



Mary Ward Week

23-30 January 2024

**#MaryWardForSaint**  
Online campaign  
launching 23 January  
2024

- Mary Ward's followers and supporters are campaigning to have her declared a Saint by the Catholic Church. Please help us by joining in the online campaign using #MaryWardForSaint. Sign our online petition and spread the word in any way that you can!
- [Mary Ward Week 2024 - Bar Convent](#)



- Watch this space for updates during Mary Ward Week which will be sent to you by email.  
<https://barconvent.co.uk/events/in-the-footsteps-of-mary-ward-mary-ward-week-2024/>

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**23-30 JANUARY 2024**

**#MaryWardForSaint**





## MARY WARD WEEK BAKE-OFF

- In conversation with teachers and pupils last term, we have decided to have a Mary Ward Week Bake-Off in 2024.



# Bake a cake for Mary Ward Week: Step 1

- Select an aspect of Mary Ward's life that inspires you.

OR

- Choose one of the following core values:

Justice,  
Freedom  
Sincerity  
Truth  
Joy.



## Bake a cake for Mary Ward Week: Step 2

- At home, bake a cake that reflects your chosen subject.
- This will be evident in the way you decorate your cake and may also be expressed in the ingredients you use.





## Bake a cake for Mary Ward Week: Step 3

- Take a picture of your cake and write a short account (100 words approximately) describing how it represents your chosen subject.
- Send your picture and account, in consultation with your teachers, to the Loreto Education Centre during the week after the midterm break.
- Details of email address will follow.



# Mary Ward

1585 - 1645



# What inspires me about Mary Ward?

**As you view the following slides,  
videos and reflections, think  
about what Mary Ward means  
for you/us today.**



# What inspires me about Mary Ward?

- This may be presented as:
- A short essay
- A video (1-2 minutes – Length of video will be at the discretion of the teachers and students)
- Poem
- Picture or any artwork
- Music



# Mary Ward: Dangerous Visionary

A story of faith, hope,  
love, vision and  
extraordinary courage.

<https://www.marywarddocumentary.com/>



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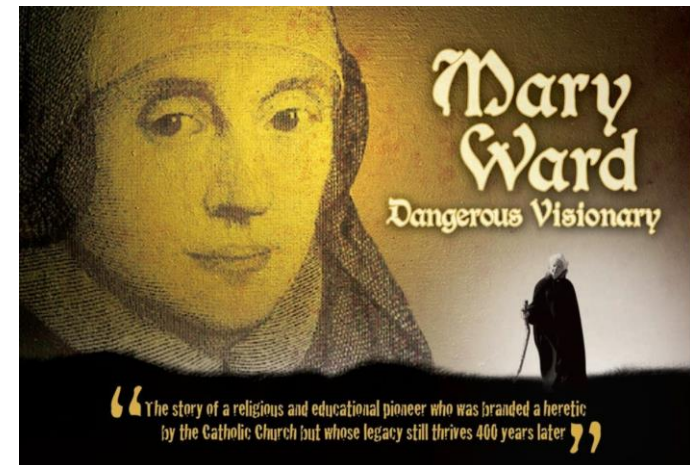
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This documentary

produced by Sarah Mac Donald,

tells the story of Mary Ward through re-enactments of seminal moments in her life and historical commentary.

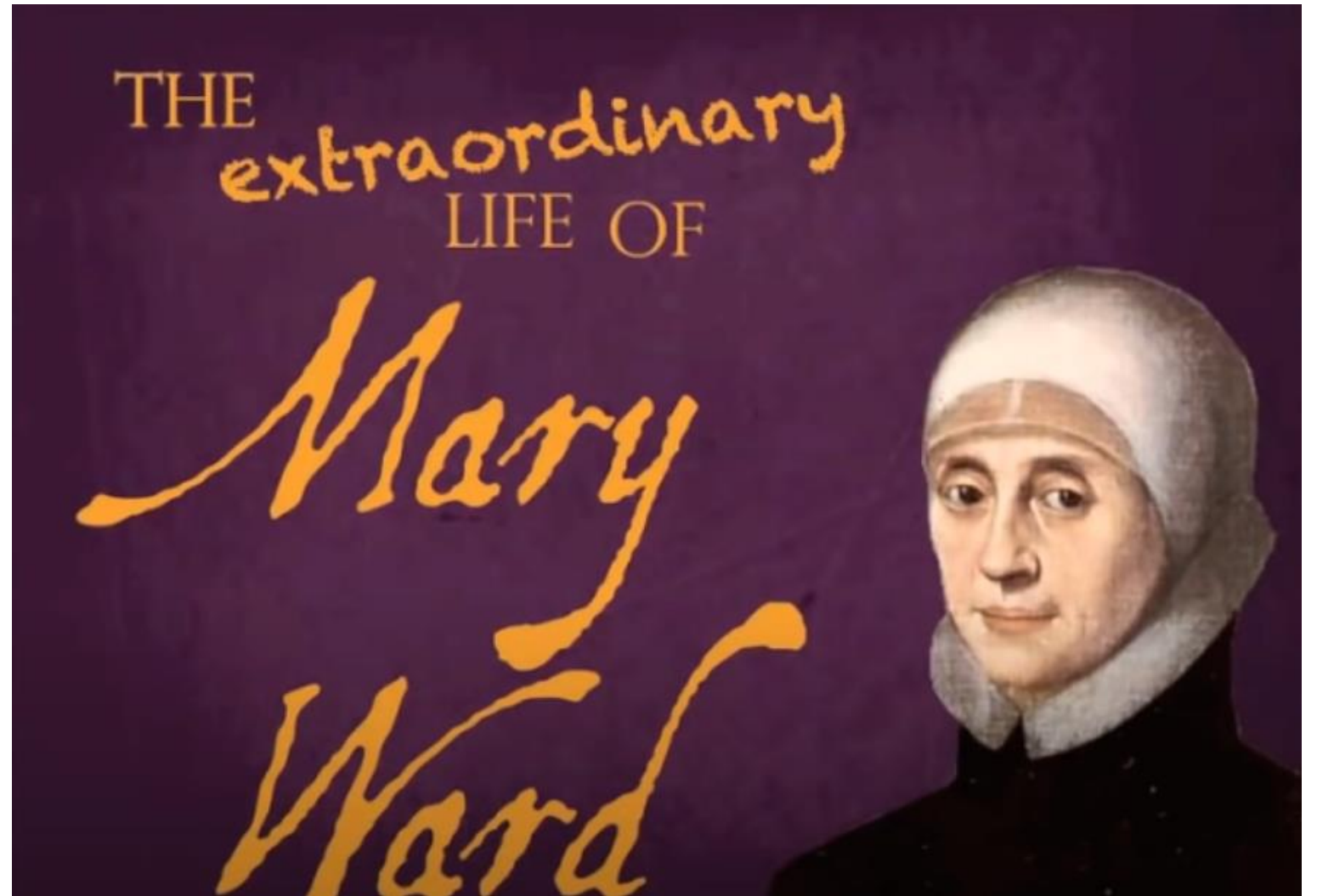
It focuses on two projects where Mary Ward's Sisters are working today over 400 years after she founded her first Institute in 1609, the same year that Ignatius of Loyola was beatified.



VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w99rpo8VwbM>

# The Extraordinary Life of Mary Ward





# Mary Ward

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- North Yorkshire
- Elizabeth I
- Spanish Armada
- Ongoing hostility to Catholicism



1589

family home was burned down, but Mary and her sisters were saved by her father.



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In the year 1595 on the feast of the Annunciation, when Mary was in her eleventh year, a great fire broke out at her father's house at Mulwith. She was not alarmed, but remained in the room, saying the rosary with her sisters until their father came to fetch them.

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- At the age of 24, Mary gathered a number of companions and formed a religious community.
  - To provide education, visit people in prison and other “needs congruous to our time.”





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Independent

self-governing

responding to the urgent  
needs of her time.





# The Early Years

- educated young women
- helped persecuted and imprisoned Catholics
- they lived and worked openly on the continent but secretly in England to nurture the faith.



# Severe Opposition

Mary was imprisoned in England and later in Munich by the Inquisition.

An attempt to destroy all related documents to erase the memory of Mary's work





## Suppression of the Institute in 1631

- During this time, Mary Ward communicated with her supporters secretly by sending letters written in lemon juice, whose words only appear when the paper was heated. Twenty-three of these fragile lemon-juice letters survive today.

# Rome

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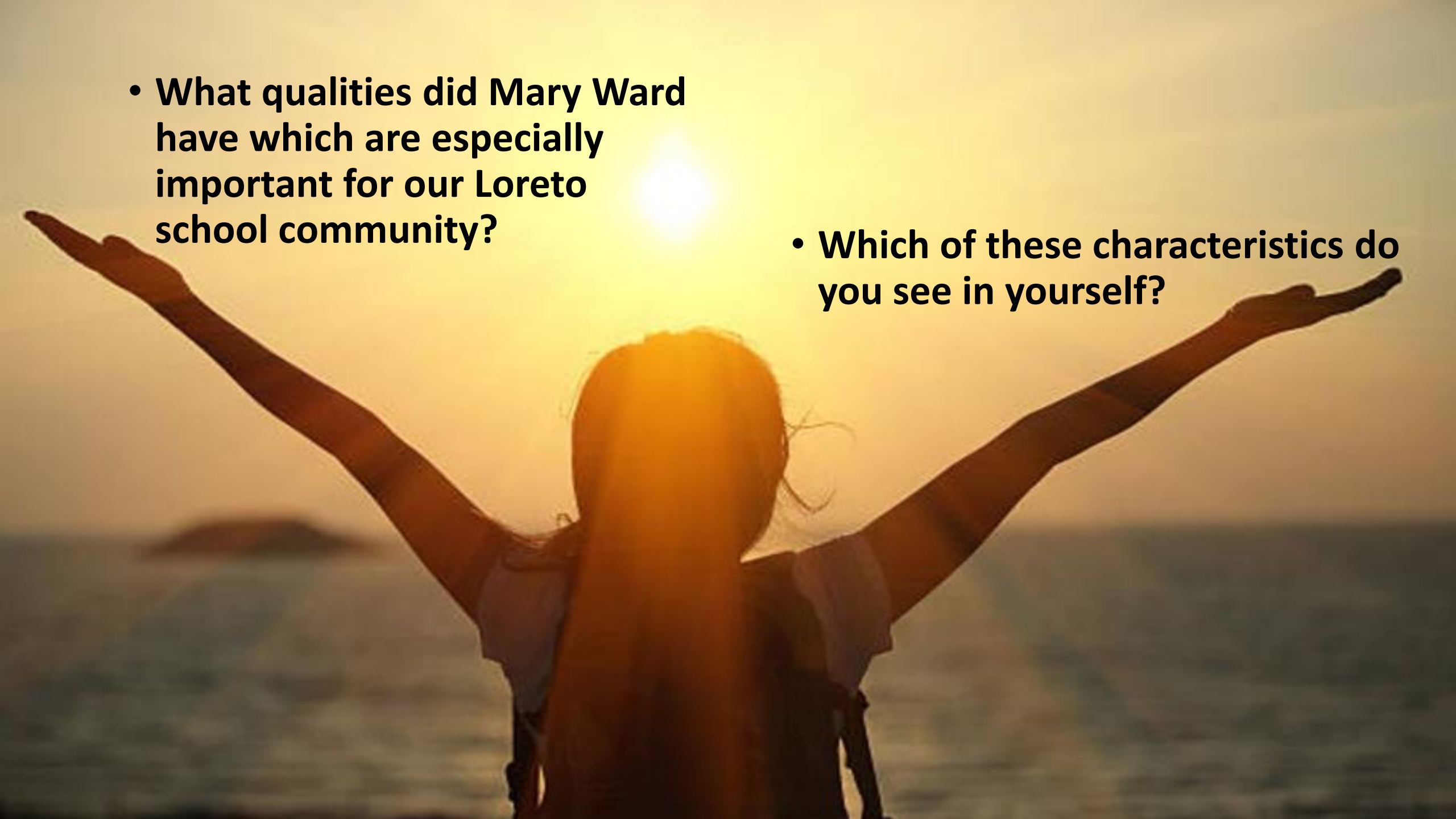
- Mary Ward spent many years in Rome requesting recognition of the new order
- 1631 the Institute, considered too advanced for its time, was abolished
- Mary Ward was personally accused of heresy.



# Final Years

- Returned to Yorkshire in 1642
- Mary Ward died in 1645
- “To love the poor and persevere in the same was all the aim of Mary Ward”

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MARY WARD WHO  
HAVING LIVED 60 YEARES  
AND 8 DAYES DYED THE  
20 OF JANUARY

A person with long hair, seen from behind, stands with arms raised against a bright sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong glow and silhouetting the person. The ocean is visible in the background, and the sky is a mix of orange and yellow.

- **What qualities did Mary Ward have which are especially important for our Loreto school community?**

- **Which of these characteristics do you see in yourself?**





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Thank you to Ailis Travers for this video on Mary Ward:

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- <https://animoto.com/play/MfvQYxdXIF1AviqpxtbAoQ>

# Mary Ward's Spirit Lives On ...

## Congregation of Jesus (CJ)



## Loreto (IBVM)



# Loreto -Teresa Ball

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- Frances Teresa Ball
- 6<sup>th</sup> January 1794, at 63 Eccles Street, Dublin
- Bar Convent, York, England.
- Dr Daniel Murray, Archbishop of Dublin
- Dublin on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1821



# Loreto Education

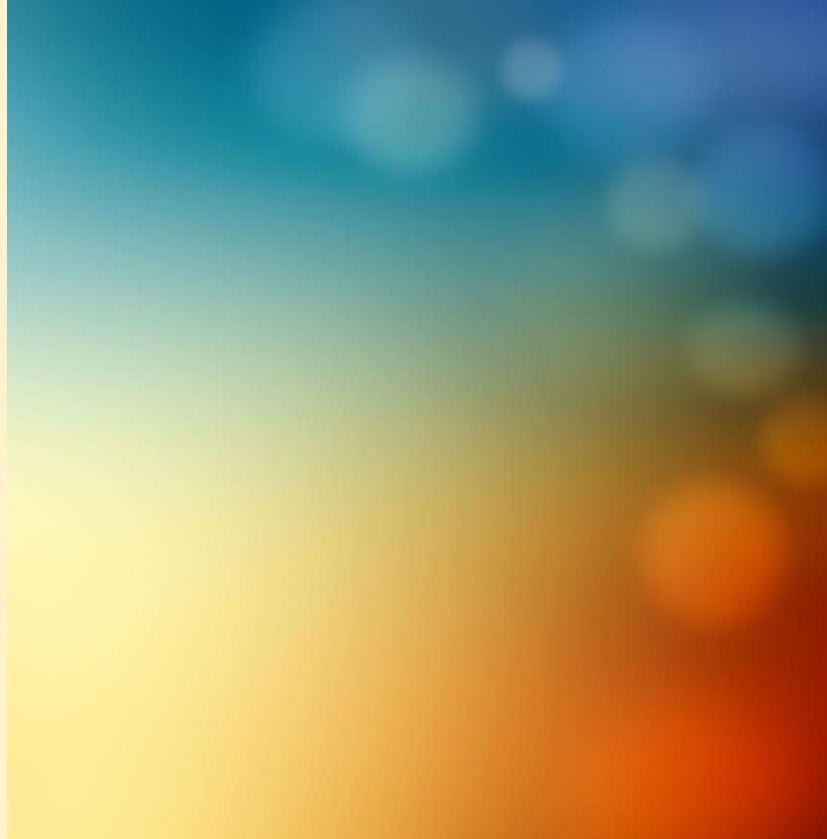
- Schools are “communities where love, freedom, truth, justice, sincerity and joy find expression.”
- Personal development
- Holistic curriculum
- Reflective way of being
- Quality relationships
- Leadership formation



- A Faith that does Justice.”
- Inclusivity
- Collaboration
- “Where one is, we all are.”







*Act not out of fear but solely out of love*

*For we are called by God to a vocation of love. (Mary Ward).*

Work with great tranquility, joy and magnanimity,  
for what is not done in one year can be done in another.





# JOY

These reflections are also in harmony with the theme of Catholic Schools' Week as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2023: 'Walking Together in Faith & Love'.

Of all the core values of Mary Ward, joy is particularly referenced by Mary Ward as linked to resilience.

At a most difficult time in her life, she said, "Mirth, at this time of trial, is next to grace."





JUSTICE FREEDOM SINCERITY TRUTH JOY

# Additional Resources

- <https://barconvent.co.uk/the-exhibition/>
- <https://loreto.ie/>
- <https://www.ibvm.org/mary-ward-week-2024/>
- <https://www.congregatiojesu.org/mary-ward/>
- Teresa Ball Padlet:  
<https://padlet.com/kfitzpatrick35/nmd50i0g7524udy5>

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