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**February 14, 2017**

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# PROGRAM

## WORLD PEACE PRIZE PRESENTATION

### ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE

#### 2016 Recipients

**John J. Sweeney, President Emeritus, AFL-CIO**

**Elizabeth Powell, Secretary-Treasurer, APWU**

**February 14, 2017 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

**AFL-CIO Headquarters—815 16<sup>TH</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D. C. 20006**

**Chairperson..... Barbara Flaherty, Corporate Manager-Judge**

**Opening Remarks..... Fr. Sean Mc Manus, Chief Judge**

**Comments..... Rev. Dr. Han Min Su, Founder-World Leader**

**Presentation of World Peace Prize to John Sweeney and Elizabeth Powell**

**Acceptance Address.....John Sweeney**

**Acceptance Address.....Elizabeth Powell**

**Closing.....Barbara Flaherty**

**“Solidarity ... is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” —Pope John Paul II. Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (On Social Concern #38).**

**“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



## **Rev. Dr. Han Min Su Profile**

Co-founder, The Master Planner,  
Executive Judge, Christian, Korea World Peace Prize - Top Honor  
Prize Upgraded from Harvestor's Prize on June 11, 2011 DOB: Nov.  
21, 1936 E-mail : jcd1110@empal.com



Reverend, Social, Worker, World Peace, Justices and Humanitarian causes has been successful organizing ten(10) world major religions namely ; Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Catholic, Protestants, Russian Orthodox Church, Iranian Zohoroism and Korean Chundogyo program designer-developer in form of Inter-religious Collaborations on the Volunteer services thru WPPAC, WPCA, WPCM and WPBC expanded from Korean Jerusalem Project Council Inc. - World Peace Project Development Project Inc.

Dr. DPS, PSR, PS. DH

Public Information Officer USAK, PACAF

- The recipient, The Hopeful Award in the name of Korean nationals(1966)
- World Peace Prize Winner(1997) - (Formation of the theory - practice of Inter-religious Collaborations of peace force leading) and that of Gospel force leading, based on 1919. 3. 1 The Korean Independence Movement Formation & Mechanism.
- Graduated Kookmin University - Economic Course.
- Secretary, President, Chairman, Aunae Spirit Promotion Association.
- Graduated Korea Conservative Presbyterian Theological Seminary - Bachelor - Master of theology.
- Passed the apprentice Pastor and Pastor examination at Korea Presbyterian - General Assembly Central Synod.
- Professor, Bachelor - Master course, Korea Presbyterian

#### Theological Seminary.

- Bachelor Master, Doctoral Preparatory course at Philippine Christian University (7 years).

- Professor, Bachelor - Master Degree Course at P.C.U. for seven(7) years.

- Co-founder, Dean, President, Chairman of the Board, World Peace Corps Academy(US Corp.)

- Professor - Dean, Trinity International University (US Education Foundation)

- Co-founder, Sec. Gen. Executive Judge, Chairman of the Board. World Peace Prize Awarding Council Inc.(WPPAC - US Corp.)

- Have evaluated 200 some WPPAC Peace Prize candidates keeping a strict confidentiality of the results.

- Co-founder, President, Supt., Chairman of the Board.

#### World Peace Corps Mission(WPCM - US Corp.)

- Co-founder, President, Chairman of the Board World Peace

#### Biblical Council Inc.(Israel Corp.)

- Executive Chairman, The Legal Entity Group Korean National Unification Preparatory Council Inc.

- The Chief Judge, Korean National Unification Preparatory Prize Council Inc.

#### Books Authored

- Authored, Goodbye John.

- Co-authored the Bible People (two(2) volume) with Dr. Asher Naim (Ret. Ambassador, Israel)

- Authored, The Mission Tactics.

- Co-authored, reformed theology with Dr. Chung Nam Ryul (Six(6) volume)

- Co-authored, the toddler-infant talent development Education (Twelve(12) volume) with Dr. Chung Nam Ryul.

- Co-authored, World 7 Major Religion, Core-faith Concept (with Dr. Cand. Jung Sang Chul and Korean translation by Dr. Cand. Mr. Han Sang Yoon)

- Co-authoring, the Mission Tactics (Volume seventy(70) with Dr. Cand. Students) on going.





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## Acceptance of Position

*I, the undersigned hereon totally agree with the mission of World Peace Prize Awarding Council Inc. (WPPAC) and accept the position of Roving Ambassador for Peace, Member, World Peace Congress on this date Feb, 14, 2017.*

**Name in Full : Mr. John J. Sweeney**

**Date of Birth : May 5, 1934**

**Present Address : 815 16th ., NW, WASHINGTON, D.C 20006**

**Telephone No. : 202-842-4200**

**SIGNATURE:**

*John J. Sweeney* **DATE: 1/14/17**

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## JOHN J. SWEENEY

John J. Sweeney became president emeritus of the AFL-CIO at the federation's constitutional convention



in September 2009, stepping down after five terms as president. He was first elected president in 1995 on a platform of revitalizing the federation, which currently has 55 affiliated unions and 12.5 million members, including 3.2 Million members in Working America, its new community affiliate. The 1995 election was the first contested election in AFL-CIO history.

At the time of his election, Sweeney was serving as president of the Service Employees International Union, which grew from 625,000 to 1.1 million members during the 15 years of his leadership. He was a vice president of the AFL-CIO and chair of the AFL-CIO Executive Council committees on Health Care and Organizing and Field Services. He was elected SEIU president in 1980.

In May 2000, Sweeney also was elected president of the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC), an international organization with consultative status at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). TUAC's affiliates represent some 70 million workers and include more than 55 national trade union centers in the 29 countries in the OECD. TUAC coordinates worker and union input to the G8 economic summits.

Sweeney's first job in the labor movement was with the International Ladies' Garment Workers, which later merged with the Clothing and Textile Workers Union. He joined SEIU Local 32B in New York City in 1961 as a union representative. Sweeney was elected president of Local 32B in 1976 and led two citywide strikes of apartment maintenance workers during the 1970s.

In 1996, he authored *America Needs A Raise, Fighting for Economic Security and Social Justice*, published by Houghton-Mifflin. He co-authored *Solutions for the New Work Force* in 1989 and co-edited the UNA-USA Economic Policy Council's *Family and Work: Bridging the Gap* in 1987.

John J. Sweeney was born May 5, 1934, in the Bronx. He graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., with a degree in economics. Sweeney holds honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Oberlin College, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the University of Baltimore, Catholic University Law School and the University of Toledo's College of Law. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Maureen, a former New York City school teacher. They have two grown children, John and Patricia, and a granddaughter, Kennedy.—AFL-CIO Website.

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**On December 10, 1982, Sean Mac Bride of Ireland was the Guest Speaker at the Irish National Caucus banquet in New York City, attended by 1,000 people, at which John Sweeney was honored.**

**On November 5, 1984, the Irish National Caucus launched the Mac Bride Principles—a corporate code of conduct for U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland.**

**The Executive Board of the AFL-CIO was one of the first major groups to endorse the Mac Bride Principles.**

**John Sweeney's Catholic faith has always inspired his life of dedication to social justice—because without justice there is no love. —Irish National Caucus**







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*I, the undersigned hereon totally agree with the mission of World Peace Prize Awarding Council Inc(WPPAC) and accept the position of Roving Ambassador for Peace, Member, World Peace Congress on this date Feb, 14, 2017.*

Name in Full : Ms. Elizabeth Powell

Date of Birth : May 17, 1943

Present Address : 1300 L ST., NW, WASHINGTON, D.C 20005

Telephone No. : 202-842-4200

SIGNATURE:

*Elizabeth Powell*

DATE:

*11/22/16*

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**ELIZABETH “LIZ” POWELL**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**  
**American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO**

Liz joined the United States Postal Service in 1970 as a part time flexible clerk, working at the Hempstead, NY Post Office on Long Island while at the same time working as a Teacher's Aide for the Hempstead School District. She became actively involved in the Hempstead Local APWU early in her postal career, serving as Chief Shop Steward and Secretary-Treasurer. In 1979 she was elected as the first female president of the Hempstead APWU Local, now known as the Western Nassau, NY Area Local. She held that position until 1983 when she became one of the first two women to be elected as a full-time National Business Agent, New York Region, Clerk Division for the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Liz served the membership as a National Business Agent from 1983 until 1989, when she was elected as the first and only female member of the APWU National Executive Board as the Regional Coordinator, Northeast Region, representing Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

On October 16, 2009, she was appointed by APWU President William Burrus, and approved by a vote of the National Executive Board, in accordance with the APWU Constitution, to serve as the union's national Secretary-Treasurer, making her the first woman executive officer in the union's history. In the 2010, 2013 and 2016 National Officer's Election, she was elected to serve a three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Liz believes that the membership is the most important faction within the APWU and has consistently extended herself to provide the state and local unions any and all of the assistance necessary to give maximum representation. Education and information is a top priority with her and is shared with all state and local officers through mailings and seminars.

In 1979, POWER (Post Office Women for Equal Rights) was formed. Liz served as one of the founding members, and has continued to support women issues within the APWU as well as within the Labor Movement. At the APWU POWER 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, held August 18-21, 2005 in New Orleans, LA, APWU President William Burrus paid a special tribute to Liz, by announcing that an Elizabeth “Liz” Powell Executive Award will be presented at future APWU POWER Conventions. Liz has received numerous awards including the 2011 APWU POWER Glass Ceiling Award, the 2012 National CBTU Addie Wyatt Award, the 2013 National Coalition of Black Civic Participation, BWR – Black Women's Roundtable Phenomenal Woman, Social Justice Trailblazer Award and in March 2014, she was presented with CLUW's Olga Madar Leadership Award. Liz is an active participant of all of those organizations as well as several others including APRI – A Phillip Randolph Institute, where in August 2014 she received the Rosina Tucker Labor Pioneer Award and was one of NAN's 2018 MLK Breakfast honorees where she received the Breaking the Barrier's Award. Liz has gone to Lisbon, Portugal; Montreal, Canada; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Chicago, Illinois, USA, to participate with the UNI World Women's Committee (Union Network International).

As an only child, Liz was born in the coal-mining state of West Virginia and graduated as Salutatorian of her class at Aracoma High School in Logan, West Virginia where she received a scholarship and attended West Virginia State College. She is the mother of Robert, Barbara, Renee and Greg and is the proud grandmother of Patrick, Greg Jr., Aaliyah, Eddie and John Michael and the proud great grandmother of Eli.

Liz believes that ***“A Woman's Place is in Her Union”*** and ***“In Unity There is Strength, and Together We Can and Will Meet the Challenges of Tomorrow.”***









The AFL-CIO congratulates winners of the  
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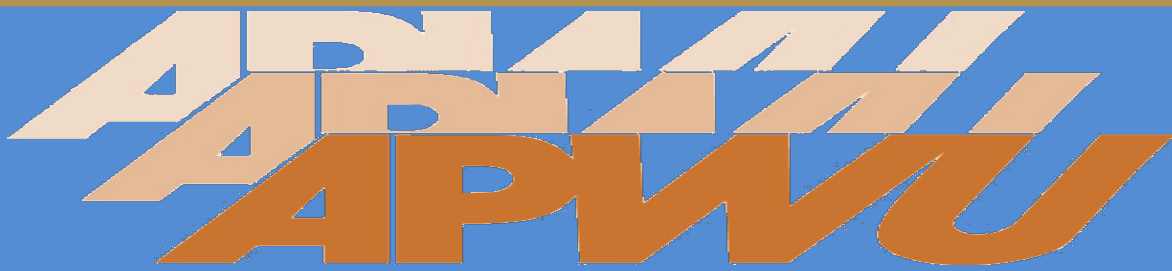


**JOHN J. SWEENEY**  
AFL-CIO President Emeritus



**ELIZABETH POWELL**  
APWU Secretary-Treasurer





*The American Postal Workers Union,*

## **Elizabeth Powell, Secretary-Treasurer APWU**

*"A leader for American postal workers-A leader for workers everywhere"*



**2017 Recipient of World Peace Prize**

**"Roving Ambassador for Peace"**

*First Woman Secretary-Treasurer of APWU*

From all your brothers and sisters in the American Postal Workers Union  
we salute your commitment to peace and justice for working  
men and women throughout the world.

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Debby Szeredy, Vice-President

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# **LiUNA!**

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Union of North America**

***Congratulations!***

**John Sweeney  
AFL-CIO, Former President  
and**

**Elizabeth Powell  
APWU, Secretary-Treasurer**

**on the  
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# Congratulations to

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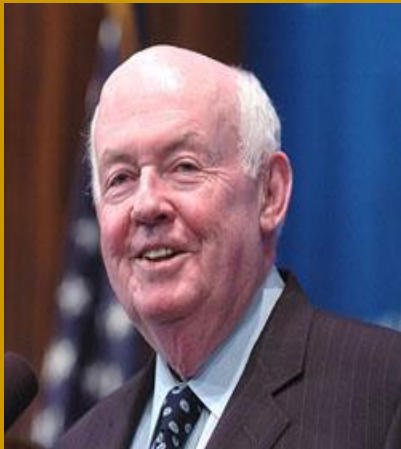




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**And in commemoration of the 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the 1916  
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**“But the bravest fell, and the requiem bell rang mournfully and clear  
For those who died that Eastertide in the springing of the year  
And the world did gaze, in deep amaze, at those fearless men, but few  
Who bore the fight that freedom’s light might shine through the foggy dew.  
For slavery fled, O glorious dead, when you fell in the foggy dew.  
—“The Foggy Dew.” —**

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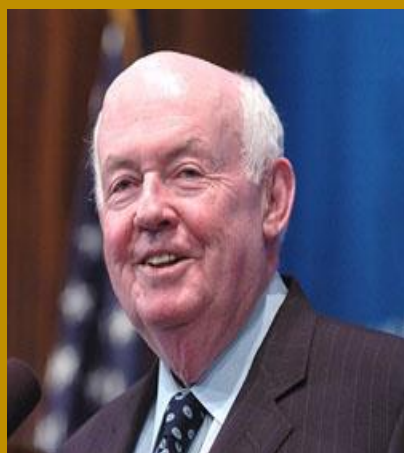


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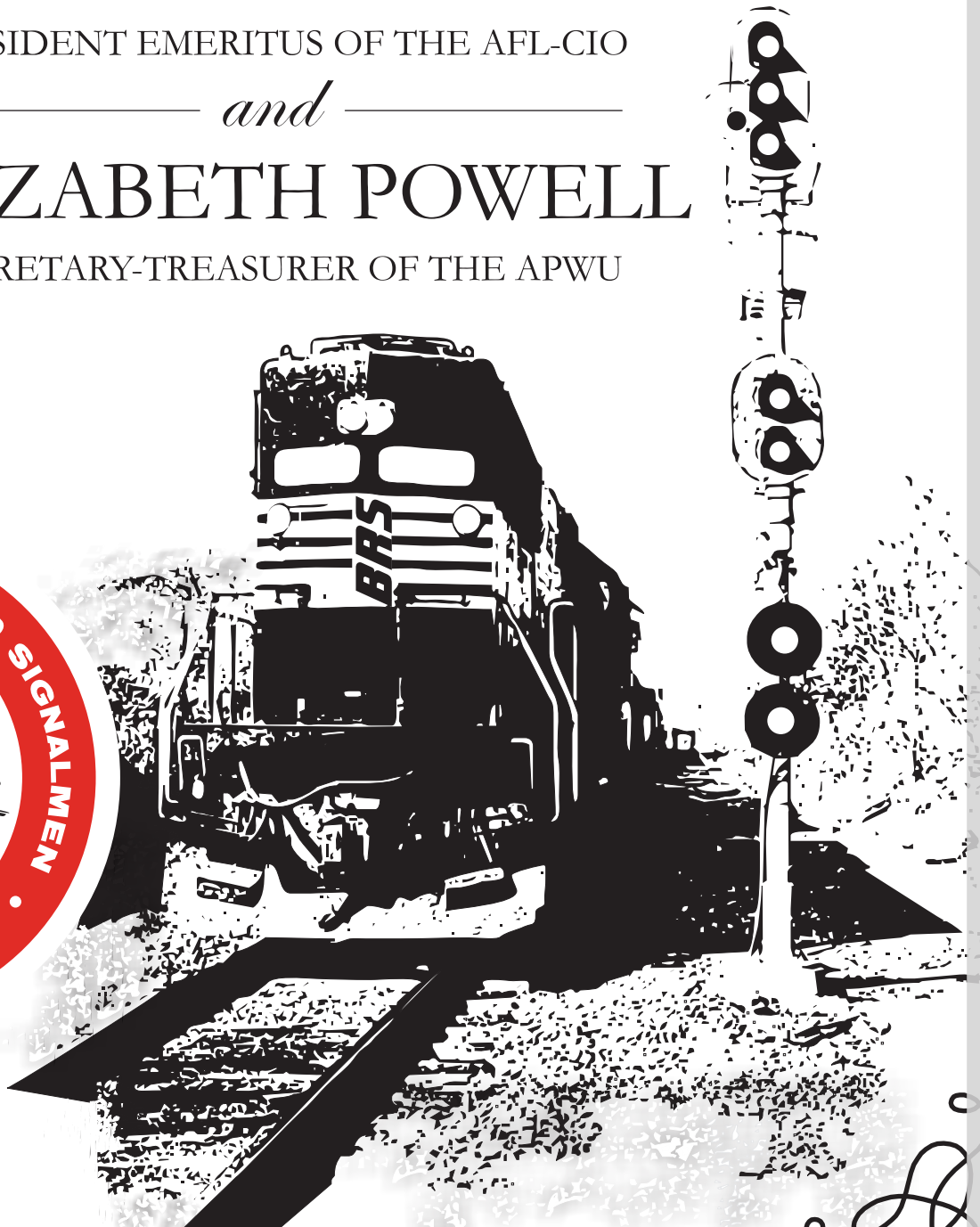
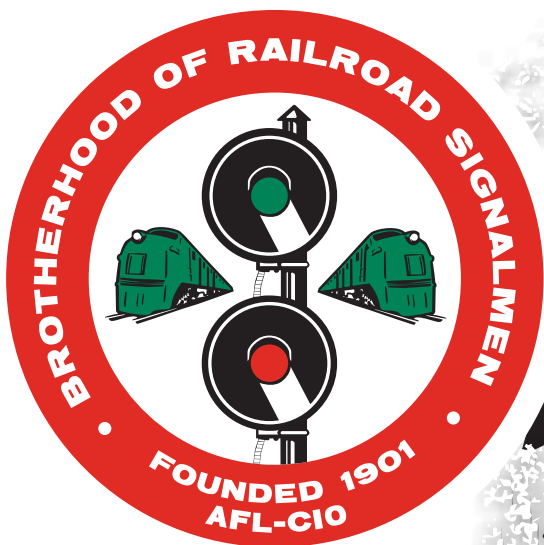
JOHN SWEENEY

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— and —

ELIZABETH POWELL

SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE APWU



**“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”**

**—Harriet Tubman**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO  
JOHN SWEENEY & ELIZABETH POWELL  
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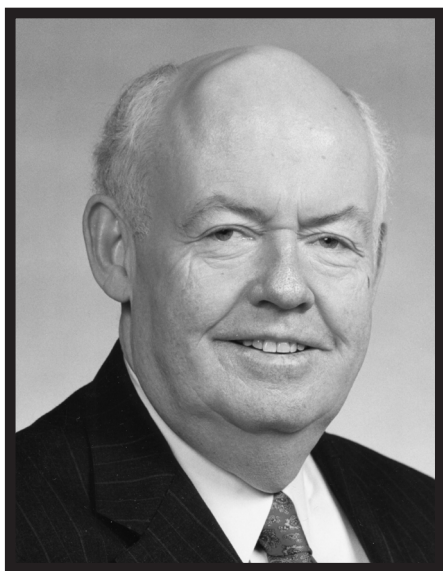
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**“To deprive a man of his natural liberty and to deny to him the ordinary amenities of life is worse than starving the body; it is starvation of the soul, the dweller in the body.”  
— Gandhi**

# CONGRATULATIONS

JOHN SWEENEY  
ELIZABETH POWELL

AND

IN TRIBUTE TO ALL THE AFRICAN-  
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AND TO THE IRISH IN IRELAND WHO  
GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR IRISH JUSTICE

*“They shall be spoken of among their people,  
The generations shall remember them,  
And call them blessed.”*  
— *'The Mother' by Padraig Pearse (1879-1916)*

The Irish-American community of greater Washington, DC





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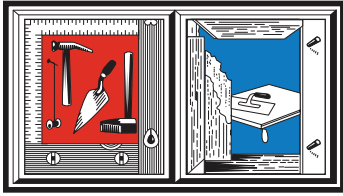
"I write it out in a verse—  
MacDonagh and MacBride  
And Connolly and Pearse  
Now and in time to be,  
Wherever green is worn,  
Are changed, changed utterly:  
A terrible beauty is born."  
—"Easter 1916" WB Yeats (1865-1939)

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—Rev. Dr. Han Min Su





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**Elizabeth Powell, Secretary-Treasurer, APWU**

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**“I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”**

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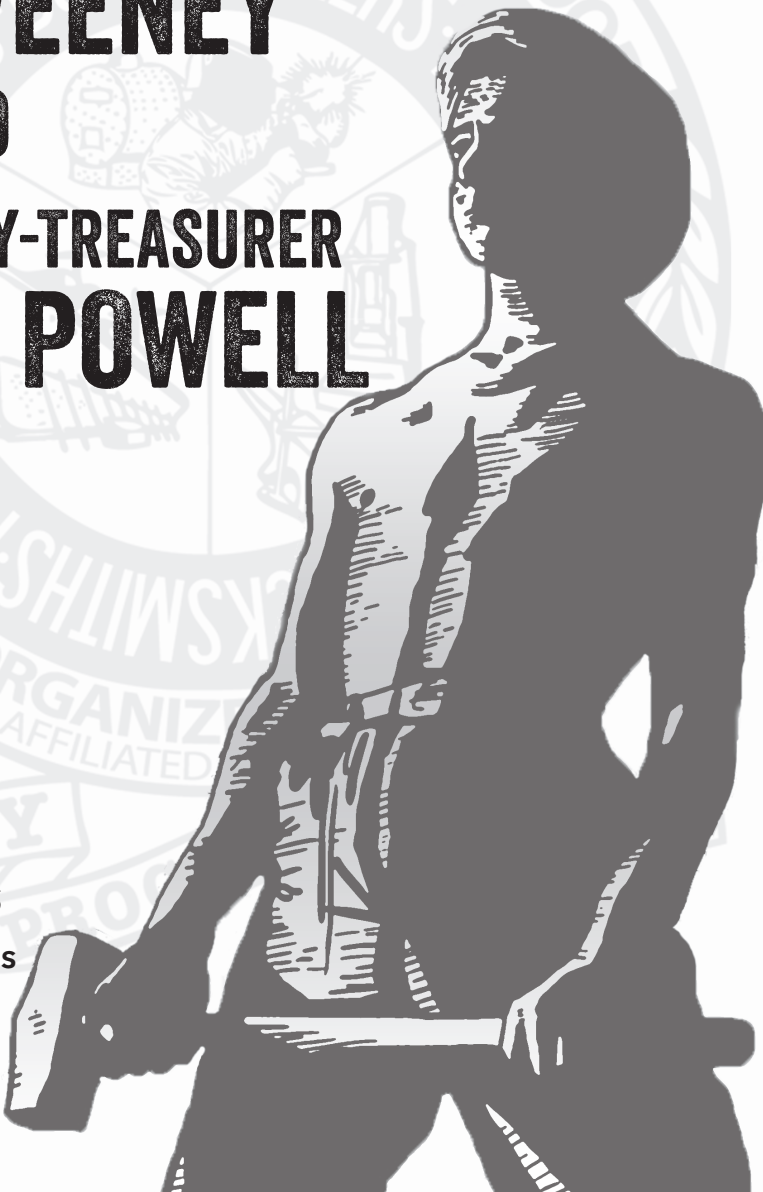
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## RICHARD L. TRUMKA

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Richard Trumka is president of the 12.5 million-member American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the largest organization of labor unions in the country. An outspoken advocate for social and economic justice, Trumka is the nation's clearest voice on the critical need to raise workers' wages in this slow and painful economic

recovery. He heads the labor movement's efforts to create an economy based on broadly shared prosperity and to hold government and employers accountable to working families.

Elected president of the federation in 2009, Trumka shapes the economy in two primary ways—by leading the mobilization of masses of working people through a nationwide network of state and local labor federations, and by working one on one with government executives, legislators and business leaders. The goal is adopting progressive, pro-worker laws and policies at every level to improve life for working families.

Trumka, who served as AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer from 1995 to 2009, has devoted his career to improving workers' lives through a strong collective voice on the job. His leadership is focused on union organizing and collective bargaining, as well as the federation's advocacy for labor law reform in Congress. Trumka also spearheads initiatives to help workers' organizations partner or affiliate with the AFL-CIO, modeled after a 2006 partnership agreement with the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON). In 2011 the federation affiliated the National Taxi Workers Alliance and entered partnerships with the National Guestworker Alliance and the National Domestic Workers Alliance. Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO's community affiliate Working America continues to expand, growing to more than 3.2 million members. Since 2003, Working America has organized in neighborhoods across the country, reaching people who do not belong to unions but who share union values.

While joining a union is the best way for workers to raise their wages and improve their lives, Trumka knows it is not an answer currently available to all. His approach to raising wages after 40 years of stagnating paychecks is comprehensive, including a range of government and private-sector actions, from increasing the minimum wage and achieving equal pay for women to enacting earned sick leave and fair scheduling laws at every level. The effort also includes the Common Sense Economics education program for union members and community allies, which explains why America's economy stopped working for workers and how to reverse recent trends.

Trumka's economic advocacy extends from the kitchen table and spans the world. He has rallied international labor support for workers struggling for justice and pressed to end unfair trade practices and to restore U.S. manufacturing strength. As secretary-treasurer, he carved out an innovative leadership role that continues today, working with programs that invest the collectively bargained pension and benefit funds of the labor movement to ensure they serve the long-term interests of workers. In mid-2014, two years ahead of schedule, the union movement

fulfilled a \$10 billion pledge to the Clinton Global Initiative to invest in the nation's crumbling infrastructure while boosting the sagging job market.

As part of his challenge to excessive corporate power, the AFL-CIO publishes the Executive PayWatch website, which tracks the astonishing pay packages of America's CEOs and compares them with workers' pay.

# AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT AND IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS

## *Working Together for Justice in Ireland*

It has meant a lot to Fr. Sean Mc Manus—President of the Capitol Hill-based Irish National Caucus—that the American Labor Movement has always been concerned about justice in Ireland. He, therefore, likes to borrow what the Irish patriot and martyr James Connolly famously said about Labor in Ireland, and apply it to the American Labor Movement: “The cause of Labor is the cause of Ireland; the cause of Ireland is the cause of Labor.”

Fr. Mc Manus has had a very long on-going association with the American Labor Movement.

He founded the Irish National Caucus on February 6, 1974. In February 1975, the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO invited him to Bal Harbor to brief them on the Irish issue. The Executive Council endorsed the Irish National Caucus.

Then about ten years later, the Executive Council invited Fr. Mc Manus to brief them on the Mac Bride Principles—a corporate code of conduct for American companies doing business in Northern Ireland.

The AFL-CIO became the first significant group to endorse the Mac Bride Principles. The Executive Council stated that there was no way the voice of the American Labor Movement could be silent about fair employment by American companies in Northern Ireland. The Executive Council rightly saw that the Mac Bride Principles could be most beneficial. Now the Mac Bride Principles are universally considered to be the most effective fair employment campaign ever regarding Northern Ireland.

On April 27, 2015, Fr. Mc Manus met with the current President of the AFL-CIO, Mr. Richard Trumka in his personal office at the AFL-CIO Headquarters.

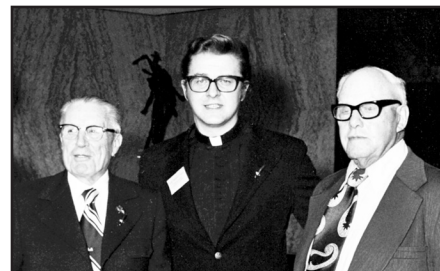
Fr. Mc Manus said: “I have met every President of the AFL-CIO since George Meany. Richard Trumka is a great American and a great Labor Leader. I remember him calling me back in the 1980’s, while he was President of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) to express solidarity with the Irish struggle for justice and for our Mac Bride Principles campaign. I was very touched that this son of a Polish father and Italian mother was demonstrating concern for the rights of Catholics in Northern Ireland. So it was wonderful being back at the AFL-CIO headquarters and meeting with this fine man and stalwart champion of the rights of working women and men.”

Fr. Mc Manus explained: “Although great progress, thank God, has been made in Northern Ireland, there is still a long way to go. There is still serious injustice, bigotry and anti-Catholic discrimination.

We continue to need the Mac Bride Principles—a corporate code of conduct for American companies doing business in Northern Ireland—which the American Labor Movement has always strongly supported. And we must keep Congress involved in the Irish peace-process. Both campaigns are essential—and both campaigns are the unique contribution of the Capitol Hill-based Irish National Caucus.

The work of the Irish National Caucus is as important as ever—indeed, even more so since the right-wing Tory Government has been re-elected in England on May 7, 2015.

I look forward to the continued support of the dedicated men and women of the American Labor Movement.”



### ***Photos from top to bottom:***

***Fr. Mc Manus and AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka. Washington, DC. April 27, 2015.***

***Fr. Mc Manus with John Sweeney (former President of AFL-CIO: 1995-2009). When President Trumka invited***

***Fr. Mc Manus to speak at the AFL-CIO headquarters, July 7, 2015, John Sweeney introduced him.***

***Teddy Gleason, President, ILA, Fr. Mc Manus, and George Meany, President, AFL-CIO. Bal Harbor, FL. 1974.***

***Pat Campbell, President of the Carpenters Union, Teddy Gleason, Tom Donahue, Sec-Treas. AFL-CIO and Fr. Mc Manus. New York City. 1984.***

***Moe Biller, President, American Postal Workers Union and Fr. Mc Manus. Washington, DC 1999.***



*“Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events. It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”*

—Robert F. Kennedy

The Irish National Caucus initiated the formation of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, which over 100 Members of Congress have joined. “Perhaps the Caucus’ boldest success has been its efforts to create ... the Committee for Irish Affairs.” —The New York Times



## **ABOUT THE FOLLOWING PAGES ON THE 1916 EASTER RISING**

**Because this Journal honors the 2016 Recipients of the World Peace Prize, “Roving Ambassador for Peace,” it is, in fact, a 2016 Journal.**

**Therefore, there is no way the Irish National Caucus can ignore that 2016 was the 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland.**

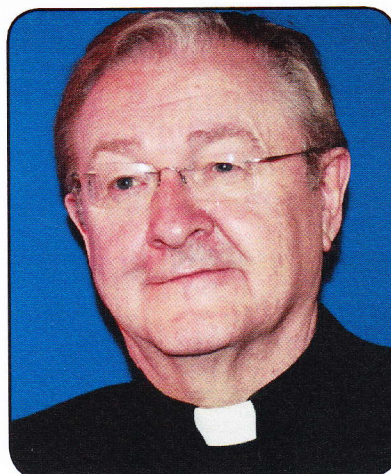
**Thus, our readers will fully understand why this Journal cannot fail to pay homage to the heroic men and women of 1916.**

**Their heroic stand sparked a worldwide awareness of the need to end Empires that enslaved most of the world.**

***“For slavery fled, O glorious dead, when you fell in the foggy dew.”— The Foggy Dew.***

**The following section pays honor to the contribution the 1916 Easter Rising made to world justice, equality, dignity and peace. We honor the Seven Signatories of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, and all the executed leaders, plus the women who, also, played an important role.**





**1916**

**HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF 1916—  
INCLUDING THE GREAT JOHN DEVOY (1842-1928),  
AND OTHER IRISH-AMERICANS OF THAT ERA.**

**THEIR SELFLESS STRUGGLE WAS FOR IRISH FREEDOM —  
SO THAT IRELAND, TOO, LIKE THE UNITED STATES, WOULD HAVE  
THE RIGHT TO BE ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE,  
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.**

**A THOUSAND BLESSINGS ON THEIR MEMORY.**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD SAVE IRELAND.**

**Fr. Sean Mc Manus, President  
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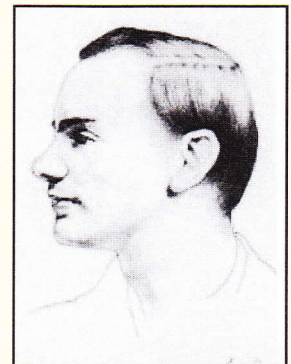




# THE SEVEN SIGNATORIES

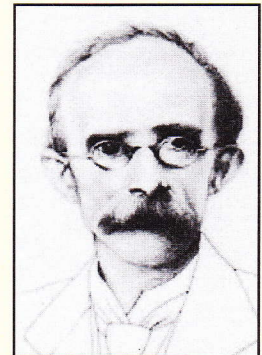
## **PADRAIG PEARSE (1879 – 1916)**

Teacher, barrister, poet, writer, nationalist and political activist, Pearse was one of the founder members of the Irish Volunteers. Pearse was present in the GPO during the Rising, and was Commander in Chief of the Irish forces. An accomplished orator, his graveside panegyric at the funeral of the veteran fenian O'Donovan Rossa is became a call to arms which culminated with the Easter Rising the following year. It is said he whistled while being led from his cell to the execution yard in Kilmainham Gaol.



## **THOMAS CLARKE (1858 – 1916)**

Clarke was himself a veteran of the Fenian era. Born in England his father was a sergeant in the British army. The family moved to Co. Tyrone when Tom was seven years old. While still in his teens he joined the Fenians. In 1882 he emigrated to the United States where he joined Clan na Gael. The following year he travelled to London on a dynamiting mission but was betrayed, arrested and sentenced to penal servitude for life. He spent the next 16 years in English prisons and was released in 1898. He returned to the US where he found employment editing the Gaelic American newspaper owned by John Devoy. He returned to Ireland in 1907, setting up in business in Dublin. He helped reorganise the IRB and was one of the main architects of the Rising.



## **SEÁN MACDIARMADA**

Born into rural County Leitrim, Sean Mac Diarmada was a member of many associations which promoted the cause of the Irish language, Gaelic revival and Irish nationalism in general, including the Gaelic League and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was national organiser for Sinn Féin, and later manager of the newspaper Irish Freedom. Within the Irish Republican Brotherhood, he was a close colleague and friend of veteran republican Tom Clarke. Before his execution, Mac Diarmada wrote, "I feel happiness the like of which I have never experienced. I die that the Irish nation might live!"



## **THOMAS McDONAGH**

Born in Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary Thomas Mc Donagh was assistant headmaster at St. Enda's School, Scoil Éanna, and lecturer in English at University College Dublin. He was a member of the Gaelic League, where he befriended Patrick Pearse and Eoin MacNeill. He was also a founding member of the Irish Volunteers and wrote poetry and plays. He was one of the founding member of ASTI, the association of secondary teachers. During 1914 and 1915 he developed strong republican views and joined





the IRB. He was instrumental in organising the funeral of O'Donovan Rossa in 1915 which was such propaganda success mainly due to Pearse's graveside oration. During the rising Mc Donagh commanded a battalion of volunteers in Jacob's Biscuit Factory.

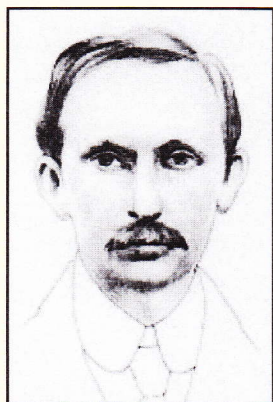
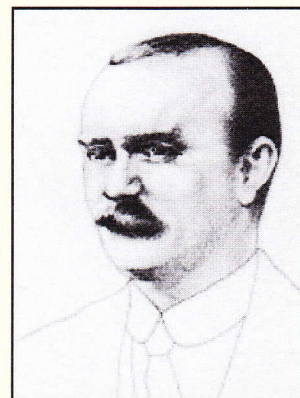
### **JOSEPH PLUNKETT (1887 – 1916)**

Born to wealthy parents in Dublin Plunkett but had a difficult childhood as he had contracted TB at the age of 4. He was educated in Dublin and in England but always kept an interest in his Irish heritage. Through his friendship with Thomas Mc Donagh he joined the IRB in 1915 and was sent to Germany to seek help for the planned rising. He returned to Ireland and took part in the rising mainly in the GPO. He married his fiancée, Grace Gifford, a few hours before his execution in Kilmainham Gaol.



### **JAMES CONNOLLY (1868 – 1916)**

Born in Scotland to Irish immigrant parents, Connolly was a union activist and avowed socialist and envisioned a Republic in which working people would share in the wealth of the Nation. A founder of the Transport Union and the Irish Labour Party he was active in the 1913 Lockout strike with James Larkin, Countess Markiewicz and others and following the collapse of the strike later in 1913 he formed the Irish Citizen Army in response to the violent actions of the Dublin Metropolitan Police against the striking workers. The Irish Citizen Army formed a large part of the rebel forces in Dublin. Connolly was wounded in the leg in the fighting around the GPO and as he was unable to stand he was executed sitting in a chair.



### **EAMONN CEANNT**

Born in Ballymoe, Co. Galway Eamonn Ceannt was educated in Co. Louth and in Dublin. He was a member of the Gaelic League and cofounded Cumann na bPíobairí (The Pipers Club) in 1900. He immersed himself in Gaelic culture and taught Irish in branch offices of the league. In 1907 he joined Sinn Féin and was recruited into the IRB by Sean Mac Diarmada. He was involved in the planning of the rising and commanded the 4th battalion of the Irish Volunteers in the South Dublin Union. The volunteers drove back repeated assaults of British troops seeking to gain access to the city with fierce fighting at close quarters. Ceannt obeyed the order to surrender issued by Pearse. He was tried under court martial and was executed on April 2nd, aged 34.





# THE OTHER NINE EXECUTED LEADERS WHO WERE NOT AMONG THE SEVEN SIGNATORIES

**Roger Casement:** Born in 1864 in Dublin, Casement was knighted for his services to the British consulate. He campaigned tirelessly to expose the cruelty inflicted on native workers in the Belgian Congo in 1904, and again in Brazil from 1911-1912, causing an international sensation with his reportage. Casement had become a member of the Gaelic League in 1904, beginning at that time to write nationalist articles under the pseudonym 'Seán Bhean Bhocht'. He retired from the British consular service in 1913, after which he joined the Irish Volunteers. Casement was despatched to Germany on account of his experience to raise an Irish Brigade from Irish prisoners of war. He was captured in Kerry in 1916 on Good Friday having returned to Ireland in a German U-Boat. Casement was imprisoned in Pentonville Gaol in London, where he was tried on charges of High Treason. He was hanged on 3 August 1916, the only leader of the Rising to be executed outside of Ireland.

**Con Colbert:** Born in 1888, Colbert was a native of Limerick. Prior to the Easter Rising he had been an active member of the republican movement, joining both Fianna Éireann and the Irish Volunteers. A dedicated pioneer, Colbert was known not to drink or smoke. As the captain of F Company of the Fourth Battalion, Colbert was in command at the Marrowbone Lane distillery when it was surrendered on Sunday, 30 April 1916. His execution took place on 8 May 1916.

**Edward Daly:** Born in Limerick in 1891, Daly's family had a history of republican activity; his uncle John Daly had taken part in the rebellion of 1867. Edward Daly led the First Battalion during the Rising, which raided the Bridewell and Linenhall Barracks, eventually seizing control of the Four Courts. A close friend of Tom Clarke, their ties were made even stronger by the marriage of Clarke to Daly's sister. Daly was executed on 4 May 1916.

**Seán Heuston:** Born in 1891, he was responsible for the organization of Fianna Éireann in Limerick. Along with Con Colbert, Heuston was involved in the education of the schoolboys at Scoil Éanna, organising drill and musketry exercises. A section of the First Battalion of the Volunteers, under the leadership of Heuston, occupied the Mendicity Institute on south of the Liffey, holding out there for two days. He was executed on 8 May 1916. Heuston Railway station in Dublin is named after him.

**Thomas Kent:** Born in 1865, Kent was arrested at his home in Castletyons, Co. Cork following a raid by the Royal Irish Constabulary on 22 April 1916, during which his brother Richard was fatally wounded. It had been his intention to travel to Dublin to participate in the Rising, but when the mobilization order for the Irish Volunteers was cancelled on Easter Sunday he assumed that the Rising had been postponed, leading him to stay at home. He was executed at Cork Detention Barracks on 9 May 1916 following a court martial. In 1966 the railway station in Cork was renamed Kent Station in his honor. (See *Reinterment of a 1916 Patriot*, page 39.)







**John MacBride:** Born in Mayo in 1865. Although he initially trained as a doctor, MacBride abandoned that profession in favor of work with a chemist. He travelled to America in 1896 to further the aims of the I. R. B., thereafter travelling to South Africa where he raised the Irish Transvaal Brigade during the Second Boer War. MacBride married the Irish nationalist Maude Gonne in 1903. He was not a member of the Irish Volunteers, but upon the beginning of the Rising he offered his services to Thomas MacDonagh, and was at Jacob's biscuit factory when that post was surrendered on Sunday, 30 April 1916. He was executed on 5 May 1916.

**Michael Mallin:** A silk weaver by trade, Mallin was born in Dublin in 1874. Along with Countess Markievicz, he commanded a small contingent of the Irish Citizen Army, of which he was Chief of Staff, taking possession of St. Stephen's Green and the Royal College of Surgeons. He was executed on 8 May 1916.

**Michael O'Hanrahan:** Born in Wexford in 1877. As a young man, O'Hanrahan showed great promise as a writer, becoming heavily involved in the promotion of the Irish language. He founded the first Carlow branch of the Gaelic League, and published two novels, *A Swordsman of the Brigade* and *When the Norman Came*. Like many of the other executed leaders, he joined the Irish Volunteers from their inception, and was second in command to Thomas MacDonagh at Jacob's biscuit factory during the Rising, although this position was largely usurped by the arrival of John MacBride. His execution took place on 4 May 1916.

**William Pearse:** Born in 1881 in Dublin. The younger brother of Patrick, William shared his brother's passion for an independent Ireland. He assisted Patrick in running St. Enda's. The two brothers were extremely close, and fought alongside each other in the G. P. O. William was executed on 4 May 1916. Pearse railway station on Westland Row in Dublin was re-named in honor of the two brothers in 1966.

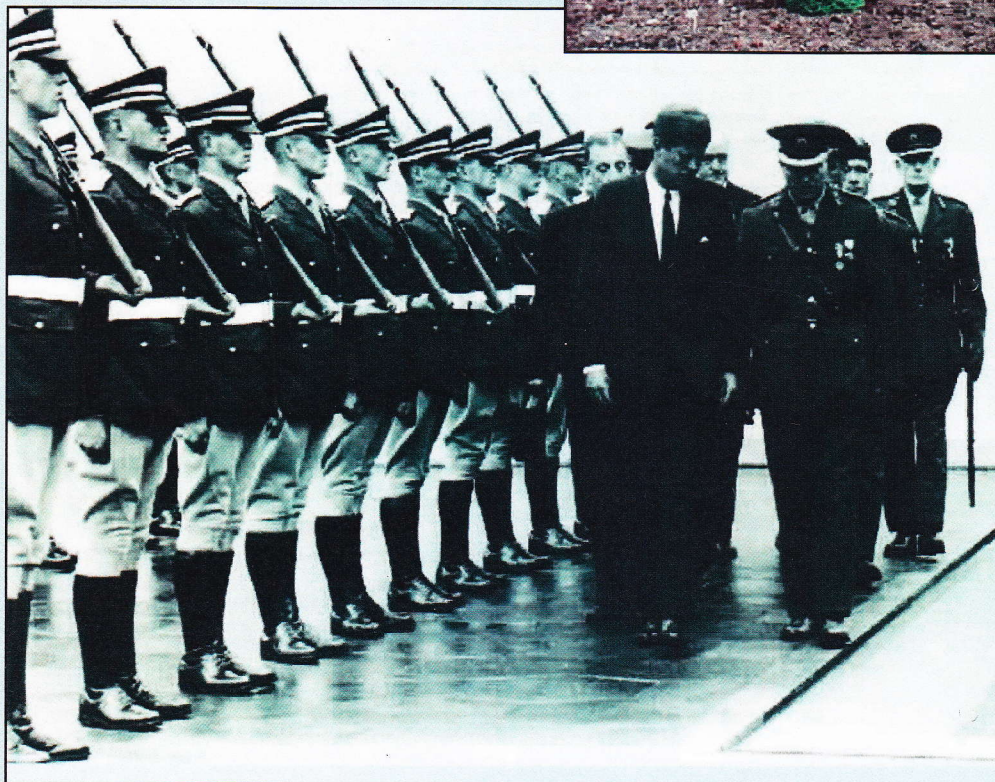






# ARBOUR HILL CEMETERY

*Arbour Hill Cemetery—  
common grave of executed men.*



*President  
Kennedy  
paying respect,  
1963.*

After being executed in Kilmainham Jail (Dublin), the bodies of the 13 leaders of the 1916 Rising— plus Padraig Pearse's younger brother William—were tossed in the back of a truck and disrespectfully dumped into a lime pit at Arbour Hill Barracks. The British did not allow a Catholic Funeral Mass or any funeral rites for these deeply spiritual men.

The executions took place over the following nine-day period: May 3: Patrick Pearse, Thomas Mac Donagh and Thomas J. Clarke; May 4: Joseph Plunkett, William Pearse, Edward Daly and Michael O'Hanrahan; May 5: John MacBride; May 8: Eamonn Ceannt, Michael Mallin, Sean Heuston and Conn Colbert; May 12: James Connolly and Sean MacDiarmada.







## *Women in the 1916 Easter Rising*

The Proclamation of the Irish Republic is remarkable for its endorsement of equality for women. About 220 to 250 heroic women played an integral part in the Rising; and not just as nurses and caregivers, but also as leaders, couriers, dispatch carriers and snipers. Maude Gonne (1866-1953)—future wife of martyr John Mac Bride and mother of Sean Mac Bride—played a central and pivotal role in making it possible for women to be involved in politics and public activism. Her founding of Inghinidhe na hEireann (Daughters of Ireland) in 1900 effectively opened the door for women in the twentieth-century.

Unfortunately, with perhaps the exception of Constance Markievicz, the role of women in the Rising was largely written out of history—forgotten for many years.

Molly Osgood Childers—accompanied by her friend Mary Spring Rice—used her 51-foot gaff rigged yacht, “Asgard,” to sail 900 rifles and ammunition to Howth (small port town outside of Dublin) in 1914. Those weapons were used in the Rising.

Women participated in the Irish Citizen Army as equals to men. Constance Markievicz, Madeleine French-Mullen, Dr. Kathleen Lynn and Helena Molony were prominent examples. Markievicz, second in command at the St. Stephen's Green and College of Surgeons garrisons, was sentenced to death but later reprieved.

Cumann na mBan members Winnie Carney, Julia Grenan and Elizabeth O'Farrell were some of the last people to leave the GPO. Julia Grenan was a dispatch carrier, running messages from the GPO to garrisons around the city.

Later in 1921, Markievicz would recall her initial political activism as member of the Sligo Women's Suffrage Society: “It was one of the first things I worked for since I was a young girl. That was my first bite, you may say, at the apple of freedom and soon I got to the other freedoms—freedom to the nation, freedom to the workers. The question of votes for women, with the bigger thing, freedom for women and the opening of the professions to women, has been one of the things that I have worked for.”

Winifred Carney, a leading member of Cumann na mBan and the Citizen Army, was also very involved in the Suffrage Movement in Trade Unions, and in the Gaelic League. Irish-born Margaret Skinnier, who grew up in Scotland, was active in the women's suffrage movement in Glasgow and in Cumann na mBan. Skinnier returned to Ireland to fight in the Rising. She joined the snipers on the roof of the College of Surgeons during the fighting and was seriously wounded. Speaking of the incident in which Skinnier was shot, Nora Connolly-O'Brien\*, daughter of James Connolly, recalled: “When they were going out to attack the nest of snipers, she was in charge of the squad. William Partridge, a very famous man in the working class movement, was there and he and other members of the squad accepted that she was in charge.”

Remarkably for the time, women in the Citizen Army had equal rights and duties as men. James Connolly, Commandant of the Citizen Army, was a strong proponent of equal rights for women. Many women who were in the Irish Citizen Army were also in the Irish Women Workers Union, whose entire membership came out on strike during the infamous industrial dispute of 1913, known as the Dublin Lockout, which, among other things, was about workers' right to unionize. (James Larkin and his union, the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union (ITGWU), decided to break the anti-union stance of the Dublin United Tramway Company (DUTC). DUTC ordered employees to quit membership of the ITGWU or be dismissed. Larkin struck back by calling the tramway-men in his union out on 26 August 1913. The company responded by locking them out.)

*\*Fr. Sean Mc Manus was a friend of Nora Connolly O'Brien. He arranged for her to come to the United States on a speaking tour. See page 36.*







# COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ



Countess Markievicz being taken into custody near the Royal College of Surgeons. (Ms. 15,000(8), de Courcy-Wheeler Papers.)







## **ELIZABETH O' FARRELL**



**Elizabeth O'Farrell (1884-1957) was born in City Quay, Dublin. Farrell, a nurse and a midwife at the National Maternity Hospital, was a member of Cuman na mBan. Both before and during the 1916 Easter Rising, she was a courier; and after the surrender, she delivered messages to the British and the Irish Volunteer leaders.**

**O'Farrell, who was one of three women at the GPO when the order came to evacuate the building, accompanied Padraig Pearse when he surrendered to General Lowe.**

**O'Farrell died in 1957 in Fatima House in Bray, Co. Wicklow, and is buried at Glasnevin Cemetery in the Republican plot next to John Grenan, who was with her in the GPO.**







## *More Women in the Rising*



### **Kathleen Lynn (1874–1955)**

Kathleen Lynn, a doctor, gave medical training to recruits in the Irish Citizen Army. Weapons were stored in her home. She was the Chief Medical Officer in the Rising, and declared herself to be “a Red Cross doctor and a belligerent” when arrested.



### **Winifred Carney (1887–1943)**

Carney was aide-de-camp to James Connolly. When Connolly was wounded, she refused orders to evacuate, staying with him until after the surrender.

### **Mary Josephine (Min) Ryan (1884–1977)**

Min Ryan, a courier during the Rising, was the girlfriend of Sean MacDiarmada. She later married Richard Mulcahy (1886–1971), Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army during the War of Independence and commander of the pro-treaty forces in the Irish Civil War.



### **Kathleen Clarke (1878–1972)**

Kathleen Clarke, the wife of Tom Clarke, was one of the few women familiar with the plans for the Rising. Her husband would not allow her to fight, as she would be needed to oversee aid to the dependents of the dead patriots.

In 1939 she would become the first woman mayor of Dublin.









### **Rosie Hackett (1892–1976)**

Rosie Hackett co-founded the Irish Women Workers Union. She was one of the group that printed the Proclamation.

### **Margaret Skinnider (1892–1971)**

Margaret Skinnider quit her job in Scotland to take part in The Rising, serving as a sniper. She was shot three times.



### **Marcella Cosgrave (1868–1938)**

Marcella Cosgrave, Cumann na mBan founder member, was quartermaster at the Marrowbone Lane garrison in Dublin. She was jailed in Kilmainham Gaol after the Rising.

*Many of the women who had participated in the Rising in Dublin in the summer of 1916 (Courtesy of Kilmainham Gaol Museum).*







## Grace Eveleen Gifford—Mrs. Joseph Plunkett (1888-1955)



Grace Eveleen Gifford was born in Rathmines, Dublin. She was the second youngest of twelve children. Her father, Frederick Gifford, was a wealthy attorney and a Catholic. Isabella Burton Gifford, her mother, was Protestant. The daughters were raised in their mother's faith and the sons were raised as Catholics.

Grace went to the Dublin Metropolitan School of Art and the Slade School of Art in London, becoming a professional artist and caricaturist. Despite her affluent background she became an activist for the Dublin poor and for women's voting rights.

Grace became a Catholic in 1916 and she and Joseph Mary Plunkett had planned to marry on Easter Sunday. But the Easter Rising intervened!

With a Catholic priest officiating, she married Joseph Mary Plunkett in his prison cell—lined by British soldiers holding rifles—an hour or two before his execution. With the English authorities supervising, the new bride and groom were given a few minutes to talk. Grace later said, "I was not alone with him—not for a minute. I had no private conversations with him at all."

Grace never remarried but stayed committed to the Irish cause of justice and equality until her death. Her sister was married to Thomas Mc Donagh. Grace, too, is certainly one of the heroines of Easter Week.

In 1985, Frank and Sean O'Meara composed the song "Grace"—about their famed and touching marriage.

### GRACE

*As we gather in the chapel here, in old  
Kilmainham jail, I think about the  
last few weeks, Oh will they say we  
failed,  
From our school days they have told us  
we must yearn for liberty,  
Yet all I want in this dark place is to  
have you here with me.  
Oh Grace just hold me in your arms,  
and let this moment linger,  
They take me out at dawn and I will die,  
With all my love I place this wedding  
ring upon your finger,  
There won't be time to share our love so  
we must say goodbye.*

*Now I know it's hard for you my love to ever  
understand,  
The love I bear for these brave men my love  
for this brave land,  
But when Padraic called me to his side down  
in the G.P.O.  
I had to leave my own sick bed, to him I had  
to go.  
Now as the dawn is breaking, my heart is  
breaking too.  
On this May morn' as I walk out, my  
thoughts will be of you.  
And I'll write some words upon the wall so  
everyone will know I loved so much that I  
could see His Blood Upon The Rose.*







*Maud Gonne-Mac Bride (1866–1953) wearing Inghinidhe na hÉireann (Daughters of Ireland) brooch.*

Maud Gonne Mac Bride—although living in France at the time of The Rising—played a very significant role in rousing the Irish people by her activism, defiant speeches and charismatic personality. Her founding of the Daughters of Ireland in 1900 opened the door for women to become involved in politics and activism. She was famously the muse for many of William Butler Yeats' poetry. In 1903, she married Major John Mac Bride, one of the 1916 martyrs. In 1904, she gave birth to Sean Mac Bride, future Chief of Staff of the IRA, Noble Peace Prize winner, and the man who lent his name to the Mac Bride Principles.





## I See His Blood Upon the Rose

By Joseph Mary Plunkett

*I see his blood upon the rose  
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,  
His body gleams amid eternal snows,  
His tears fall from the skies.*

*I see his face in every flower;  
The thunder and the singing of the birds  
Are but his voice—and carved by his power  
Rocks are his written words.*

*All pathways by his feet are worn,  
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,  
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,  
His cross is every tree.*

NOTE: Plunkett had studied St. John of The Cross and St. Teresa of Avila, and their mysticism (and his own) is reflected in this poem. How deeply disrespectful and unfair it is for the "revisionists" to try to denigrate him and his colleagues. It's their way of trying to delegitimize the Easter Rising by any means necessary—coupled with their disdain for Catholicism.

Historically, it cannot be ignored that in 1916 and in 1920 at the time of the partition of Ireland, every key British leader—Arthur Balfour, Lloyd George, Bonar Law, Churchill, etc., etc.—were bitter, vicious anti-Catholics. This deep rooted anti-Catholic bigotry and sectarianism inevitably played a key role in the partition of Ireland.

## The Foggy Dew

By Fr. Charles O'Neill, a parish priest in County Down (1887-1963).

*As down the glen one Easter morn to a city fair rode I  
There armed lines of marching men in squadrons passed me by  
No fife did hum nor battle drum did sound its dread tattoo  
But the Angelus bell o'er the Liffey swell rang out through the foggy dew*

*Right proudly high over Dublin Town they hung out the flag of war  
'Twas better to die 'neath an Irish sky than at Sulva or Sud-el-Bar  
And from the plains of Royal Meath strong men came hurrying through  
While Britannia's Huns, with their long range guns sailed in through  
the foggy dew*

*'Twas Britannia bade our Wild Geese go that small nations might be free  
But their lonely graves are by Sulva's waves or the shore of the Great  
North Sea*

*Oh, had they died by Pearse's side or fought with Cathal Brugha  
Their names we will keep where the Fenians sleep 'neath the shroud of  
the foggy dew*

*But the bravest fell, and the requiem bell rang mournfully and clear  
For those who died that Eastertide in the springing of the year  
And the world did gaze, in deep amaze, at those fearless men, but few  
Who bore the fight that freedom's light might shine through the foggy  
dew*

*Ah, back through the glen I rode again and my heart with grief was sore  
For I parted then with valiant men whom I never shall see more  
But to and fro in my dreams I go and I'd kneel and pray for you,  
For slavery fled, O glorious dead, When you fell in the foggy dew.*

NOTE: This beautiful and haunting ballad must also be seen against the background of the wanton, murderous cataclysm of the First World War (1914-1918), the "Cousins War": King George V of Great Britain, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and the German Kaiser were first cousins—grandsons of Queen Victoria.

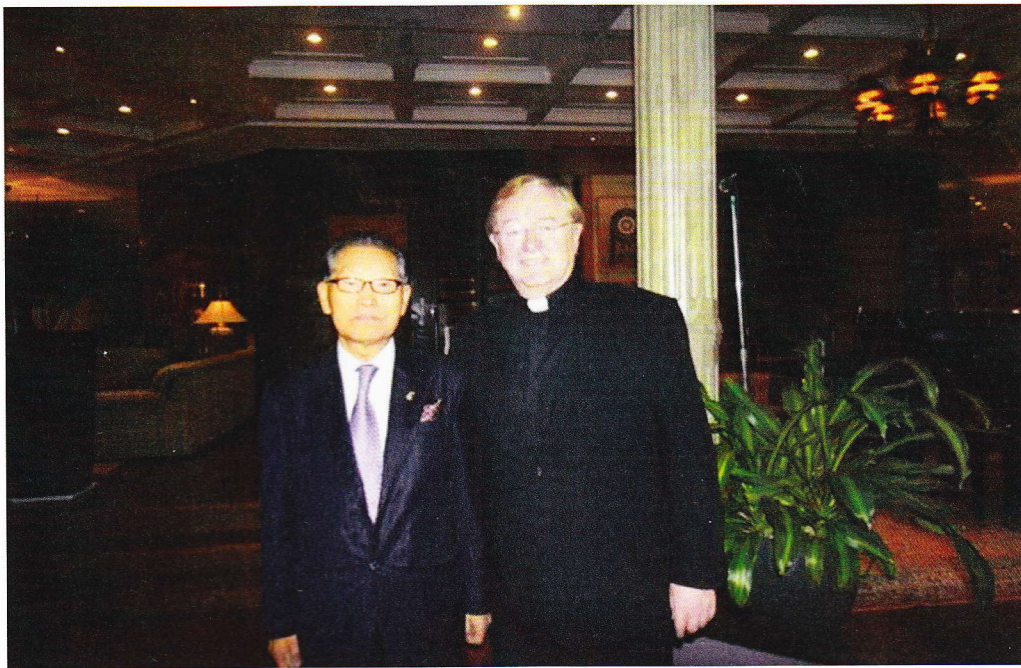
The ballad laments the fact that instead of being "by Pearse's side," many Irishmen died to save the British Empire, which was based on slavery, racism and sectarianism. Sulva and Sud-el-Bar are on the Gallipoli peninsula: "Twas better to die 'neath an Irish sky than at Sulva or Sud-el-Bar."





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*Rev. Dr. Han Min Su, Co-founder of WPPAC, with Chief Judge, Father Sean Mc Manus, President of the Irish National Caucus. October 24, 2013, Seoul, South Korea.*

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