



**CONGREGATION OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
EUROPEAN PROVINCE**

23 November 2009

Mr. Batt O'Keeffe, T.D.
Minister for Education and Science
Department of Education and Science
Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

Re: Response to Government Pursuant on the Report of the Ryan Commission

Dear Minister,

Please find enclosed the response to Government from the Christian Brothers.

I present this response following on meetings at Government buildings in the early summer of this year. Subsequently, we prepared, with the assistance of our professional advisers, detailed reports on our assets, commitments and liabilities. We communicated and met with the Assessment Panel appointed to evaluate our submissions.

We have consulted widely with many groups, including our own Brothers and the Edmund Rice Schools Trust. We have listened attentively to former residents of the institutions who wanted to meet with us as well as with representatives of the groups who represent many of them.

We have endeavoured to make the fullest response of which we are capable at this time, given the level of our resources and the extent of our commitments and liabilities. I respectfully request that you present our proposal to Government. We hope that it will be accepted as a sincerely conscientious expression of our desire to respond to former residents, to current needs of present and future generations and to many others affected by the findings of the Ryan Commission.

We will be pleased to meet with you to discuss the implementation of the proposal and to address other details to further both our aims and those of Government.

Yours sincerely,

Brother J.K. Mullan
Province Leader
European Province

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