



## Catherine McAuley's Mercy

### The Performance

"It began with two, Sister Doyle and I." These humble words speak to the sparse beginnings in 1831 Ireland to what is now an inspirational worldwide association known as:

### The Sisters of Mercy

Written by Trisha Starrs, the author of *Young Mary* our highly acclaimed play on the life of St Mary MacKillop, the play explores the political, practical and spiritual determination of a young woman, bursting with Irish humour, to fulfil her dream of educating the poor, especially women and girls.

Presented by two performers at 55 minutes with an optional 15 minute Q&A, the presentation is adapted from primary source material including many of the thoughts and feelings of Catherine McAuley.

*Women in Society, Religious Studies and the History of the Catholic Church.*



### Comments on 'Young Mary'

*"Congratulations, well researched, excellent presentation, we loved the way you had the children involved."*

*St. Joseph's, Pinjarra, WA.*

*"Thank you! Style of presentation was excellent and very thought-provoking."*

*St Joseph, Bracken Ridge, QLD.*

*"Students were enthralled, they absolutely loved it!"*

*Sacred Heart, Launceston, TAS.*

*"Lively and entertaining - the most interesting version of Mary Mackillop's life we've heard yet! Excellent discussion at the end. Thank you."*

*St. John Vianney's, Doonside, NSW.*

*"I congratulate the performers. Excellent research, enthusiastic, skilled, warm actors. Kept the children enthralled."*

*St. Anthony's Parish, Marsfield, NSW.*

*"Historical input accurate and suitable, presenting Mary Mackillop as a person. Congratulations to the performers, who were excellent and very professional."*

*St. Joseph's, Riverwood, NSW.*

**SUITABILITY:**

**Years K - 7**

**DURATION:**

**55 minutes + Optional 15min Q&A**

**COST PER STUDENT:**

**\$7.70 (\$7 + 70c GST)**

**MINIMUM PER SESSION:**

**\$770 (\$700+ \$70 GST) if 100 students or less**