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LAUNCH OF ONLINE CAMPAIGN #MARYWARDFORSAINT



Dear Members of the Family of Venerable Mary Ward,

As you are aware, every effort is being made to advance the Cause of our Venerable Mary Ward. The latest initiative involves the use of technology to build up support for the Cause. With the help and expertise of Lauren Masterman, Communications Director in The Bar Convent, York, we have put together a Resource Pack which includes the Online Petition.

You can sign the petition here by visiting: <u>https://chng.it/yX6w5xsL6W (ctrl + click to</u> follow the link)

[PLEASE IGNORE THE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR OTHER PETITIONS]

Imagine how many signatures we could amass if all the Members of Mary Ward's Family worldwide, all the students in our 200+ schools, parents, our staffs, Friends, Associates, and Collaborators of Mary Ward, our Parish communities, families, colleagues, etc., were to sign on!

During this Mary Ward Week 2024, I am appealing to YOU to do what you can to encourage others to SIGN ON. In communities, can those with technological know-how, help those without it. In some Provinces/Regions, there are structures to reach School Communities; in others, this is not the case. I really need your help to reach out and to spread information and the link to this campaign as widely as possible.

My challenge and appeal to you this MWW 2024 is: Can each one encourage 10 others to sign on?

It is my hope and desire that this campaign will breathe new life into our Cause which was submitted in accordance with the Norms of the Dicastery for Causes of Saints in the Holy See to a Particular Diocese in December 2019. Mindful that Church processes take time, we keep those involved in processing our "possible miracle" in our prayer, holding on to Mary Ward's own words that "God has His time for everything."

2 further resources will be sent to you at a later date:

- 1. The Press release from The Bar Convent of 17th January 2024
- 2. The Resource file, containing, for example, a Booklet on Mary Ward written with those who do not understand "religious language" in mind.

Mary Ward Week provides many opportunities to not only declare our love and veneration for our beloved Founder but also to promote her values and to provide inspiration to those who do not know her. I rely on YOU to participate in this initiative.

Please, do your bit to ensure we have a veritable TSUNAMI of response.

I remain deeply grateful for your assistance and support,

Sincerely,

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Venerable Mary Ward pray for us and give us your spirit