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Right of reply

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Mr Moderator,

With regard to statement made by one NGO on the schools run by Catholic entities in Ireland, the Holy See wishes to note that:

- (i) such schools are managed by different entities, inspired by Catholic faith, but in no way depending from the Holy See while subject to Irish laws and authorities
- (ii) the right of parents to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions read jointly with the right to autonomy of religious communities implies the right of religiously-inspired schools to freely decide on the admission of their own students.

Thank you, Mr Moderator.