Dear friends of the Irish Studies Institute at Molloy College,

I do hope this brief note finds you and yours in good stead. This past semester has been an exciting one here at Molloy. On February 27th we had the pleasure of hosting former Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern as he delivered the annual Maher lecture and simultaneously launched our new Irish Studies Institute. Mr. Ahern spoke to a packed Hays theatre and was received with great enthusiasm as he remembered the painstaking efforts which lead to the signing of the Good Friday Agreement and a lasting peace for the Island of Ireland.

On March 8th, the enthusiasm for all things Irish generated by Mr. Ahern’s visit was maintained by the erudite presentation of Professor David Hannigan, author of the recently published “De Valera in America.” David delivered a lecture entitled “The American Contribution to the Cause of Irish Independence.” Mrs. Kathleen Tully inspired her audience on April 19th when she delivered a most interesting lecture on one of the foremost figures of 20th-century literature, William Butler Yeats. In true Irish fashion a “soft rain” accompanied Dr. Nicholas Fargnoli on the afternoon of May 3rd as he delivered an extraordinarily inspiring lecture on the life and works of James Joyce. Dr. Fargnoli’s lecture left a full house with an enhanced appreciation of one of Ireland’s greatest literary talents of all time.

Over an eight-week period the Irish Studies Institute also offered an Irish for Beginners class on Saturday afternoons. Our instructor, Ms. Hazel Chrobet, a native of Ireland, evoked such enthusiasm for the Gaelic language that we will offer a follow-up course in the Fall of 2009 due to popular demand.

Another endeavor which has proven popular is our Oral History project. Interviews are currently taking place, which is allowing us to keep a chronicle of the Irish American experience right here on Long Island. Eventually, you will be able to read and hear some of these interviews on our website and scholars can access them for research needs. If you are interested in sharing your Irish background and heritage, please contact Catherine Muscente at (516) 678-5000, ext. 6218.

Next semester we have a wonderful line-up of lectures that will no doubt have you coming back for more. All lectures are free and open to everyone, and we will also serve light refreshments and encourage attendees to socialize and discuss the topic at hand. The Irish language courses are offered at a cost of $144 per person. If you have not already had the opportunity to sample some of the lectures offered in the Spring, I do hope that you will take the opportunity to visit us in the Fall.

With every good wish for a safe and restful summer, Is mise le meas,

Fr. Patrick J. Bonner, Director
# Fall 2009 Program Schedule

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| Sunday, September 27      | Irish Walking Tour                                                   | Hosted by Joyce Gold  
History of Five Points, New York City  
2-4 p.m.  
Pre-registration required: $25.00 per person  
Space is limited |
| Saturday, October 3       | Irish for Beginners II                                               | Instructor Hazel Chrobet  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (8 sessions)  
Pre-registration required: $144 per person |
| through Saturday, December 5 |                                                                     |                                                                        |
| Saturday, October 3       | Irish for Beginners I                                                | Instructor: Hazel Chrobet  
12 noon to 2:00 p.m. (8 sessions)  
Pre-registration required: $144 per person |
| through Saturday, December 5 |                                                                     |                                                                        |
| Sunday, October 25        | History of Celtic Park and Irish Athletics                           | Lecture by Ian McGowan, Winged Fist Organization  
3 p.m. |
| Sunday, November 15       | “Our Common Heritage”                                                | Presenter: Carl Nelkin, resident of Dublin, Ireland  
A collaborative presentation by the Institute for Interfaith Dialogue & Irish Studies Institute blending Irish and Jewish Culture through Music  
3 p.m. - Hays Theatre, Wilbur Arts Center |
| Sunday, December 13       | Irish Culture Meets Pop Culture                                      | Lecture by Dr. Brian Cogan, Molloy College  
3 p.m. |

If you wish to register for any of the above classes, please email cmuscente@molloy.edu or fax to 516.678.7410. You can also mail in this registration form to Fr. Patrick Bonner, Director, Irish Studies Institute Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Avenue, P.O. Box 5002, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-5002.

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Lectures: [ ] October 25 [ ] November 15 [ ] December 13  
Classes: [ ] Irish for Beginners I  [ ] Irish for Beginners II ($144/pp)  
Walking Tour: [ ] September 27 ($25/pp)

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