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The Minister for Education and Science Mr. Batt O'Keefe,
Office of the Minister for Education and Science,
Marlborough St.
Dublin 1

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you in response to the letter of 22nd October '09, which I received from the Secretary General of your Department, Ms. Brigid McManus.

Our Congregation has been working towards arriving at our contribution. We wish to make our donation by way of reparation for the pain endured by the children who were in Residential Institutions. We also wish to make a further contribution to the State towards the cost of the Redress Scheme.

The Daughters of the Heart of Mary directed one private orphanage in Dun Laoghaire. Members of the congregation cared for many children there from 1856 -1984. I would like to mention that we were not named in the Ryan Report.

We have submitted a report of our assets to Government for verification by the appointed Panel.

Having taken these assets into account and set them against our liabilities towards our members and our on-going ministries, we are in a position to make an overall offer of €1.5 Million.

The offer we are making is a gesture of our desire to make a contribution to the independent Trust Fund proposed by the Government for the welfare of past residents and to contribute to the cost of the Redress Scheme established by the State.

We hope that our donation to the Trust Fund will help towards benefitting the former residents of Residential Institutions and that their pain will be alleviated in some way.

Yours faithfully,

Sr. Mary Brogan
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(Regional Coordinator)