



2005 Freedom for all Ireland Appeal

10/15/2005

Brothers,

By now, all division Presidents should have received a letter from Brendan Moore, National Director and FFAI Chairman that outlines the 2005 AOH Christmas Appeal. The FFAI Appeal provides funds for several deserving organizations that facilitate a just peace throughout the six occupied counties of Ireland. Last year's record contribution was distributed to: **An Cuman Cabhrach, Green Cross, Relatives for Justice, Doors of Hope/Conway Mills, Coiste na n-Iarchimi, Tar Anall, The Pat Finucane Legal Advice Centre, An Firrine, The South Armagh Farmers and Residents Association, Cuimhneamh and the Irish Prisoners Children's Holiday Program.**

As in the past, this year's contributions will be distributed by an AOH delegation that is open to all members. This event will commence with a gathering at the Felon's Club in Belfast on 1/27/06 and culminate with the thirty-fourth annual Bloody Sunday commemoration march in Derry on 1/29/06.

All Ohio divisions are encouraged to contribute in some way. We should commend the Youngstown and Dayton divisions for their generous commitments to a minimum of \$1,000.00 each earlier this year. Divisions should be assessing their general fund to determine what they may be able to contribute.

Understandably, some divisions are financially strapped, so all divisions should be encouraging individual contributions through the **TEN CLUB**. Division FFAI Chairmen and/or Presidents should be encouraging members to contribute a minimum of ten dollars to the appeal, with a record kept of all contributions that could be published in the division newsletter. Contributions should be solicited at meetings, by e-mail or by direct mailings if practical. Contributions can also be raised at division events through the end of the year.

NO CONTRIBUTION IS TOO SMALL!

So let's all do what we can to make 2005 another banner year.

Division FFAI Chairmen and/or Presidents should complete the form attached to Brendan Moore's letter and enclose it with the division's contribution. If you do not have the form, make sure that you provide: total amount of contribution, division number, county, state and address. Mail all contributions to:

***Brendan Moore
7 Corky Court
Blue Point, NY 11715***

Individual contributions are welcomed and should be sent to the same address.

All checks are to be made payable to: **FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND APPEAL**

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Michael Coleman
FFAI Chairman