shields in the Jubilee year.

The group consists of ten young people and their group leaders - Tommy and Monica Mills.

The group meet regularly to pray together and share ideas about their work as Youth Mercy Associates. They also enjoy participating in many leisure activities and outings.



YMA in Westminster Pageant 175th anniversary



Young Catherine and the poor children





*Dressing up as
Catherine*

Mc Auley





*YMA
taking
part in
the
Advent
carol
service*





Learning to serve Mass



Making Icons of Catherine



YMA on retreat in in Coolock gardens



Sister Mary Sullivan RSM



