

Moment of Reflection



Let us recall Catherine's words about foundations. She wrote, "*Hurrah for foundations, makes the old young and the young merry.*" These words were written nearly ten years after the forming of the new community when she was then referring to new houses of Mercy. Perhaps we learn anew from her that we should always celebrate new life. Old and young, veteran and new, no matter what one's position or status, all are called to celebrate and to have hope.

We pray in gratitude for the foundation of the Sisters of Mercy, December 12, 1831. We know that Catherine McAuley believed, and persevered and provided inspiration to others who would join her. She continues to inspire in our time. She would write in a December letter in 1840, "We have one solid comfort amidst this little tripping about: our hearts can always be in the same place,

centered in God, for whom alone we go forward or stay back."

December 2011, In the midst of all challenges, faithful to the charism of Catherine McAuley, lay women and men and Sisters of Mercy today continue the work. Mercy education goes forward, centered in God, with belief in the work of each day and the goodness of all who serve in and for Mercy education. Amen.