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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure for me to certify that the Sisters of Mary is a Religious Congregation of Pontifical Right, founded by the Servant of God, Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz in Busan, Korea in 1964. Their charism is to serve the poorest of the poor in the Name of Christ.

Here in my diocese of Busan, the Sisters of Mary operates and maintains charity programs for education, medical care, child and adult welfare and the Sisters maintains elementary, middle and technical high schools for abandoned or orphaned children whose ages range from infancy to youngsters in their late teens. These children live in the Boy's home and Girl's home and the Sisters lead them to the life of faith through teaching Catechism.

In Aloysius Memorial Hospital, the Sisters accept the poorest of the poor sick people, infants and adults and provide them with the best medication and surgery of different kinds of illness. In Maria Kuhoso which is a house for the homeless, destitute and handicapped men and women, the Sisters provide them with food, clothing, shelter and medication and give counseling and guide them for positive transformation.

Unwed pregnant women are housed in the expectant mothers' home. the Sisters counsel and convince these women to complete their pregnancy rather than abort the unborn child within them. After giving birth, majority of these women leave their babies to the care of the Sisters. The Sisters, after imparting to them the christian doctrine on the unborn, hope that these women return to society with more respect to life. Indeed, I thank God for these religious sisters, who totally consecrate themselves in the service of the Lord and giving the preferential option to the poor, which is the work of the church.

I highly recommend the Sisters of Mary and I am grateful to all those who help the Sisters, encourage them to continue with their support and I pray for many more poor people be relieved from their suffering.

May our Lord bless you, I remain

Most Rev. Joseph Son
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