



MERCY
INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION

Today, Sisters of Mercy, through Mercy International Association, use their resources to respond to issues of **global poverty** demonstrated in the massive displacement of **persons** worldwide.

Suggestions for writing a letter to Pope Francis on behalf of Catherine McAuley's beatification

1. Please include your address and date of writing.

2. Suggested salutations/greetings include:

Dear Pope Francis,

Dear Holy Father,

Your Holiness,

3. The content of the letter may contain:

An expression of gratitude to the pope for his initiative in calling the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the universal church;

A description of your own connection with the gift of mercy and with Catherine McAuley;

A reference to your connection with Sisters of Mercy and the Mercy ministries in your area;

A reference to the influence for good Catherine McAuley has been in your life through the example of her life and through the power of her intercession;

A reference to any graces or favours you have received through her intercession;

An expression of wish/desire that Catherine McAuley might be beatified during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

4. To conclude your letter, you can promise to pray for Pope Francis and use a simple expression for the closing such as: yours affectionately, yours respectfully, yours gratefully, or some other expression that is usual in your culture.

5. Mail the letter directly to:

His Holiness, Pope Francis,

Convito Santa Marta,

Vatican City,

Rome, Italy

6. Please also send a copy of the letter to Sister Brenda Dolphin, Postulator for the Cause. You can send the letter via email to mercypostulator@gmail.com

or by mail to:

Brenda Dolphin, RSM

Via San Sebastianello 16

Piazza di Spagna,

00187 Roma. Italia

All the letters that the postulator receives will be printed and bound in book form for presentation to Pope Francis on December 12, 2015.

It would also be helpful if you would take a moment to email the Vice postulator of your area/region to say that you have written to Pope Francis.

Americas:

Sister Sheila Carney RSM at sheilacarneyrsm@gmail.com

Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Philippines:

Sister Caroline Ryan RSM at caroline.ryan@mercy.org.au

7. All letters should be mailed by Mercy Day—September 24, 2015.

Thank you kindly for all you do to promote the cause for beatification of Catherine McAuley.

Brenda Dolphin RSM

and the International Canonisation Committee