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Mary Ward and her Foundation. The Source Texts

The four volumes of *Mary Ward and Her Foundation*, the written sources to 1645, reached us just before Christmas. Not everyone will yet have had a chance to look at and admire, let alone to delve into, this long awaited and very important collection of the written sources up to 1645. Our thanks go first of all to the editor,



Sr Ursula Dirmeier, for her skilful dedication and meticulous care in bringing this inestimable work to a successful conclusion. There are many others down the ages who have done their part in researching and compiling the sources of *Mary Ward and Her Foundation*. Their names appear in the foreword of the first volume and need not be repeated here. Two people however, **Sr Immolata Wetter** and **Sr Henriette Peters**, should be mentioned. For years they researched and studied the source material from numerous archives all over Europe and, in the case of the Vatican, Sr Immolata painstakingly copied by hand every significant entry that she discovered in this rich archive. Both Sr Immolata Wetter and Sr Henriette Peters also wrote many of the introductions to the documents. Our thanks go especially to them, to the editor Sr Ursula Dirmeier, and to all the others who have made this significant work possible.

For researchers, the four volumes are available in the Archives of the Bar Convent York. See the Archives page in the Heritage section of this website for contact details.