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Dear Minister,

This letter accompanies the detail of our contribution by way of reparation for the suffering of children while in residential institutions.

We are deeply saddened at the findings of the Ryan Report and again wholeheartedly regret the suffering experienced by the children in our care.

Our contribution is made up as follows:

To an independent trust for former residents:

- €20 million cash together with properties valued at €11,590,000, being a total of €31,590,000.

To the State:

- Properties valued at €80,856,800.

To the voluntary sector:

- Properties valued at €15,060,000.

These above amounts are in addition to a contribution of €33,091,114 already made and our commitment to donate €1,875,000 to Faoiseamh over the next five years.

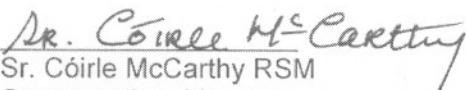
In coming to a decision regarding this contribution, we attempted to be faithful to the values of reparation, reconciliation, healing and responsibility. It is our

sincere hope that this contribution will help towards the enhancement of the lives of former residents.

Our contribution necessarily is subject to relevant civil and Canon Law consents.

We are now proceeding to engage with the voluntary groups to whom we have decided to transfer properties. We await your response so that we may proceed with the transfer of the relevant properties to the State, and your confirmation of the establishment of the independent trust so that we can proceed with the transfer of cash and properties to the trust, as set out in the attached Contribution Document.

Yours sincerely,


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Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy (Ireland)

Contribution Document

December 2, 2009

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN...

CENTRED IN THE GOD OF MERCY, WE WILL

engage with the questions and struggles of our time.

Conscious of the interconnectedness of all life,

together we will

REFOCUS OUR MERCY MISSION,

committing our lives and resources

to the alleviation of EXTREME POVERTY in all its forms,

acting collaboratively

at LOCAL and GLOBAL levels.

AND SO WE ASK...

How will we be faithful to this focus?

How will we engage with others around the
questions and struggles of our time?

How will we share generously the resources we hold in trust?

How will we deepen our awareness of
the interconnectedness of all life?

How will we invite and support new life?

How will we encourage each other in community for mission?

How will we nurture the hunger for God?

HOW WILL THIS CHANGE **MY LIFE?**

This is the Mercy Congregational Chapter Statement adopted by Sisters of Mercy from ten countries who came together at the University of Limerick for the July 2006 Chapter Meeting of the Congregation.

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PART 1

Overview of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy (Ireland)

The Sisters of Mercy were founded by a Dublin woman, Catherine McAuley, on 12 December 1831 in Baggot Street, Dublin for the service of the poor, sick and uneducated in our society. In 1836 the Sisters opened a Convent in Tullamore, Co Offaly and, by 1872, at least one Convent of Mercy was established in each of the 26 Dioceses in Ireland.

The founding ministries of the Sisters in these convents reached out to the poor, sick and underprivileged in the area by visitation of the homes, setting up and teaching in poor schools as well as nursing in workhouse infirmaries and in hospitals. The involvement of Sisters of Mercy in childcare dates from the very foundation of the Congregation. During the Great Famine (1845 – 1847) many small orphanages took in and cared for children whose needs were not being met by either State or family. After the first Irish Industrial Schools Act (1868) became law, various religious congregations of men and women, were asked to undertake the provision of industrial schools. Many of the orphanages then evolved into industrial schools and by 1884, 27 schools were approved for a total of 2,246 children.

The system under which children were received and cared for in industrial schools and by which the schools themselves were regulated was governed by Statute. The industrial schools were managed locally subject to certification, regulation and supervision by the Department of Education. Children either voluntarily entered the schools or were placed there by the courts. Responsibility in respect of different aspects of the children's lives was vested in a number of State agencies.

The Sisters of Mercy in Ireland were, over the years, responsible for a total of approximately 11,000 children in 26 industrial schools. In the 1960's many of these schools closed and following the publication of the Kennedy Report, over time, the remaining industrial schools became Residential Group Homes. The Sisters continued their involvement in residential care until the late 1990's, by which time all facilities had been transferred to the State.

Over the recent decades we have largely withdrawn from the traditional or more corporate expression of our mission such as our presence in formal education, childcare and healthcare and have moved into more community-based work. Our mission into the future is to continue to commit our lives and resources to the alleviation of poverty in all its forms. To this end our resources today allow us to support and/or provide services including the following:

- social service provision – social workers and human development work;
- the provision and support of addiction centres and aftercare;

- family support and resource centres;
- work for justice inclusive of advocacy for systemic change – local and global;
- hospital chaplaincy, public health nursing in the community, nursing home provision;
- prison chaplaincy as well as support for families of prisoners;
- community development and regeneration work in inner city Dublin, Limerick and other cities;
- HIV AIDS work in Ireland and abroad;
- work with trafficked women and women in prostitution;
- work in centres for immigrants in Ireland and for emigrants in London;
- promotion of racial harmony;
- the ministry of Prayer – faith formation in all of its aspects;
- trusteeship of schools and hospitals;
- ecology projects and centres for the protection of the environment;
- education, healthcare and support for women and children in overseas missions in Africa and South America.

Currently there are 2,088 Sisters resident in Ireland of which the average age is 74 years with only 25% of membership being aged 65 or younger. Our Sisters are spread between our four Irish Provinces, the Northern Province, the Southern Province, the Western Province and the South Central Province, each of which is autonomous with regard to membership and finances.

Our Response to the Ryan Report

We acknowledge, as highlighted in the Ryan Report, that some of the ways in which we gave expression to our founding ideals have been found wanting. Our care of vulnerable children has been judged to be seriously flawed during certain periods. We are extremely saddened at the findings of the Ryan Report and are deeply distressed as a Congregation. The consequences and outcomes of these findings have raised serious questions for us. As we continue to come to terms with these learnings it is our hope that we can begin to rebuild trust with those who, as children, were betrayed by us.

We have wholeheartedly cooperated with the State in a process to enable us to contribute further towards the restoration of the lives of former residents. We worked hard to provide the Assessment Panel with full details of the assets of our Congregation and we answered any questions raised by the Assessment Panel to the very best of our ability.

Following our review of our assets, we then seriously considered how best we could assist an independent trust which is to be established for the benefit of former residents and what we could further donate to the State having regard to the expenditure incurred by it to date.

In varied ways we have listened to many former residents and it is our continuing desire to contribute towards the enhancement of their lives. We hope that our ongoing services, our contribution to an independent trust and the transfer of property assets to the State, voluntary groups and others, will help in some small way towards ensuring that all may have life and have it abundantly.

Over the past number of years we have been collaborating more fully with wider partnerships to ensure the future of our services which are of benefit to many people. In the light of the learnings of the Ryan Report, we are more convinced of the need to move towards the relinquishment of our positions of control in favour of more participative approaches. In taking this stand we will strive to reflect more faithfully the compassion of God in supporting people in their need.

Details of our contribution are set out in the individual reports of each of our four Irish Provinces, attached hereto. In brief, our contribution amounts to €20 million cash and properties valued at €107,506,800. This amount is in addition to a contribution we have already made in the sum of €33,091,114. The Congregation has also made a commitment to donate €1,875,000 to Faoiseamh over the next five years. Furthermore, in line with our decision to relinquish our positions of control we have taken steps in the recent past which we hope have and will benefit the State and Irish society. Examples of these steps are:

- Our Congregation has for some years been looking at a way to ensure the continuation of voluntary catholic secondary schools as a viable option. In 2007, together with four other Religious Congregations, we established CEIST (Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust) to assume the role of trustee of voluntary secondary schools and act as the overall directing, managing, coordinating, supporting, determining and supervisory body of these schools. A second entity, Educena, was established as the property holding company of the CEIST trust. The value of the Mercy school properties that we are transferring to Educena were independently assessed in 2007 at €412,600,000. In addition we have committed a further sum of €8,971,708 to support the trust over the next five years.
- The Conference of Religious of Ireland (CORI) and the Bishops of Ireland are currently in discussion with the Department of Education and Science about the future trusteeship of primary education in Ireland. For some years we have been preparing to relinquish the trusteeship of our Primary Schools and so we have written to the Boards of Management of our Primary Schools advising them that we are transferring our trustee role, together with most of our school properties, to the Diocesan Patron. We believe that the transfer of our trusteeship, thus providing a more complete picture of Catholic school provision will, in turn, facilitate discussions regarding rationalisation and the provision of diversity in the sector. The estimated value of all of the schools is €245,968,346.

- In 2008 we agreed to the transfer to the HSE of a site on Eccles Street in Dublin, for the proposed building of the new National Pediatric Hospital. The site was valued at €95 million at that time.

PART 2

Southern Province Contribution

1. Cash to Trust for Former Residents

The Southern Province will make €4 million cash available to the independent trust to be set up for former residents.

The first €1 million of this will be available within six months, and the balance of €3 million will be made available in three equal instalments over the next three years.

2. Properties to be transferred

Below is a schedule of the properties that the Southern Province will donate to (i) voluntary groups; (ii) the trust for former residents; and (iii) the State/State agencies.

In donating properties to the voluntary groups, we are conscious of the wonderful work that thousands of volunteers do in Ireland. Much of the work carried out by these voluntary groups benefits former residents and, of course, a wider group of people in our communities. We are also conscious that if we did not assist these voluntary groups by transferring these properties to them, this would amount to a demand on the State which we are thereby answering. We have confidentially spoken with each of the voluntary groups to ascertain if they will be in a position to accept the specific property and each has confirmed that they would be happy to accept. We wish each of the voluntary groups well in the premises as they continue their valuable work.

Land is included in the properties to be donated to the trust for former residents for erection of dwellings and/or for use as allotments and community gardens or such other uses as are determined to be of benefit.

See table overleaf.

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SOUTHERN PROVINCE				
No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restriction to transfer?
Properties to the Voluntary Sector:				
1.	Convent of Mercy, Bantry, Co Cork	Cluid Social Housing	8,500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to lands shared with school. Right of way required. • Lands leased to farmer for 11 months. • Right of way to burial ground to be reserved. • CPO for a strip of land to rear for Bantry By Pass.
2.	Coláiste Íde, Dingle, Co Kerry	Cáirde Coláiste Íde	2,200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to 35 year Lease to Cáirde Coláiste Íde. • Subject to right of way for a septic tank and sewer. • Subject to public right of way to draw water from well.
3.	Former Primary School, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny	The local Parish	160,000	
Properties to a trust for former residents:				
4.	16 Meadow Grove, Summerhill, Mallow, Co Cork	Trust for former residents	370,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the premises restricted to that of private dwelling house.
5.	7 and 8 Lisfennel Close, Dungarvan, Waterford	Trust for former residents	500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of premises restricted to that of private dwelling house.
6.	39 Acres, Scartagh, Clonakilty, Co Cork	Trust for former residents	470,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to grazing agreement to 2012. • Subject to public right of way to grotto. • Condition of planning permission includes sterilization of land for a period of 5 years from 2006.
7.	27 Acres, Compass Hill, Kinsale, Co Cork	Trust for former residents	600,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to 11 month grazing agreement.

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SOUTHERN PROVINCE				
No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restriction to transfer?
8.	14 Acres, Callan, Co Kilkenny	Trust for former residents	250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to a wayleave in favour of Bord Gáis. • Subject to 11 month grazing agreement.
9.	110 Acres, Nohoval, Ballindeasig, Minane Bridge, Co Cork	Trust for former residents	1,100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grazing agreements with 6 farmers (2009 – 2012). • Right of way required to access lands and Tabor Lodge.
10.	6 Acres, Convent Road, Cahir, Co Tipperary <i>and</i> 2 Acres, Convent Road, Cahir, Co Tipperary <i>[Note that this 2 acres is to be transferred to the Department of Education and Science as noted at 16 below, but the valuation provided includes both sites]</i>	Trust for former residents	<i>160,000 (agricultural valuation)</i> 1,600,000 <i>(residential valuation - used for purposes of totals below)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to 11 month grazing agreement. • 0.9 acres licensed to 2 local primary schools.
11.	6 Acres, Skibbereen, Co Cork	Trust for former residents	<i>80,000 (agricultural valuation)</i> 1,200,000 <i>(residential valuation - used for purposes of totals below)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property accessed via adjacent post primary school. • Subject to 11 month grazing agreement.
Properties to the State/State agencies:				
12.	Convent of Mercy and former boarding school, Clonakilty, Co Cork	State	4,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to grazing agreement. • Access shared with school. • Right of way required to burial ground. • Former boarding school subject to use by post primary school.
13.	Convent of Mercy, Cobh, Co Cork	State	1,000,000	
14.	St Joseph's VEC College, Carrick on Suir, Co Tipperary	VEC	600,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to 5 year lease with VEC.

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No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restriction to transfer?
15.	Adult Education Centre, Military Road, Waterford	VEC	500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to 50 years Lease in favour of Waterford VEC. • Access to property is via adjacent school lands.
16.	2 acres, Convent Road, Cahir Co Tipperary	State	Included in 10 above	As for 10 above
Summary				
Total monetary value of properties to Voluntary Groups:			€10,860,000	
Total monetary value of properties to trust for former residents:			€6,090,000	
Total monetary value of properties to State/Local Authorities/State Agencies:			€6,100,000	
Total value of Properties from the Southern Province:			<u>€23,050,000</u>	

3. Faoiseamh

Following the broadcasting of the Dear Daughter documentary the Sisters of Mercy established a Help Line which subsequently developed into Faoiseamh, a counselling service for former residents, staffed by professionals and funded currently by religious congregations and diocesan contributions. This valued service continues to provide therapeutic service for many former residents. We have contributed significantly to this service and will continue to do so as long as the service continues. We also commit ourselves to continue with the family tracing services, which we have been providing for a number of years, to assist former residents. We have committed to contribute an amount of €400,000 to Faoiseamh over the next five years.

4. Primary Schools

We have 25 Mercy Primary Schools in our Southern Province. The Bishops of Ireland together with the Conference of Religious of Ireland (CORI) are currently in discussions with the Department of Education and Science about the future of primary education in Ireland. In recent years we have been preparing to relinquish the trusteeship of our Primary Schools. We have written recently to the Board of Management of each of our Primary Schools advising them that we are going to transfer the trustee role that we hold in our Primary Schools, together with most of our school properties, to the Diocesan Patron. The Bishops involved have agreed to this transfer. We believe that the transfer of our trusteeship, thus providing a more complete picture of Catholic school provision will, in turn, facilitate discussions regarding rationalisation and the provision of diversity in the sector. The aggregate value of all of these schools is €47.125 million.

5. Secondary Schools

In 2007, we looked at a way to secure the future of our voluntary secondary schools through a structure which would be able to deal with the challenges facing secondary education in the twenty-first century. To this end, our Congregation joined with four other congregations and set up a trust called CEIST (Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust) to assume the role of trustee of voluntary secondary schools and act as the overall directing, managing, coordinating, supporting, determining and supervisory body of these schools. A second entity, called Educena, was established as the property holding company of the CEIST trust. In 2008 we agreed to transfer 16 of our secondary schools in the Southern Province to Educena. Those schools had a value of €108 million.

In addition to the value of the secondary schools that we are transferring, we have made a commitment to fund CEIST for the next five years to the value of €2,111,603.

PART 3

Western Province Contribution

1. Cash to Trust for Former Residents

The Western Province will make €5 million cash available to the independent trust to be set up for former residents. The Western Province request that a portion of this money be designated for use in facilities for former residents in the Galway City area.

The first €1 million of this will be available in six months time and the balance of €4 million will be made available in four equal instalments over the next four years.

2. Properties to be Transferred

Below is a schedule of the properties that the Western Province will donate to (i) voluntary groups; (ii) the trust for former residents; and (iii) the State/State agencies.

In donating properties to voluntary groups, we are conscious of the wonderful work that thousands of volunteers do in Ireland. Much of the work carried out by these voluntary groups benefits former residents and, of course, a wider group of people in our communities. We are also conscious that if we did not assist these voluntary groups by transferring these properties to them, this would amount to a demand on the State which we are thereby answering. We have confidentially spoken with each of the voluntary groups concerned to ascertain if they will be in a position to accept the specific property and each has confirmed that they would be happy to accept. We wish each of the voluntary groups well in the premises.

See table overleaf.

WESTERN PROVINCE

No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restrictions to Transfer
Properties to the Voluntary Sector:				
1.	Tuam Junior School, Dublin Road, Tuam, Co Galway	St Vincent de Paul	750,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to licence in favour of Youth Work (Galway) Ireland to 24.02.2009.
2.	Convent of Mercy, Granard, Co Longford	Sue Ryder Foundation	850,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right of way to be reserved to Sisters for access to graveyard. • Subject to 11 month grazing agreement. • Subject to clarification of registered owner of registered title and rectification if necessary.
3.	Site for Tuam Parish Pastoral Centre, Tuam, Co Galway	To Diocese for Parish Pastoral Centre	100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to consent of Western Health Board (now HSE).
4.	St Anne's Club, Avalon Centre, Chapel Hill, Sligo	St Anne's Youth Centre	225,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to a 99 year lease to St Anne's Youth Centre Limited dated 01.11.95.
5.	Field at Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo	St Jarlath's Trust, Diocese of Tuam	100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to wayleaves and covenants in favour of Mayo County Council. • Field to be used as a playing field for the amalgamated primary school.
Properties to a trust for former residents:				
6.	Ballinrobe Convent, Ballinrobe, Co Mayo	Trust for former residents	1,500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to right of way in favour of Minister for Education and others. This right of way is not used. • Right of way to be reserved to Sisters for access to graveyard. • Subject to an 11 month grazing agreement.

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No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restrictions to Transfer
7.	Ardagh Demesne (house) and 2 Gate Lodges, Ardagh, Co Longford	Trust for former residents	2,225,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to wayleave claimed by local landowner (which is disputed and appears to relate to lands not being transferred). • Subject to a right of way in favour of Minister for Lands. • Subject to an 11 month grazing agreement.
8.	Ardagh Demesne (214.5 acres), Ardagh, Co Longford and Milk Quota of 75,749 gallons	As for 7 above.	Included in 7 above.	As for 7 above.

Properties to the State/State Agencies

9.	St Anne's Lenaboy Castle, Taylor's Hill, Co Galway	HSE	3,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to lease to Western Health Board (now HSE) for 20 years from 01.09.97. • Subject to right of way for the benefit of adjoining lands.
10.	Sea Mount Convent and College, Kinvarra, Co Galway	Department of Education and Science	3,349,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to occupation by school.
11.	Scoil Mhuire Secondary and Mercy Primary School, Ennistymon, Co Clare	Department of Education and Science	1,357,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right of way to be reserved to Sisters for access to graveyard. • Access to property is by right of way which access will need to be retained and shared with Sisters. • Subject to National School lease for term of 839 years and to occupation by schools until primary school is moved offsite.
12.	St Patrick's Primary School, Altamont Street, Westport, Co Mayo	Department of Education and Science	1,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to National School lease for 99 years from 11.11.63. • Subject to occupation by amalgamated school until agreed new build takes place offsite.

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WESTERN PROVINCE

No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restrictions to Transfer
13.	St Joseph's Girls' Primary School, Abbey Street, Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo	Department of Education and Science	250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to wayleaves and covenants in favour of Mayo County Council. • Subject to occupation by amalgamated school until agreed new build takes place offsite.
14.	Ballymahon Convent National School, Ballymahon, Co Longford	Department of Education and Science	1,000,000 <i>(Insurance Valuation)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to National School lease for 99 years from 21.01.38. • Consent of Minister for Education required. • Subject to right of way to owner of the old convent grounds. • Right of way to be reserved for Sisters. • Subject to occupation by amalgamated school until agreed new build takes place offsite.

Summary

Total monetary value of properties to Voluntary Groups:	€2,025,000
Total monetary value of properties to trust for former residents:	€3,725,000
Total monetary value of properties to State/Local Authorities/State Agencies:	€9,956,800
Total value of Properties from the Western Province:	<u>€15,706,800</u>

3. Faoiseamh

We continue to contribute to Faoiseamh. Faoiseamh offers support and healing to former residents of orphanages and industrial schools which is consistent with the objectives of the charity. We also commit ourselves to continue with the family tracing services, which we have been providing for a number of years, to assist former residents. We have committed to contribute an amount of €400,000 to Faoiseamh over the next five years.

4. Primary Schools

We have 30 Mercy Primary Schools in our Western Province. The Bishops of Ireland together with the Conference of Religious of Ireland (CORI) are currently in discussions with the Department of Education and Science about the future of primary education in Ireland. Given our age profile and our desire to relinquish control, we have written to the Board of Management of our Primary Schools advising that we are going to transfer the trustee role that we hold in our Primary Schools, together with most of our school properties, to the Diocesan Patron. We believe that the transfer of our trusteeship, thus providing a more complete picture of Catholic school provision will, in turn, facilitate discussions regarding rationalisation and the provision of diversity in the sector. The aggregate insurance value of all of these schools is €76,751,983.

5. Secondary Schools

In 2007, we looked at a way to secure the future of our voluntary secondary schools through a structure which would be able to deal with the challenges facing secondary education in the twenty-first century. To this end, our Congregation joined with others and set up an organisation called CEIST (Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust) to assume the role of trustee of voluntary secondary schools and act as the overall directing, managing, coordinating, supporting, determining and supervisory body of these schools. A second entity, called Educena, was established as the property holding company of the CEIST trust. In 2008 we agreed to transfer 21 of our secondary schools in the Western Province to Educena. Those schools had a value of €91.7 million.

In addition to the value of the secondary schools that we are transferring, we have made a commitment to fund CEIST for the next five years to the tune of €2,558,548.

PART 4

Northern Province Contribution

1. Cash to Trust for Former Residents

The Northern Province will make €1 million cash available to the independent trust to be set up for former residents. €500,000 of this will be made available now, and the balance of €500,000 will be made available in one year.

2. Properties to be Transferred

Below is a schedule of the properties that the Northern Province will donate to (i) voluntary groups; (ii) the trust for former residents; and (iii) the State/State agencies.

In donating properties to voluntary groups, we are conscious of the wonderful work that thousands of volunteers do in Ireland. Much of the work carried out by these voluntary groups benefits former residents and, of course, a wider group of people in our communities. We are also conscious that if we did not assist these voluntary groups by transferring these properties to them, this would amount to a demand on the State which we are thereby answering. We have confidentially spoken with each of the voluntary groups concerned to ascertain if they will be in a position to accept the specific property and each has confirmed that they would be happy to accept. We wish each of the voluntary groups well in the premises and pray that they will continue to carry out their wonderful work.

See table overleaf.

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NORTHERN PROVINCE				
No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restrictions to Transfer
Properties to the Voluntary Sector:				
1.	Scoil Íosagáin, school building, Tullamore, Co Offaly	Tullamore Traveller's Pre-School Limited	250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to occupation by Scoil Íosagáin.
2.	St Colmcille's, Centre and site, Tullamore, Co Offaly	Tullamore Traveller's Pre-School Limited	250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to lease to St Colmcille's Training Centre Limited for a term of 35 years from 01.12.2005. • Subject to right of way in favour of adjoining landowner.
3.	St Mary's Youth Centre, Tullamore, Co Offaly	St Marys Youth Centre Limited	500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to lease to St Mary's Youth Centre.
4.	Leisure Centre, Buncrana, Co Donegal	Company to be formed by Leisure Centre	100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title deeds have not been located or reviewed. • Subject to lease to Buncrana Community Leisure Centre Co-operative Limited for 250 years from 01.01.91. • Subject to a right of way in favour of Sisters.
Properties to a trust for former residents:				
5.	Dundalk (Former) Convent, Seatown Place, Dundalk, Co Louth	Trust for former residents	500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title is subject to fee farm grants with their covenants and conditions. • Owner is capable of acquiring fee simple under Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) No. 2 Act, 1978.
6.	Kells (Former) Convent, Kenlis Place, Kells, Co Meath	Trust for former residents	500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right of way will be reserved to new convent. • Subject to emergency egress by St Vincent de Paul from neighbouring premises. • Wayleaves may be needed for the new convent to connect to services.

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No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restrictions to Transfer
7.	Clogher Head, Co Louth	Trust for former residents	225,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to the rent, covenants and conditions in a fee farm grant dating from 1841 (a copy of which might not be obtainable).
8.	Rosstown, Co Donegal	Trust for former residents	350,000	
9.	13 Brookfield, Irishtown, Mullingar, Co Westmeath	Trust for former residents	200,000	
Properties to the State/State Agencies:				
10.	Athboy School, Athboy, Co Meath	Department of Education and Science	2,800,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to existing school lease. • Distinction between playing fields of school and local football club unclear.
11.	Fatima Secondary School, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Department of Education and Science	2,800,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to existing school lease.
12.	McAuley Centre, Kells, Co Meath	HSE	300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right of way to be reserved to new convent. • Subject to emergency egress by St Vincent de Paul from neighbouring premises. • Wayleaves may be needed for new convent to connect to services. • Subject to leases in favour of North Meath Community Development Association and the HSE.
13.	Old Primary School and Hall, Trim, Co Meath	Department of Education and Science	900,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to primary school occupation. • Old expired leases for school use are on title.

NORTHERN PROVINCE

Summary

Total monetary value of properties to Voluntary Groups:	€1,100,000
Total monetary value of properties to trust for former residents:	€1,775,000
Total monetary value of properties to State/Local Authorities/State Agencies:	€6,800,000
Total value of Properties from the Northern Province:	<u>€9,675,000</u>

3. Faoiseamh

We continue to contribute to Faoiseamh, a counselling and support service for former residents. Faoiseamh contributes to the healing and well being of former residents in Ireland and the UK which is consistent with the objectives of the charity. We also commit ourselves to continue with the family tracing services, which we have been providing for a number of years, to assist former residents. We have committed to contribute an amount of €75,000 to Faoiseamh over the next five years.

4. Primary Schools

We have nine Mercy Primary Schools in the Republic of Ireland portion of our Northern Province. The Bishops of Ireland, together with the Conference of Religious of Ireland (CORI) are currently in discussions with the Department of Education and Science about the future of primary education in Ireland. Given our age profile and our desire to relinquish control, we have written to the Board of Management of our nine Primary Schools advising that we are going to transfer the trustee role that we hold in our Primary Schools, together with most of our school properties, to the Diocesan Patron. We believe that the transfer of our trusteeship, thus providing a more complete picture of Catholic school provision will, in turn, facilitate discussions regarding rationalisation and the provision of diversity in the sector. The aggregate value of all of these schools is €12,064,000.

5. Secondary Schools

In 2007, we looked at a way to secure the future of our voluntary secondary schools through a structure which would be able to deal with the challenges facing secondary education in the twenty-first century. To this end, our Congregation joined with others and set up an organisation called CEIST (Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust) to assume the role of trustee of voluntary secondary schools and act as the overall directing, managing, coordinating, supporting, determining and supervisory body of these schools. A second entity, called Educena, was established as the property holding company of the CEIST trust. In 2008 we agreed to transfer 10 of our secondary schools in the Northern Province to Educena. Those schools had a value of €68.9 million.

In addition to the value of the secondary schools that we are transferring, we have made a commitment to fund CEIST for the next five years to the tune of €1,788,042.

PART 5

South Central Province Contribution

1. Cash to Trust for Former Residents

The South Central Province will make €10 million cash available to the independent trust to be set up for former residents.

€5 million of this will be available before the end of January 2010, and the remaining €5 million will be made available before the end of June 2010.

2. Properties to be Transferred

Below is a schedule of the properties that the South Central Province will donate to voluntary groups and the State/State agencies.

In donating properties to voluntary groups, we are conscious of the wonderful work that thousands of volunteers do in Ireland. Much of the work carried out by these voluntary groups benefits former residents and, of course, a wider group of people in our communities. We are also conscious that if we did not assist these voluntary groups by transferring these properties to them, this would amount to a demand on the State which we are thereby answering. We have confidentially spoken with each of the voluntary groups concerned to ascertain if they will be in a position to accept the specific property and each has confirmed that they would be happy to accept. We wish each of the voluntary groups well in the premises as they continue to carry on their work.

It is our intention to relinquish our control and ownership of the National Rehabilitation Hospital, which is a unique facility standing on approx 33 acres (the "Lands") on Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, in Dublin. We intend to transfer the operation and management of this voluntary hospital to a trust. We further intend to transfer our ownership of the Lands to the HSE subject to (i) a lease in favour of the Hospital Trust, of that portion of the site from which the current hospital operates, and (ii) an Agreement to grant a long lease to the Hospital Trust of that part of the site that will be required to accommodate a new hospital to be developed on the site.

The Convent and its grounds located on the lands at Rochestown Avenue will remain in the ownership of the Congregation.

Regarding the Beaumont Convalescent Home, we intend to offer to the HSE the building and grounds (to include that part of the property currently leased by the HSE) subject to the conditions of an existing trust.

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SOUTH CENTRAL PROVINCE				
No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restrictions to Transfer
Properties to the Voluntary Sector:				
1.	St Mary's Convent, Arklow, Co Wicklow	Crosscare	650,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease to St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust (for Crosscare) from 2009 for a term of 35 years. • Right of way to be retained (as in the lease) for the benefit of the Sisters.
2.	Community Centre, Templemore, Co Tipperary	Templemore Parish Community Group	225,000	
3.	Old Convent School & Former Primary School, Tulla, Co Clare	Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of way to be reserved for benefit of neighbouring church. • Title is subject to covenants and conditions in a fee farm grant dating from 1859 of which a copy might not be obtainable.
4.	Lease of land and operation of National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire <i>[See note above]</i>	Hospital Trust	Estimated land value is included at 6 below.	See 6 below
Property to the State/State Agencies:				
5.	Beaumont Convalescent Home, Beaumont, Dublin 9	HSE	3,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to a wayleave in favour of the Minister for Health. • Subject to lease in favour of HSE and to rights and use of certain rooms in the premises by the Catherine McAuley centre.
6.	33 acre site of the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire <i>[See note above]</i>	HSE	45,000,000 to 55,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to a lease to the Hospital Trust to be put in place in respect of the lands from which the existing hospital operates. • Subject to an agreement to grant a long lease to the Hospital Trust of that part of the site that will be required to accommodate a new

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No	Property	Transferee	Estimated Value €	Restrictions to Transfer
				<p>hospital to be developed on the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Convent and its grounds shall remain in the ownership of the Congregation. • Subject to road widening agreement and proposals on both Pottery Road and Rochestown Avenue. • Subject to proposed new wayleave for Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for use by the proposed new hospital, and owner of neighbouring lands. • Subject to rights of way / wayleaves that are required. • Subject to wayleave for Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for watermain across the property.

Summary

Total monetary value of properties to voluntary groups:	€1,075,000
Total monetary value of properties to State: <i>[See note above re National Rehabilitation Hospital]</i>	€58,000,000
Total value of Properties from South Central Province:	<u>€59,075,000</u>

3. Faoiseamh

We commit ourselves to continue with the family tracing services, which we have been providing for a number of years, to assist former residents. We have also

committed to contribute an amount of €1,000,000 to Faoiseamh over the next five years.

4. Primary Schools:

We have 25 Mercy Primary Schools in South Central Province. The Bishops of Ireland and the Conference of Religious in Ireland (CORI) are currently in discussion with the Department of Education and Science about the future trusteeship of primary education in Ireland. We have been preparing for some years to relinquish the trusteeship of our Primary Schools and so we have now written to the Boards of Management of our twenty-five Primary Schools advising that we are transferring our trustee role, together with most of our school properties, to the Diocesan Patron. We believe that the transfer of our trusteeship, thus providing a more complete picture of Catholic school provision will, in turn, facilitate discussions regarding rationalisation and the provision of diversity in the sector. The aggregate value of all of these schools is €110,027,363.

5. Secondary Schools

For some years we have been looking at a way to ensure the continuation of voluntary catholic secondary schools as a viable option within a pluralist society. In 2007, our Congregation along with others set up an organisation called CEIST (Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust) to assume the role of trustee of voluntary secondary schools and act as the overall directing, managing, coordinating, supporting, determining and supervisory body of these schools. A second entity, called Educena, was established as the property holding company of the CEIST trust. We have agreed to transfer 19 of our secondary schools in the South Central Province to Educena. These schools have a value of €144 million.

In addition to the value of the secondary schools that we are transferring, we have made a commitment to fund CEIST for the next five years to the tune of €2,513,515.

SCHEDULE

The following should be noted in relation to the Contribution:

1. All of the assets and income of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy (Ireland) must be used in accordance with Trust and Charities' Law and in accordance with the Code of Canon Law.
2. The Congregation has written to the Holy See seeking permission to alienate certain of the assets listed in this Contribution Document.
3. The permission of the Commissioners for Charitable Donations and Bequests will be sought where it is applicable.
4. Where the transfer of certain of the assets or trusteeship requires the consent of some other third party, the Congregation will seek such consent.
5. Estimated values of properties have been included in this Contribution Document. Attributing a financial estimate to property assets is particularly difficult in the current economic environment.
6. When attributing a financial value to primary schools, three of our Provinces valued them on a cost per square footage basis and one Province on an insured value basis.
7. When attributing a financial value to our secondary schools, the Provinces used the value attributed to them in 2007 when the transfer to CEIST/Educena was agreed.
8. The Provinces worked with independent estate agents to provide desktop valuations for the balance of all properties. The estimated amounts provided may not be realisable values and should not be interpreted as such. Copy valuations have been obtained and more detailed valuations have been offered to the Assessment Panel if confirmation of the basis of valuation is confirmed.
9. The estimated valuations provided do not take account of any State funding towards acquisition, construction or repair and no adjustment shall be made to the Contribution to take account of any such funding.
10. Should a property listed in this Contribution Document be subsequently sold, valued or otherwise realised, and the sale proceeds or the proposed value is less than that estimated in this Contribution Document, no recourse or liability will be available to the Sisters of Mercy or any of the parties involved in preparing and assisting in the preparation of this Contribution Document.
11. If it becomes impossible for any Province to transfer, or for a proposed recipient to accept, a property listed in this Contribution Document, for reasons of title or otherwise, no other property or assets shall be donated in substitution.
12. An initial review of the titles to certain of the properties has been carried out and where the Congregation knows of "restrictions" that apply (other than those general restrictions noted in 1 – 4 (incl.) above), those restrictions have been listed but may not be exhaustive.