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Dear companions in the Lord

In this very significant year for our Mary Ward family, we are delighted to introduce to you this year's Mary Ward Week resource booklet. It invites us all to consider and reflect on the relationship between Mary Ward and Teresa Ball in this bicentenary year of the founding of the Institute in Ireland, from which further new branches of the Institute developed around the world.

We would like to draw your attention in particular to the invitation at the end of the booklet to make an artistic/poetic response of your own to this year's reflections and to send it to:
anawimarts@gmail.com

This year's booklet has been collated and edited by members of the two English Provinces and the Irish Province – Marion Bettenworth, Jen Bromham and Anne O'Dwyer. Our sincere thanks go to them for their work. Our thanks also go to the contributors from various parts of the Mary Ward family worldwide. As ever, we are grateful to our translators and the General Leadership secretariats for their work in the production of the booklet.

We continue to pray for the current IBVM discernment in relation to our process of Becoming One and for the ongoing "ambassadors' process" of getting to know better other parts of our Mary Ward family. We also continue to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Mary Ward.

We cannot end this letter without acknowledging the continuing impact of the pandemic on our world. We remember especially those who have had the illness during the past year and in particular those who have died because of it, especially those in our Mary Ward Family. May they rest in peace.

Venerable Mary Ward – and Teresa Ball - pray for us and give us your spirit

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noelle".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane".