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“We rejoice to announce that Mary Ward’s Institute — the Sisters of the IBVM and the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus — now stand united as one, in fulfilment of our foundress Mary Ward’s long-cherished desire. We celebrate this historic day with deep gratitude; to serve God as one body is both our joy and our privilege.

This union is more than an administrative step; it is a spiritual milestone — a sign of fidelity to the Spirit, who calls us to unity for the sake of mission. By becoming one, we affirm that our shared charism transcends any separation, and that our service to God’s people will bear richer fruit in communion. With humility, hope, and courage, we move forward, ready to be instruments of peace, justice, and freedom in today’s world.

May this new beginning deepen our willingness to do God’s will and strengthen us to carry Mary Ward’s vision into the future — bringing Christ’s truth, compassion, and justice to places where hope is most needed.”