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President's Message



Brothers All,

What a grand month it was! We were able to get back to parades and other celebrations of our Irish Heritage, and of our Patron Saint!

On a personal note, I was humbled and grateful to have had the privilege to serve as Grand Marshal of Cincinnati's St. Patrick's Parade, an honor I'm wholly unworthy of, especially compared to the long line of notable and distinguished honorees, but nonetheless accepted with thanks. It was cold but festive!

I was able to join several Divisions for some of their celebrations, and the City of Portsmouth (Scioto County) for their parade and celebration, and was able to present copies of the Governor's Irish-American Heritage Month Proclamation. As always, thanks for your kindness and hospitality.

The visit to Portsmouth was important, as it is one of our recruitment and organizing targets. I presented copies of the Proclamation to the Port City Pub (the hub of it all) and the local Celtic Club, coined the Mayor and several County officials, and discussed our order with many of these folks. The proclamation was hung on the wall in the front room before I left for the day! The Mayor expressed strong interest in the AOH, stating his belief that we'd be an asset to the community. Further, he asked my assistance in drafting an Irish-American Heritage Month Proclamation next year, for the City of Portsmouth. Progress!

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Chaplain's Comments



As we enter into the month of April, we are reminded of the centrality of the Cross as the central symbol of our faith—a reminder to us not just of the death of the Lord but also of his resurrection.

(An altarpiece from the Rock of Cashel)



*We adore your Cross, O Lord,
And we glorify your Resurrection,
For behold, because of the wood of a tree
Joy has come to the whole world.*

(From the Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, *The Roman Missal*)

What is seen as a sign of contradiction to the world and a stumbling block for non-believers is for us a sign of our Christian hope—hope that light is stronger than darkness—hope that love is stronger than hatred—hope that life will one day overpower even death and has already done so in the person of Jesus.

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President's Message, cont.

Recruiting and Retention: *What have you done this month to help your Division reach that 5% target, and maybe win one of those bottles of Redbreast 12?*

We'll be hosting an in-person **state board meeting** some time in the late April-mid May timing. Look for further info in the next few days about date, time, and location. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces in person. We have lots to discuss, especially the upcoming Pittsburgh National Convention.

Speaking of which, **National Convention and Hotel registration are now live and available.** Don't wait, get your reservations in now! **See Page 10 for more information**

Where and when you deem appropriate, I'll be glad and grateful to attend your meetings and events. Please feel free to send invites, and you can bet I'll attend if at all possible.

As always, thank you for your commitment, passion, and leadership. God Bless you all, God Bless Ireland, and God Bless our great Nation.

Slan, Bob

Chaplain's's Comments, cont.

At the same time, we are conscious of the fact that darkness is still a reality for our world. War and violence, poverty and hunger, oppression and injustice, not to mention our own personal sins and failings, remind us that Christ continues to suffer in and with his people. Christ continues to carry his Cross in all who experience physical and mental anguish. Christ continues to carry his Cross in all who experience despair.

As people of faith, we cannot allow the darkness to overcome us. We must be beacons of light—living reminders that the Cross of the Lord brings with it not just suffering but also hope. We must proclaim in our words and by our actions that the death of

Jesus on Calvary is not the end of the story. We believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. And because he is risen from the dead, all of creation is transformed. Because Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, we ourselves are transformed. Just as his suffering, death and resurrection transformed the reality of the Cross, so it has transformed us into a new creation, so that we carry the wounds of the Lord in our own bodies and in our souls, not so that they can weigh us down but rather so that they might lift us up with him, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and who promises to share his Life with us for all of eternity.

Fr. John Keehner
Chaplain for the State of Ohio
National Chaplain

Charter Bus Planned for the Convention

John O'Brien is coordinating a bus to transport attendees to and from the National Convention in Pittsburgh. The cost is \$100 for the round trip. It will leave on Wednesday, July 13th and return on Sunday the 17th. The take-off point is still being worked on. Reservations are needed and will be taken until the bus is sold out. John is the contact person and you can email him at jobrien@iIrish.us to reserve your seat or if you have any questions.

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Newsletter News

Just a reminder. If you have information for our monthly newsletter, please send it as a Word attachment to an e-mail to Editor, Jim Casey at jjcasey973@gmail.com

The **deadline** for articles is the **24th of the month.**

Ohio AOH Veterans Affairs

Veterans Affairs Report

1) Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Veterans: www.va.gov/coronavirus

Brothers – As of 3/20/2022, the VA in Ohio has completed vaccinations for 150,896 individuals. More details can be found at this website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

Please continue to check-in with your local VA facility to see if there are impacts on their operations prior to your appointments: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp>

VA-Tracked Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 25,903; 928 Deaths; Active Cases: 93

2) VA Warns of Email Phishing Attacks:

The VA has sent an email to all VBA and VHA beneficiaries warning of an increase in email phishing attacks that attempt to mimic VA emails. VA does not send emails asking for personal information, threatening emails, or emails claiming to take adverse actions on claimants or beneficiaries (jail or lawsuits). If you receive any of these emails or are in doubt about any communications appearing to be from VA, please contact VA directly at 1 (800) 827-1000.

3) VA Reboots Blood Drives at VA Clinics:

The VA suspended its long-time practice of hosting blood drives to support the Red Cross at the beginning of the pandemic. They recently announced that VA Clinics can begin hosting blood drives again. The Columbus VA has announced a blood drive scheduled at the Wylie Clinic on Thursday, March 24, from 8am-2pm. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, *sponsor code: Chalmers* More information can be found here: [VA Central Ohio Health Care | Blood Drive | Veterans Affairs](#)

Stay tuned to your local VA Clinic to see if they have scheduled upcoming blood drives.

4) American Corporate Partners Veteran Career Mentorship Program:

National nonprofit American Corporate Partners (ACP) has a mentorship program that works with Post-9/11 Veterans to help them find meaningful employment after military service. An ACP Mentor can help guide them toward positive employment outcomes, such as the right job, or a new job that pays better. All industries and career paths are represented and Veterans can explore career opportunities, learn about job search tips and tricks, gain resume and interviewing skills, and get connected directly to employers who are hiring. Since 2010, more than 22,000 Veterans have already found success through ACP. Visit <https://www.acp-usa.org> and fill out a brief application. Answer questions that include background, interests, military experience, and mentoring preferences.

National VA Committee meetings are held online every third Tuesday of each month at 7pm ET. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. Also, be sure to visit the Ohio Department of Veterans Services at www.ohiovets.gov to learn more about veterans benefits as well as the National AOH site at www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs for information about services around the country.

Danny Eakins, Veterans Affairs Chair

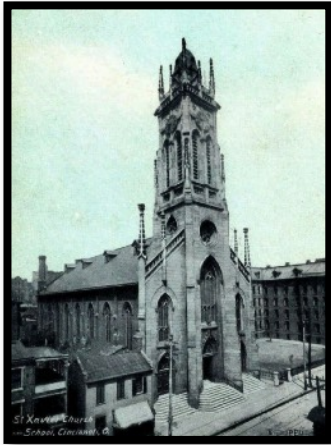
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State Historian's Report

J. Michael Finn, State Historian

Patrick Dunphey, State Delegate

(1875-1876)



[note: Information regarding State Delegate Patrick Dunphey of Cincinnati remains scant, at this time. Recently found information has expanded his biography somewhat, although more work needs to be done]

According to existing records, Patrick Dunphey may have been the first State Delegate in Ohio. The records, however, are unclear, at this time. There were approximately 16 counties in Ohio with one or more Hibernian divisions at the time of his election. It is difficult to believe that Ohio failed to elect a State Delegate until 1875. The search for prior State Delegates continues, but for now, Patrick Dunphey is the earliest known State Delegate.

Dunphey was born in Lacka Townland, County Tipperary, Ireland in 1795. His parents were Edward and Cecelia Dunphey. He arrived in Cincinnati in 1851 at six years of age.

The existing records and newspaper accounts give the spelling of Patrick's last name as both *Dunphey* and *Dunphy*; however, the burial records for Patrick and his wife reflect the spelling *Dunphey*. There is not much information currently available about his life. He was married to Catherine Mary Fitzgerald Dunphey, who was also born in Ireland.

He was elected State Delegate at the 1875 State Convention. It is likely this was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, although this has not been confirmed. In March 1876, Patrick Dunphey traveled to Columbus, Ohio as State Delegate and installed the first Columbus division and its officers.

Patrick Dunphey died on August 3, 1876 in Cincinnati due to "a lingering illness." According to his brief obituary he was 81 years old when he died. His funeral was held at St. Francis Xavier's Church in Cincinnati (pictured above).

He is buried at New St. Joseph's Cemetery in Cincinnati. His wife Catherine passed away on October 4, 1918 and she is also buried at New St. Joseph's.

Patrick Dunphey's division in Cincinnati held a general meeting on Friday, August 4, 1876 and produced the following condolence resolution:

At a general meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, held on Friday evening, August 4, 1876, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

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State Historian's Report, cont.

Whereas: It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to remove from among us, in the prime of early manhood, our beloved Brother Patrick Dunphey: and

Whereas: In his death the Ancient Order of Hibernians has suffered the loss of one of its brightest members and most zealous and efficient officers, ever ready to go where duty called him, and always battling for the best interest of the Order, either at home or abroad, honored at different times with the position of County and State Delegate, he always discharged the trusts reposed in him with honor and fidelity.

Therefore: Be it Resolved, that we deplore the untimely demise of our Brother, and we will forever treasure his memory as a kind and genial companion, who won the friendship and esteem of all who knew him.

Resolved: That we sincerely sympathize with the relatives of the deceased in their bereavement, and tender them this expression of our heart-felt sorrow, in this the hour of their affliction.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Society; that a copy be transmitted to the sisters of the deceased; that they be published in the Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati Commercial, Catholic Telegraph, Irish World, and Toledo Review.

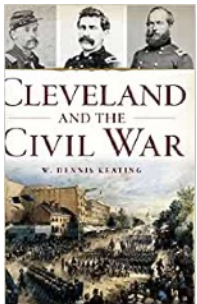
Signed: John Keenan; Thomas K. Geoghegan; John S. Feeley; and Michael Johnson, Committee on Resolutions.

Because he died prior to the expiration of his term as President, the State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held a meeting of 16 County Delegates at Youngstown, Ohio on the September 12, 1876. Father Matthew A. Scanlon, of Niles, Ohio was elected as the new State Delegate for Ohio.

Through sharing stories of our history we can remember those brother and sister Hibernians who came before us and on whose shoulders we stand today.

J. Michael Finn

Cleveland and the Civil War



The History Press has recently published a new book entitled *Cleveland and the Civil War*. Cleveland and Cuyahoga County sent more than 9,000 troops to war - more than 1,700 never returned. It includes information regarding Cleveland's Hibernian Guards and its hero Thomas Francis Galwey and the postwar Fenian invasions of Canada, which included many Irish Civil War Union veterans. The author is Professor W. Dennis Keating of Cleveland State University. Professor Keating is also a member and past president of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable.

J. Michael Finn

Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Report

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Aid to Ukraine

AOH Patrick Pearse Division #1 and LAOH Countess de Markievicz Division #1 raised over \$2,000 for humanitarian aid of Ukrainians, as a result of a raffle lead by Division Financial Secretary Bruce McPherson and donations collected during Proclamation Day and St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Monies raised are being sent to Catholic Relief Services <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>
CRS partner Caritas Poland assists Ukrainians crossing into Poland for safety.

Project St. Patrick Fundraiser at Tara Hall

State President Bob Harper has requested Patrick Pearse Division hold a Project St. Patrick fundraiser in the Spring of 2022 to coincide with the annual Easter Appeal. National Project St. Patrick Chair Ron Hagan will coordinate an event at Tara Hall. All statewide divisions will be encouraged to participate. Details will be emailed to state, county and division leadership.

Project St. Patrick

All divisions must have a Project St Patrick representative and division information filed with your diocese. This allows the Bishop's Office to see how the AOH supports local seminarians and those pursuing vocations. Please update your forms. Name recognition scholarships can be made to honor clergy, fellow Hibernians or someone who has passed. PSP forms are posted online at: <https://aoh.com/project-st-patrick>

Division Missions & Charities News Statewide

Email news of your division's Missions & Charities work to chriskonik@mindspring.com

Please feel free to include photos and a few paragraphs, or just a caption will do. A great way to showcase your efforts and inspire your brother Hibernians.

Ohio AOH license plate

Brothers, I am working on a project to possibility have an AOH license plate in Ohio but to do that I need to get 100 licensed drivers to sign the attached petition to be considered. By signing the petition does not commit you to get the plate but hopefully if it is successful, you would get the plate.

What we are asking is that each of you to get 7 people to sign the petition and if possible, scan and email it to me.

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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

PETITION TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL LICENSE PLATE

We the undersigned do intend to support the production of specialty license plates designated to the _____ by purchasing the _____

Specialty License Plates from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. We understand there will be an additional cost to the standard license plate fee and also understand a portion of the proceeds will go to the designated fund.

Please do not sign this petition unless it is your present intention to purchase this plate if and when it is issued.

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (Duplicate this form as necessary)

(PRINT or TYPE)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MI	PHONE (include area code)
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
CURRENT LICENSE PLATE #	OHIO DL OR ID CARD #	SIGNATURE X	
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION, PLEASE CONTACT			
CIRCULATOR OF PETITION INFORMATION		TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES	
NAME		PHONE	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PETITION DRIVE

Mark Your Calendars

2022 AOH National Convention

July 13-17, 2022

Pittsburgh PA

Convention registration and hotel information can be found on the convention web page link: <http://www.2022pittsburghconvention.com>

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

The Akron Celtic Guards Hurling Club Presents

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

THE EVENT CENTER · 2208 EAST MARKET STREET, AKRON, OHIO

Doors Open at 5:00pm · Buffet Dinner Served 6:00pm-7:00pm

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PER COUPLE

\$350

PER TABLE (SEATS 10)

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2022 AOH National Convention

July 13-17, 2022

Pittsburgh PA

<https://www.2022pittsburghconvention.com/>

The 2022 Pittsburgh National Convention is fast approaching – July is just around the corner. Here’s a link to the Convention website, where you’ll find all the details you need for hotel reservations, convention event registration, program ad info, and more:

Please forward to your division email distributions ASAP. This is a great opportunity for Ohio brothers to attend a national convention, probably the best opportunity since the 2010 Cincinnati convention. Please talk this up at your Division and County Board meetings, and encourage your members to register and attend. They’ll learn so much about our Order, and have a great time, too! Slan, Bob

See you all in Pittsburgh in July!



HIBERNIANS HELPING HIBERNIANS

Joe Casey, State Organizer, Deputy National Organizer

During the Medina County’s March 10th monthly division meeting, I mentioned that, as Deputy National Organizer, I work with the At-Large members across the nation. There is a group of these At-Large Hibernians who are actively trying to get a division formed in Hutchinson, Kansas (Reno County). The first weekend of March brought wildfires to their area of central Kansas and two of these Hibernians are firefighters who worked the fires and assisted in helping people flee their homes. The entire group of Hibernians there started collecting bottles of water and chap-sticks to aid the firefighters and also worked to collect food, clothing and money for those affected by the carnage. They also were helped by the only other AOH division in Kansas, the Fr. Donnelly Division in Johnson County, over three hours away. When the fires were put under control, the damage was announced. One man perished and several other civilians and firefighters received burns that had to be treated at the local hospital. Over 12,000 acres burned with 36 homes being completely destroyed. In addition, 92 outbuildings and 110 vehicles were destroyed.

After I told this story of the Hibernians and their plight (over 1,000 miles away), the Medina County Division unanimously voted to send them a check for \$500 to aid their relief fund in helping people who have lost everything. This act of kindness is a great example of following our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Way to go, Irish Brigade brothers!

As a footnote to this story, I was on a Zoom call recently with Ryan Harris, the force behind getting the division started, and a couple of brothers from the Fr. Donnelly Division. They are just about ready to form and have announced they will soon become the Fr. Sean O’Shea Division #1.

Division News

Irish Brigade Div. #1, Medina County

Some of the Medina County Hibernians have been assisting *Feeding Medina County* at their food distribution location in Brunswick, Ohio for the past several months. They donate their time on the second Thursday of each month with the distribution being held on the grounds of a closed school.



The food recipients stay in their cars, register and then drive to where the bags of food have been prepared. Division members assist in the packaging of the food, directing traffic and distribution of the packages into the vehicles.

So far, they have weathered snow, wind and rain, but feel very good about the jobs they are doing in helping their community.

Joe Casey, AOH Irish Brigade Division #1

L. to R, Joe Gill, Scott Manley, Dave Manley, Joe Casey and Tony Manley.

Patrick Pearse Div. #1, Franklin Co.

Irish Road Bowling



With St. Patrick's Day behind us and Irish American Heritage Month about to wrap up, we're just a bit over a month away from an opportunity that doesn't come along very often...your chance to toss a 28 ounce iron and steel cannonball down a 1 and 1/2 mile country road.

We hope you'll join us. Put a team together to compete against the Bollocks (of Patrick Pearse) and your Hibernian brothers for the Championship Trophy. Sponsor a sign at the midpoint or the start/finish line. Rain or shine. We'll feed and water you. Or bring something stronger. Make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Sign sponsorships are \$100 for start/finish line and \$50 for course midpoint. All proceeds from sign sponsorships will also go to Freedom for All Ireland and other charities. You can email the text you'd like to appear on your sign to pearseffai@gmail.com, and we'll get them in the works. If you sponsored a sign last year and would like to reuse it (and save us a few bucks), just let us know. Checks should be made out to "AOH" and dropped off or forwarded to Tara Hall, 274 E Innis Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207. Please indicate Road Bowling sign sponsorship on your check. Look for my family's sign at course midpoint.

Contact Mike Cosgrove, AOH Patrick Pearse Division Freedom for All Ireland Chair with questions or for additional details. 614.935.6765 cell pearseffai@gmail.com

Thanks for the craic and support. See you on the Beach Road!

Catholic Action

In April we pass through the final weeks of Lent and into the Easter season. The Lenten liturgical color of violet gives way to red for Palm Sunday, white for Holy Thursday, red for Good Friday, and white for Easter and the Easter season. The Sunday following Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, so designated by Pope Saint John Paul II, building upon the mystical experiences of the Polish contemplative nun, Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938).

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

Isidore , Bishop and Doctor	April 4	
Vincent Ferrer , Priest	April 5	
Palm Sunday	April 10	
Stanislaus , Bishop and Martyr	April 11	
Easter Sunday	April 17	Solemnity
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	April 18	Solemnity
Anselm , Bishop and Doctor	April 21	
Mark , Evangelist	April 25	Feast
Catherine of Siena , Virgin and Doctor	April 29	Memorial
Pius V , Pope	April 30	

IRISH SAINTS OF APRIL

Tigernach, Bishop (d. 549) April 4

St. Tigernach (or Tierney) was baptized by St. Conleth of Kildare; St. Brigid may have been his godmother. One might say that St. Tigernach suffered the fate of St. Patrick in reverse: as a boy, he was kidnapped from Ireland by raiders from Britain. A British king gave him his freedom. After spending some time at the monastery of Rosnat in Scotland, he embarked upon a pilgrimage to Rome, returning thence to Ireland. He was consecrated bishop at Clogher and lived at his monastic foundation at Clones, County Monaghan. Tigernach became blind in his old age and spent his time in contemplative prayer.

Celsus, Archbishop of Armagh (1079-1129) April 7

Celsus (Ceallach mac Aedha) was a member of a family in which the see of Armagh had become hereditary. Like many of his predecessors, he was a layman when chosen to succeed to the abbacy of Armagh (1105), at the age of 26. Shortly thereafter, he was consecrated its bishop. He proved to be a model bishop, conducting visitations, conserving the temporalities of the see, and restoring discipline. Celsus was instrumental in bringing the reform movement sweeping the continent of Europe to Ireland. He held a great synod at Rath Breasail (1111), at which he sought to enforce these reforms. One of the problems of the Irish church was its organization around the power of the abbots rather than the bishops, a situation leading to the frequent neglect of the spiritual life of the people at large. Celsus replaced the old monastic organization with a diocesan one under the bishops. There was considerable resistance to many reform measures. Celsus is also said to have rebuilt the cathedral of Armagh. The church at this time suffered from depredations carried out by the O'Briens and the O'Rourkes, and Celsus was called upon at times to mediate among warring chiefs. In his efforts, Celsus was supported by St. Malachy. At his death, Celsus broke the tradition of hereditary succession by nominating Malachy to succeed him. He is buried at Lismore. Some calendars place his feast on April 1.

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Catholic Action, cont.

Paternus of Abdinghof (d.1058)

April 10

St. Paternus was probably an Irishman, whose sojourning on the Continent brought him to Westphalia. There he entered the monastery of Abdinghof founded by St. Meinwerk. He adopted the life of a walled-up hermit. From his hermitage, he predicted the destruction of the city by fire unless the inhabitants repented. The fire came to pass; Paternus was among its victims. The Gregorian reformer St. Peter Damian was very impressed by St. Paternus.

Malrubius, Abbot (d. 722)

April 21

Also known as Maelrubha, this saint became a monk at St. Comgall's monastery at Bangor, County Down. At the age of 29, he went to Scotland, likely spending some time at Iona before going to the mainland. He established a church and monastery at Applecross in Ross, which served as his base of operations for the remainder of his life. He preached to the Picts, extending his reach to the Isle of Skye. The coast of Scotland between Applecross and Loch Broom contains a number of places named after him. An island in Loch Maree contains a spring dedicated to him which till recent times was sought for its healing properties, especially for insanity. The saint ruled as abbot at Applecross for 51 years, dying at the age of 80, though some accounts say he was martyred. His tomb is pointed out nearby.

Asicus, Bishop of Elphin (d.c. 470)

April 27

Also known as Tassach, this saint was a disciple of St. Patrick, a monk, and probably the first bishop of Elphin. He was said to have been a skilled brass worker or coppersmith, and also a married man. He resigned his see--accounts vary as to the reason--and retired to solitude on the island of Rathlin O'Birne in Donegal Bay for seven years. His monks eventually tracked him down. They tried to bring him back to his see, but he died on the way.

Cronan of Roscrea, Abbot (d.c. 626)

April 28

Cronan came from what is now County Offaly. He first entered monastic life at Puayd. He practiced the unusual charity of building houses which he then vacated to provide a home for any anchorite who needed one. He is said to have built about fifty, taking nothing with him when he left. St. Cronan is probably the founder of monasteries in Offaly at Lusmag and Monahincha, near Roscrea. By the bog of Monela, near Senross, he built himself a cell, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Forannan, Abbot (d.c. 982)

April 30

Forannan is said to have occupied an Irish bishopric at Domhnach-Mor, which cannot be identified. He is reported to have embarked for the Continent with twelve companions on the basis of a dream, in which an angel showed him a beautiful valley to which he was supposed to travel. Forannan concluded that the abbey of Waulsort on the Meuse was the place pointed out to him. He was apparently appointed abbot in 962. Forannan spent some time later at the abbey of Gorze in Lorraine on a trip back from Rome. There, he was seeking instruction in the Rule of St. Benedict, which Waulsort had either abandoned or never embraced.

STATE NEWS AND ISSUES

--At this time, with Ohio legislative maps being repeatedly rejected by the State Supreme Court, and hence the date and content of the spring primary still up in the air, there are limited comprehensive resources available to guide voters. Stay tuned.

--Brother Dave Manley informs us that members of our Medina County Division have been aiding Feed Medina County. Every month, some members and their wives, along with State and Deputy National Organizer Joe Casey, help to pack and distribute food to about 160 families.

Do you have local news? Please submit it for inclusion in this report. Happy Easter to all.

Faternally,

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Ohio AOH Pro Life Bulletin

FR. FRANK PAVONE

In interviews he gave just before leaving office as Chaplain of the U.S. House , Father Pat Conroy a Catholic priest had some very non catholic thing to say about abortion.

“How do we, we within our constitutional system, how do we get to our Catholic values in this case, when women have the right to choose. By the way, I want to know the American who thinks the government should take away their choice in any area of their life. It's an American value that each one of us can choose where our life is going. That happens to be a Catholic value, too.

Sometimes we don't have the freedom to make really important choices because of fear, because of oppression, because of poverty, because of all kinds of things.'

He also clarified that “there is no debate in my mind about the tragedy of abortion”and that everything should be done to make the choice not to abort, though, “she is the one to make her choice, we should not make it for her.” (From Fr. Frank Pavone's PRO LIFE MESSAGE FOR YOUR CLERGY January27, 2022)

ABORTION IS A MENS ISSUE TOO

For decades, abortion advocates, have tried to justify abortion by isolating it, in the realm of privacy. Solely the privacy of the mother. Abortionists proclaim it's a women issue! If we are to overcome abortion, we must overcome the isolation and the rhetoric of isolation. It's not simply about the women. It's about the family. It's about restoring the supportive relationships within the family, as God intended it to be the “sanctuary of life,” as the Catholic Church refers to it, the community of persons which is meant to provide the stable framework for welcoming and raising new life. It's about a culture of life in which every citizen understands that we all are entrusted to the care of one another and we all share responsibility for innocent blood shed upon our land.

Abortion is the killing of a child. Protecting a child is just as much the business of a man as of a women. Speaking up for the voiceless, and defending the vulnerable is not a gender issue, it is all our moral responsibility. (From: Fr. Pavone article Abortion Kills Babies. Protecting them is an issue for men too)

POPE FRANCIS

In a recent address to a group of Italian pharmacists, Pope Francis said conscientious objection to abortion and euthanasia is integral to the fidelity of the medical profession.

“On an individual level, the pharmacists, each of you, uses medicinal substances which can, however, turn into poisons. Here, it is a question of exercising constant vigilance so that the objective is always the patient's life in its entirety,” the pope said. “you are always at the service of human life.” (From National Catholic Register)

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STUDENTS FOR LIFE

Planned Parenthood has infiltrated many Christian colleges and universities' Many of these colleges and universities have friendly relationships with Planned Parenthood including endorsing Planned parenthood as a "trusted resource" Students for Life are targeting 69 specific Christian colleges with petition drive requesting the college to get Planned Parenthood off their campus. There are 7 Catholic colleges on their target list. No Ohio catholic college is on the list but Capital University (Lutheran affiliated) is on the targeted list.

OHIO PRO LIFE NEWS

Senate Bill 157 has been signed by our Governor. The Ohio Infant Born Alive Act requires that an infant born alive must be provided life giving care plus must be transference to a near by hospital with a NICU or PICU.

The Abortion Pill Reversal Act (HB378) would require doctors prescribing abortion inducing drugs to provide written information informing the patient of scientifically proven reversal procedures should she change her mind.

The Human Life Protection Act (SB123)Would ban abortion in Ohio should the US Supreme Court issue a decision allowing states once again to protect the unborn.

Respectfully submitted by, David Manley AOH Ohio State Pro Life Chair

The Sign of the Cross

An Comhartha na Croise

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

The following is the Sign of the Cross in the Irish language. It's an easy prayer to learn. I have provided the English version, the Irish version and below the Irish version is the phonetic pronunciation. Don't worry if you don't get it exactly right. There is an Irish saying that states, "Is fear Gaeilge bhriste na Bearla cliste." In English that is, "Broken Irish is better than clever English."

English

In the Name of the Father

And of the Son

And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Irish

In Ainm an Athar

In AN-im un A-hur

Agus an Mhic

AH-guss un vik

Agus an Spioraid Naoimh.

AH-guss un SPIR-id NEE-iv

Amen