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The Easter Rising and the U.S. Revolution

A letter from Ireland

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This weekend, across Ireland, the US and Canada, supporters of Irish Republicanism will gather to remember our patriots, celebrate their lives, and commit to bringing about a new and United Ireland.

On Easter Sunday, 1916, the rebel army of the Irish Republic rose up to fight for an independent Ireland free from British rule.

In Dublin, at the General Post Office (the GPO), Padraig Pearse read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. In the opening paragraphs, it states that the Rising is supported by "our exiled children in America." The link between our nations is indelibly inked on the page and declared in battle.

In many ways, the Proclamation is akin to the US Declaration of Independence.

It set forth a vision of an independent republic, guaranteeing the equal rights of all citizens and promising to pursue the nation's happiness and prosperity. The language was intentional and drawn from the Declaration of Independence.

The connection between Irish and American Revolutionary leaders stretches back to the time of the Declaration of Independence. In 1771, Benjamin Franklin visited Ireland and witnessed firsthand how the Irish were impoverished by the British.

British colonial rule, laws, and practices were tested and refined in Ireland. Franklin detailed how the British exported Ireland's wealth, leaving the natives destitute. He saw the future of America under British colonial rule and stiffened his resolve for independence.

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sons of daughters of immigrants who had fled Britain's penal laws. They were mostly Catholic and Presbyterian Irish (also known as Dissenters) who had been discriminated against and suppressed by the British.

They knew the reality of British rule and stuck with the forces of independence. The Irish, both Catholics and Dissenters, fought side by side as Irish and American.

The success of the American Revolution would inspire the founder of modern Irish Republicanism, Wolfe Tone, and the Society of United Irishmen, and subsequent generations. Looking in on the lessons of the American Revolution, he sought to unite Protestants, Catholics, and Dissenters under the common banner of Irish men and women to break the link with Britain.

This Easter, we remember all of those who gave their lives for Irish Freedom and recommit to building a new and united Ireland. We wear an Easter Lilly to commemorate their dedication and sacrifice.

We now have a peaceful and democratic pathway to unity. One that will again rely on "our exiled Children".

This Easter, I encourage you to remember how we have shaped each other's histories over generations. To reflect on our shared values and recommit to building an Irish republic true to the founding principles of our two great nations.

Have a great weekend.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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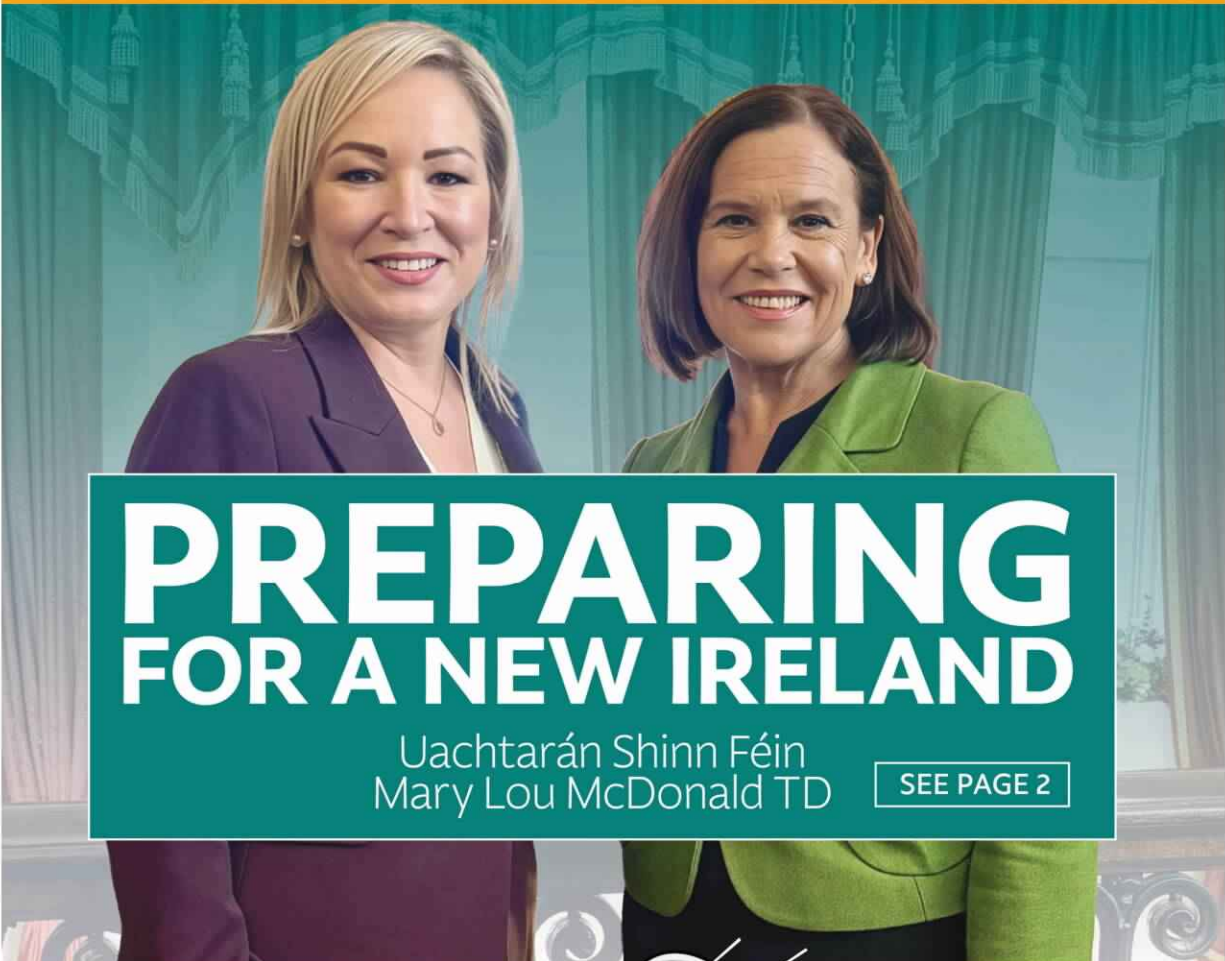
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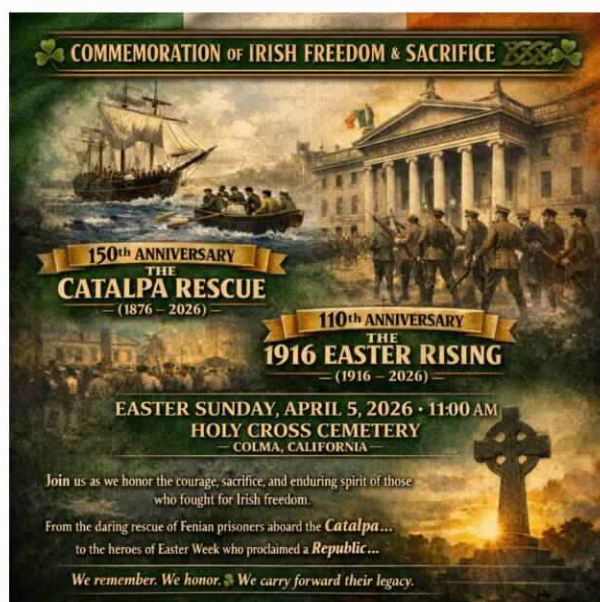
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Sinn Féin Representatives in North

America for Easter Commemorations

Honor Ireland's patriot dead at an Easter Commemoration this year.

- **Chicago, IL** - Saturday, April 4, 6:30 pm - Irish American Heritage Centre - Guest speaker: Cathy Bennett, Sinn Féin TD for Cavan/Monaghan.
- **San Francisco, CA** - Sunday, April 5, 11:00 am - Holy Cross Cemetery - Guest speaker: Pa Daly, Sinn Féin TD for Kerry.
- **New York, Woodside Queens** - Sunday, April 5, 1:30 pm - Calvary Cemetery 49th St & Laurel Hill - Guest speaker: Cathy Bennett, Sinn Féin TD for Cavan/Monaghan.
- **Springfield, MA** - Sunday, April 5, 4:00pm - St. Michael's Cemetery, 1601 State St
- **Toronto, Ontario** - Sunday, April 5, 11:00am - The West Cork Irish Pub - Guest speaker: Sinn Féin MLA Pádraig Delargy
- **New York, Long Island** - Monday, April 6 - 12:00 pm - Irish Monument, Court House Drive, Mineola, New York - Guest speaker: Sinn Féin Cathy Bennett, Sinn Féin TD for Cavan/Monaghan.



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The annual commemoration of the Easter Rising (Éirí Amach na Cásca) of 1916 will be held at St. Michael's Cemetery (1601 State St. Springfield, MA) on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Join us to celebrate the anniversary of the uprising which changed forever the course of Irish History.

At 4pm sharp, a procession will take place to the graveside of Irish Volunteer Patrick Hagerty. There will be a short ceremony, with readings in both English and Irish.

The annual presentation of the Hagerty Award for Selfless Dedication to the Cause of Irish Freedom will take place at the graveside.

Afterward, everyone's invited back to the Members Lounge of the John Boyle O'Reilly Club (33 Progress Ave, Springfield, MA 01104) for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Music by the Bards

No Admission Charge

Photos below from an educational slide show to be shown at the club Easter Sunday



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Sinn Féin's work in the US and Canada towards Irish unity continues all year round

By Cathal Mallaghan, Mid Ulster MP and Six County Cúige Chair

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All year-round Sinn Féin representatives travel across the US and Canada hosting delegations, speaking at commemoration events and organising discussions on Irish unity from San Francisco to Chicago to New York.

While Sinn Féin was not in Washington for the two days over St. Patrick's, our work in that city and across the US and Canada continues.

I travelled to New York and attended a breakfast event at Gracie Mansion, the residence of New York Mayor Zohran Mandami.

The mayor honoured former Irish President Mary Robinson and made an impassioned speech on the contribution of the Irish to human rights, standing on the side of justice and anti-colonialism in the US and across the world.

As part of his contribution, he recognised the 1981 Hunger Strikers and the right of the Irish and other nations to self-determination.

One of those who gave his life in the struggle for Irish self-determination was James Connolly.

After the event with the Mayor Mandami, I addressed the James Connolly Labour Coalition on the role of the US in progressing the cause of Irish Unity.

Connolly had been a labour organiser in the city, and I was proud to march along with labour leaders behind their banner on Fifth Avenue.

While President Trump was ruminating in Washington on the merger of Ireland, North and South, New York Governor Kathy Hochul, a proud Irish-American, when asked at the parade, made clear her unequivocal support for Irish Unity.

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