

On Tuesday 23 August, 2022, Sr. Noelle Corscadden presented the following petition to the General Congregation of the Congregatio Jesu:

We, the members of Mary Ward's Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, have already begun this journey together with you, the members of the Congregation of Jesus, and we are now ready to take a further canonical step by inviting this body, the Congregation of Jesus General Congregation, to commit to walk with us on the journey of becoming one. In the event of the IBVM General Congregation voting in favour of a movement towards becoming one, with the prayers of the many members who have gone before us and who longed for the union of Mary Ward's Institute over the centuries, and on behalf of all the IBVM members around the world, I come today in the light of the overwhelmingly positive discernment of IBVM members, and take a formal step towards oneness by requesting juridic fusion in due course with your branch, the Congregation of Jesus and to ask that this General Congregation approve our request.

On Thursday 25 August, 2022, the CJ General Congregation voted unanimously:

That the General Congregation accepts the petition of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary to merge with the Congregatio Jesu.

In the light of this vote, and the long history and recent discernment which have lead to this moment, the members of the General Congregation of the IBVM are asked to vote on the following proposal:

That this General Congregation confirms the petition presented by the Institute leader Sr. Noelle Corscadden to the Congregatio Jesu General Congregation on 23 August 2022, asking for a juridic fusion/merger of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Congregation of Jesus, acknowledging with gratitude the subsequent unanimous vote of the Congregation on 25 August to accept this petition.

YES



NO