



Catherine's Relationships

In the latest encyclical by Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, he states that human life is “grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself.”

Catherine was a woman of relationships. Undoubtedly she was a person who was in relationship with God, with her family, the poor, her sisters, the Church and many, many others. Catherine was a daughter, sibling, aunt, adopted mother, friend, companion, leader and many other things that all invite her into relationship. Catherine, like each and every one of us, stepped upon this earth and therefore was in relationship with it.

In this quarter we will explore how Catherine was in “right relationship” with God, her neighbour and with the earth. Her time in history was perhaps not acutely conscious of the need to be in right relationship with the earth but we will see hints of her concerns in this area and will explore the legacy that she left that now animates a mercy ecological perspective.

We hope that in the coming weeks you come to a new understanding of Catherine, that inspires you to continue to strive to be in right relationship with all around you.

