

Comfort the sick

A programme focusing on the caring tradition within Mercy
29th January – 2nd February 2018

Great tenderness of all things. Catherine McAuley to Elizabeth Moore, July 27, 1837

An insight into the tenderness that Catherine McAuley demonstrated to those who were sick is the chapter she wrote, in the Original Rule, on the Visitation of the sick. A new programme at Mercy International Centre will explore the underlying values that motivated Catherine McAuley and the early Mercy communities to provide comfort to the sick and dying.

- How did Catherine's connections to the medical profession through her family, the Callaghans and the Armstrongs influence her actions?
- What role did complementary medicines have in the practices of the early Sisters, particularly in response to cholera epidemics?
- How did the Sisters respond to the call of the injured in the Crimean War?
- What were the groundbreaking practices that Catherine introduced into hospitals?
 - Dialogue together how mercy continues to contribute to the comfort of the sick and dying in the light of ethical dilemmas facing Mercy healthcare today.



**The programme will begin at 11.30am on Monday 29th January 2018
and conclude on Friday 2nd February at 3.00pm.
Cost: €580 (Residential); €380 (Non-residential).**

Should you wish to stay longer, bed and breakfast accommodation is available at €60 per night. Register by contacting Madeleine at bookings@mercyinternational.ie or +353 1 661 8061 For further information contact Anna Nicholls rsm at heritage@mercyinternational.ie

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