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Dear companions in the Lord

We are very happy to send you the prayer and reflection booklet for Mary Ward Week 2016, edited by Macarena and Brenda IBVM and Elena CJ, from the two General Leadership teams. In the booklet we have one more concrete example of the desire of both our recent General Congregations never to do alone what we can do better together.

This year marks a new departure in the material for our prayer and reflection during this Mary Ward week as the editing team invited contributions not just from our own members, but also from lay friends, colleagues and associates who share our love of, and gratitude to, Mary Ward for her inspiration and example.

We are, as always, most grateful to all those who have contributed in whatever way to this booklet and in particular to the editing team and to Cristina and Carla, our respective Assistant Secretaries, who worked so hard on the formatting aspects of the booklet. As always also, very great thanks to our valiant translators.

We hope that you will find the booklet a real resource for your own prayer and reflection during this week and we invite you to share it as widely as you wish with your own colleagues, pupils and other friends of Mary Ward and in that way to continue to make ever wider the “open circle” of Mary Ward’s followers.

As you all know, we have begun anew our efforts for the Cause of Mary Ward and we invite each one to make herself a part of that effort, in particular through her prayer during this week and throughout the coming year.

***Venerable Mary Ward, pray for us and give us your spirit***

With our love and prayer that Jesus will continue to have us all “in His keeping”, as Mary Ward so often asked for her companions.

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