



Letter From Catherine McAuley

*Sister M. Elizabeth Moore
Limerick*

*[Baggot St.]
Thursday [March 19, 1840]*

My Dearest Sister M. Elizabeth

No words can describe what I felt – on reading the first line of your letter. Thought the accounts from Carlow were as hopeless – yet I fear much in this case.¹ The dear sweet innocent creature – you will indeed have a child in heaven.

God will support you in this great affliction – His Holy Will be done. If He calls her away it will be to shield her from some impending evil – or to exercise your patience – and to try do you love Him as much when he takes – as when He gives. Some grand motive must actuate all His visitations.

I will be in great anxiety to hear – though I will be agitated at the sight of the next letter.

May God bless and preserve you – and grant you all – humble, cheerful submission to the Divine Will.

Your ever affectionate

M. C. McAuley

¹ The illness – presumably typhus – of Mary Teresa Vincent Potter in Limerick