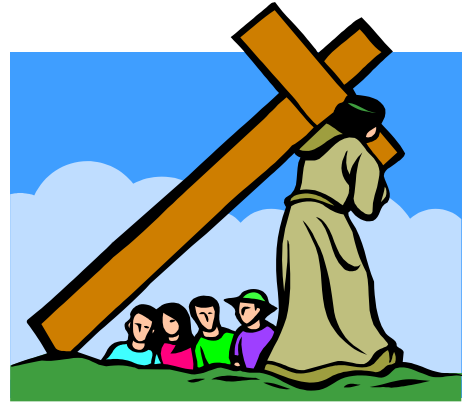


*Week Four*  
*Followers of Jesus*



Listening to Jesus

Conditions of Discipleship (Luke 9:23-27)

Jesus said to all: "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day and follow in my steps. Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit does he show who gains the whole world and destroys himself in the process? If a man is ashamed of me and my doctrine, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and that of his Father and his holy angels. I assure you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the reign of God."

He was obedient unto death, even to death on a cross. (Phillipians 2:8)



Listening about Catherine

Catherine was led by the Spirit. (A Woman Sings of Mercy – Sr. Carmel Bourke RSM)  
So generous, so immediate was her response to the inspiration of the Spirit that by the time of her death, less than six years after her missionary journeys began, there were twelve Mercy convents in Ireland and she had led her Sisters overseas to Bermondsey and Birmingham. Still more amazing, there were

well-developed plans to for sending four more founding groups to Newfoundland, Liverpool, Glasgow and Nottingham, in the near future.

She began a service of mercy that offered the hope of a new and better life to the afflicted. She helped the poor to help themselves. Her associates were drawn to her by her charismatic presence, the affluent were lifted out of their complacency to help her and all those whose lives she touched. Her sisters today are called to reinterpret the charism of the Foundress, to look beyond the facts of her life, and her deeds and to seek for the deep God-centred intention that motivated them.