

Week Two
Nurturing the Seed



Listening to the Word of God

Jesus heals the suffering (Matthew 15:29-31)

Jesus left that place and passed along the Sea of Galilee. He went up onto the mountainside and sat down there. Large crowds of people came to him bringing with them cripples, the deformed, the blind, the mute, and many others besides. They laid them at his feet and he cured them. The result was great astonishment in the crowds as they beheld the mute speaking, the deformed made sound, cripples walking about, and the blind seeing. They glorified the God of Israel.



Listening about Catherine

Catherine's growing awareness of the needs of her time (Positio p.38)

When Middle Abbey Street became Catherine McAuley's sphere of operation, she showed at once her awareness of contemporary needs by the maturity, the forthrightness and the courage of her planning.

The Mercy with which she responded to the misery she encountered had a blend of compassion, of steadfastness and of covenant. She made her covenant with God's poor, whose disabilities she sought to redress with a spiritual thrust based on the essential truths of the Gospel.

She interpreted the signs of the times, and by the Works of Mercy she initiated, she showed a consciousness of the potential of woman for the betterment of society; but she did all in obedience and submission to the Magisterium of the Church.