ST. MARY’S & ST. GERARD’S N.S., ENNISKERRY

PROCLAMATION for a new generation

TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

We the children of St. Mary’s & St. Gerard’s N.S. have studied the proclamation of 1916 and discussed our hopes for the Ireland of today. We now seize this historic moment, the centenary of the 1916 Rising, to declare the following to be our proclamation for the future:

We believe that all people on this island should be treated equally with respect and dignity regardless of race, gender, religion or sexuality. An appropriate education should be accessible to all our children, in accordance with their abilities and needs. We hope that every citizen of Ireland will have a roof over their head, access to healthy food and we will strive to become a fitter and healthier nation by making good choices and keeping our minds and bodies exercised, fit and healthy. We believe that Ireland is a country where drugs should only be used as medicine, where there is no smoking and where people are drink aware.

Our healthcare system should care for all our citizens, especially our elderly people and people with disabilities and special needs.

Our environment is very important to us. We believe that Ireland will be a country where nature is valued and animals are cared for and protected. The people of Ireland will protect our natural resources from pollution and over-harvesting.

We proclaim ourselves to be a peaceful nation where weapons are only used by the army and Gardaí to prevent criminal activities in our society.

We declare the Irish flag to be our national symbol and *Amhrán na bhFiann* to be our national anthem and we call on all our children to treat them with respect.

This is the proclamation of the pupils of St. Mary’s & St. Gerard’s. These are our hopes and aspirations for our country and its people.

Signed on behalf of the pupils of St. Mary’s & St. Gerard’s N.S., Enniskerry