

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF VICTIMS OF THE IRISH HUNGER (1845-1851)

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COMMEMORATION EVENTS 2019 FOR IRISH HUNGER VICTIMS 1845-51

THE DATES FOR THIS YEAR ARE MAY 18 AND 19, 2019. IT IS OUR DUTY TO PROPERLY HONOR our family ancestors who were the innocent victims, MANY OF WHOM ARE BURIED IN UNMARKED GRAVES ALL OVER IRELAND.

PEOPLE OF IRISH HERITAGE WORLDWIDE ARE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE AT MASSES AND OTHER MEMORIAL SERVICES. THIS INTERNATIONAL EVENT RECOGNIZES THE VICTIMS OF THE HUNGER, INCLUDING THOSE WHO REFUSED TO ABANDON THEIR FAITH WHEN OFFERED FOOD AND THOSE WHO FLED IRELAND IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

ALL IRISH ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO PLAN AND EXECUTE ACTIVITIES TO HONOR THEIR FAMILY ANCESTORS IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS. EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND MATERIAL SHOULD BE USED TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT THE CONSCIOUS GOVERNMENT FAILURE AND ITS ROLE IN CAUSING A POTATO BLIGHT TO BECOME A MAN-MADE TRAGEDY. HISTORIANS HAVE PROCLAIMED THE IRISH HUNGER OF 1845-51 AS THE WORST SOCIAL DISASTER IN 19TH CENTURY EUROPEAN HISTORY. FOOD WAS BEING EXPORTED WHILE THE PEOPLE WERE STARVING.

FORM COMMITTEES, CONTACT PUBLIC OFFICIALS, NEWS MEDIA AND OTHER IRISH AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS. THERE ARE EXISTING MONUMENTS, PLAQUES, MEMORIALS, ETC. HONORING THE IRISH HUNGER VICTIMS WHERE CEREMONIES COULD TAKE PLACE. CONSULT WITH CHURCHES FOR MASSES IN THEIR MEMORY, COLLECT FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY AND REMEMBER THE VICTIMS IN THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL.

AFTER WAITING FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS, WE FINALLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THESE VICTIMS. WE SHOULD RESPECT AND HONOR THEIR MEMORY BY HAVING OVERFLOW CROWDS AT ALL THESE MASSES AND CEREMONIES.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE VICTIMS OF THE IRISH HUNGER ANNUAL COMMEMORATION DATES ARE THE THIRD WEEKEND OF MAY (THIS YEAR, MAY 18-19). WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO JOIN US THAT WEEKEND, AND TO SCHEDULE EVENTS OF THEIR OWN THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

IT IS THE LEAST WE CAN DO CONSIDERING THE DEPTHS OF THEIR INHUMAN SUFFERING AND SACRIFICES.

Purpose of the Hunger Commemoration Committee:

1. To encourage all people in the Irish diaspora to honor the victims of the Irish Hunger for their courage and sacrifices under inhuman conditions.
2. To support, educate, organize and assist world wide appropriate Activities in Remembrance of Irish Hunger victims.
3. To support the Irish Government's Commemoration Committee's annual commemoration activities.

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