



Congregation of  
Our Lady of Charity  
of the Good Shepherd

28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Ms. McGettrick,

Thank you for your request to access the Our Lady of Charity archive.

At present the archive is private. Therefore, we cannot accommodate your request for access to records of deceased residents or to databases which contain information about them.

Our Archives Policy states:

"The records of former residents of Our Lady of Charity ministries are restricted in accordance with Data Protection legislation. Protection of a person's right to privacy is essential. Requests for records relating to a deceased person will be treated on a case-by-case discretionary basis. The Congregation will consider providing limited information to very close family members only (i.e. parent/guardian, sibling, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson). A Data Protection Policy is in place and covers these issues. Institution Registers and Administration Records are not available to researchers."

In light of this, we are not in a position to facilitate your request.

Dr. Jacinta Prunty's book, *The monasteries, magdalen asylums and reformatory schools of Our Lady of Charity in Ireland, 1853-1973*, is a thorough study of the archives. Dr. McAleese's report "Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee to establish the facts of State Involvement with the Magdalen Laundries" also had recourse to the archives of Our Lady of Charity. Both publications are in the public domain and may be of use to you.

Kind regards,

 (Province Administrator)

For Sr. Ethna McDermott  
Province Leader