



20th September 2017

Dear Friends,

The International Mary Ward Schools' Conference was held from June 25th to July 2nd 2017. It was hosted by Loreto Queenswood, South Africa and over 60 members gathered from Mary Ward schools worldwide. This meeting marked the coming together of school personnel from 21 countries, crossing the divides of culture, language and nationality, uniting together CJ and IBVM schools worldwide and forming a network of Mary Ward schools.

We are very pleased to welcome *A Mary Ward Schools' Compass*, the guidelines for a Mary Ward School in the 21st century, produced by the delegates of this conference. These guidelines reflect how rooted and relevant schools in the Mary Ward tradition are in today's world, and encourage a response to today's needs that is relevant and contemporary.

We are writing to you as Province and Regional Leaders to ask you both to distribute and actively promote the Compass in all the schools and Education offices in the Mary Ward tradition in your province or region. With your encouragement we hope that all Mary Ward schools will become true agents of transformation and change in our societies and world.

We would like to thank all who were involved in the 2017 conference and all those who teach and work in Mary Ward schools. Today they continue to bring to life the dream and charism of our Venerable Mary Ward. Please feel free to share this letter as widely as necessary.

With our love and prayers

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