His Holiness, Pope Francis,
Convito Santa Marta,
Vatican City.
Rome, Italy

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Dear Pope Francis,

It is with deep gratitude that we write this letter in calling the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the universal church.

I write on behalf of five Mercy Girls’ High Schools in Sydney who are committed to living mercy, in the vision and mission of Catherine McAuley. The five Schools are founded by the two Sisters of Mercy Congregations, one at Parramatta and the other at North Sydney.

Catherine McAuley has left an indelible imprint on the hearts, minds and souls of our past and present students and staff. She was a woman of courage, willing to see the face of God in all that she and her sisters met. Two centuries on, thousands of past graduates and present students of the five Mercy schools have been formed to become women of compassion and justice. Through her exemplary example of service and daring hospitality, she opened the doors of Mercy to all those in her context. Catherine continues to be a living witness to Jesus’ companionship with the poor and marginalised, inspiring all to do and be the same in our Australian context today.

We desire that Catherine McAuley might beatified during the Jubilee Year of Mercy to beckon all good people to open the doors of their hearts to the Spirit of God to welcome the ‘stranger, orphan and widow’ so to live the Kingdom and Freedom and God.

Yours respectfully on behalf

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