

To whom it may concern,

Surely this land should be used to memorialise the women and children who suffered there at the hands of the Church and State? Can we please stop ignoring the wrongs done to women in this country, grow up and acknowledge them?

Between 1922 and 1998, at least 9,768 women and 8,938 children passed through the mother and baby home, located in an 18th century house and outbuildings near Cork city. The congregation that ran this institution and two others in Ireland was the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The women were pregnant outside marriage and gave birth to their children there.

Most of the children were adopted, many against the wishes of their mothers, who had to promise never to contact them in the future. In the past 30 years, their stories have emerged, disclosing a harsh, cruel system that treated both mothers and babies with, at best, indifference and, at worst contempt.

The least we can do is remember them.

See <https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/2026/04/17/where-are-the-protests-over-the-torture-beating-and-slavery-of-100000-irish-citizens/>

Kind regards,

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