



*Daughters of Charity  
of St. Vincent de Paul*

Minister O'Keeffe,  
Minister for Education and Science,  
Marlborough Street,  
DUBLIN 1.

9<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Dear Minister,

I write in response to the letter from the Secretary General of the Department of Education and Science. Ms. Brigid McManus, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 and to the e-mailed letter from An Taoiseach dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in which he requested that Congregations make their offer of a contribution to you as Minister for Education and Science.

Given the assets, liabilities and commitments of the Congregation and taking into account our responsibility for and commitment to the continuation, development and support of services currently provided in Ireland and Africa, we propose, subject to the authorisation of the Charity Commissioners and the Holy See, to contribute ten million Euro to the State over a period of three years or such shorter time as can reasonably be achieved, in fulfilment of our commitment to contribute to making further supports and resources available and to doing the very best we can to help meet the needs of past residents of our services.

This contribution is being made unconditionally and therefore we do not wish to be involved in decision making as to its use.

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Catherine Prendergast D.C.  
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