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The Deputy First Minister  
The Scottish Government  
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Dear Deputy First Minister

**Salesians of Don Bosco**  
**Commitment to participate as a Contributor to Redress Scotland**

I write as the Provincial of the British (GBR) Province of the Religious Congregation the Salesians of Don Bosco, that works as the registered charity the Salesians of Don Bosco UK, to inform you of the Salesian Trustees' decision to participate in the Redress Scotland provision as a Payments Determined Contributor.

The Salesians of Don Bosco were the providers of the following historical residential care provision in Scotland:

1. St Teresa's (residential care home for boys), Hillside House, Aberdour, Fife, KY3 0RH (1950-1960).
2. St John Bosco School (Approved School and then List D School for boys), Hillside House, Aberdour, Fife, KY3 0RH (1960-1983).
3. Bosco House (residential care home for boys), 7 Hamilton Road, Mount Vernon, Glasgow, G32 9QD (1972-1984).

Accompanying your introduction of the Redress Bill, as Deputy First Minister, was the clear statement that 'Scotland has a moral imperative to address the wrongs of the past, while acknowledging that nothing can ever make up for the suffering that survivors have endured' as a result of abuse suffered as children in care.

As a past provider of childcare provision in Scotland, we the Salesians of Don Bosco, acknowledge with the deepest regret our share in the wrongs of the past, and our responsibility to reach out to those who were abused in the homes and school that we provided. The fundamental principles of dignity, respect and compassion for survivors of abuse, that underline the Redress Scheme, are principles with which we identify and which we wish to embrace as a scheme Contributor.

St John Bosco, our founder, working for the poor and homeless youth of 19th century Turin saw the young he worked for as 'that part of human society which is so exposed and yet so rich in promise'. Abuse can, and does, impact that promise.

We commend the Scottish Government's initiative in introducing and securing parliamentary approval for the Redress Scotland provision.

Yours sincerely



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Provincial