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Dear Minister,

I write in connection with our desire to contribute to the Trust Fund being set up for the benefit of former residents of Institutions.

We genuinely regret any suffering experienced by former residents while in Institutions under our care. With this in mind we are contributing the sum of €5m (five million) to the Trust Fund. We are unable to pay the full amount immediately but we commit to an early payment of €1m (one million) and the remainder in annual payments over a period of five years. This payment will be made subject to confirmation that it is compliant with Canonical and Charitable Commission regulations.

We will continue to support our past residents through the Mary Aikenhead Fund which was set up to respond to emergencies, the two houses we have available for their use in Dublin, one of which has been used by former residents since the 1970's, and through long existing contact with and support from individual sisters.

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Mary Christian

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Superior General