

**Catherine McAuley**  
**TIMELINE**

- 1778 Sept 29** Catherine McAuley was born
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- 1783** Catherine's father dies
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- 1798** Catherine's mother dies
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- 1801** Catherine has no money, so she goes to live with some relatives
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- 1803** Catherine now moves into the home of Mr and Mrs Callaghan
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- 1819** Mrs Callaghan dies
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- 1822** Mr Callaghan dies. He left all his money and property to Catherine, including his country estate called Coolock House
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- 1824** Catherine decides to use her inheritance to build a house in Baggot Street, Dublin, to help the poor
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- 1827 Sept 24** The House of Mercy on Baggot Street opens. It is a school for poor Irish girls, and also a home for homeless girls and women
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- 1830** Catherine and two close friends begin their training to become nuns
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- 1831** The beginning of the Sisters of Mercy
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- 1841 Nov 11** Catherine dies
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