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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter clarifying the misinformation published in the *Mail on Sunday* newspaper and which caused great upset to our sisters.

We have been advised by An Taoiseach to contact you in relation to any possible contribution to help former residents of Industrial Schools. Our Congregation managed two Orphanages, an Industrial School in Cavan and a private Orphanage in Harold's Cross, Dublin which did not receive any State funds for 160 years until it was approaching closure.

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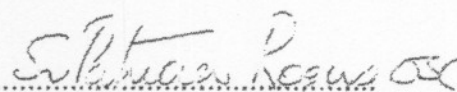
When I met with An Taoiseach on 4th June last with other Congregational Leaders, I publicly committed our Congregation to make additional resources available to the Trust to be established by the Government for the benefit of those who spent part or all of their childhood in residential care.

Despite our limited income and the increasing age profile of our members with a resulting increase of living costs, (as revealed in the material supplied to the Three Person Panel), the Sisters of St. Clare intend to make available to the State a contribution of €1,000,000 to be used by the Trust mentioned above.

To meet my commitments to my Council and Charity Law, I would appreciate it if you would provide me with some details as to how this Trust will function and how the former residents will benefit from it.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,


Sr. Patricia Rogers, OSC
Abbess General

