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It is my pleasure to announce that our LAOH Sister, Kathleen Savage of Division #10, Lynn, Massachusetts, will be the recipient of the first Constance Markievicz Award.

Kathleen has been a member of the LAOH since 1982. She has held many offices on the Division and County levels, with appointments on both State and National Boards. She is currently her division and state chairperson for Freedom for All Ireland (FFAI), formerly holding this position on the national level. In 1985, she joined the local chapter of Irish Northern Aid, and began writing Christmas and birthday cards to prisoners, enlisting many of her LAOH sisters to join her. She has made more than 20 trips to Northern Ireland, witnessing firsthand the discrimination of the British Government against Irish families, visiting prisoners in Long Kesh, Crumlin and Maghaberry.

Kathleen has made many friends including Gerry Adams, the late Martin McGuinness, the late Rita O'Hare, Damian McCafferty, Martin Ferris and countless others as a great ambassador for the cause. She has worked tirelessly for the FFAI Christmas Appeal. She recently joined a group of LAOH sisters on a tour of Northern Ireland distributing the FFAI funds collected from the Christmas Appeal.

In addition to her commitment to FFAI, she is a member of Sacred Heart Parish where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Secular Franciscan Order and the Church Fraternity. She has also received the Boston Archdiocese Cheverus Award, which is presented yearly to laypersons, deacons and religious. Recipients are chosen for their services to the Church and God's People.

This award will be presented in Cleveland on November 11 in conjunction with the Interim Board Meeting. Congratulations to Kathleen!

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