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Bold Irish American Steps into the New Year

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The week after Christmas continues the time for fund-raising gala balls. One would think that immediately after Christmas, everyone is overspent. However, this is not the case with the people who attend these events. They don't have to worry about budgets. Susan, Theresa and their husbands had accompanied Maeve and Patrick to two such galas before Christmas. Theresa accompanied her husband, John to this one as well and Maeve, Marie, and June, and their husbands Patrick, Desmond, and Brian. In addition, Dierdre and Tom were also part of the Garvey contingent. Also they are also ambulance drivers for the Jesuit Mission Clinic, they wanted to support the Philadelphia Hospital Ambulance Service. Medical services in the ward that the Jesuit Urban Mission was located lagged behind the other wards of the city. That has changed with the presence of a Medical Clinic as well as ambulance services. John's club was a sponsor for the gala, as well as the other Garvey companies and their three law firms. The Ambulance Service financed the parts for rebuilding the Jesuit Mission's ambulance. The mechanical expertise was provided by the vets who worked with Tommy to totally restore the ambulance. Dierdre, because of her Medal of Honor fame and the dramatic rescue made by her and Tommy, always created a buzz wherever she went. She went along with it all in thanksgiving for surviving fifty high-risk combat mission in Afghanistan. She certainly did not look like a combat soldier in the lovely gown that Brigid Garvey helped her pick out. The Garvey table had visitors all night long. Dave and Fr. Jim Keenan, President of the Jesuit Urban Mission attracted their share of visitors, but the beautiful women at the table attracted attention all night long. Theresa, as usual owned the room. She visited tables, joined in conversation groups, always on John's arm. She started doing that to challenge her shyness and promote the Jesuit Urban Mission that she had started with Fr. Jim. After a few months of this she was referred to as the Mother Theresa of North Philadelphia. She was the champion for people in need. She helped food pantries consolidate to provide better service where it was most needed. She had powerful friends in June Guillian Garvey and Maria Costo Dowd and with brainstorming walks, planned the Mission that exists today, It was Patrick Malone's idea, shared with his wife, Maeve, to create the Gala Ball that raised \$4.5 million. The clinic expanded to support high school students as well as grammar school students. Every year forty new volunteers, college graduates, who give the Jesuits a year of service in Philadelphia before beginning their careers. Retired Jesuit priests joined with Father Jim. With their Gala money they opened an urgent care medical center to address the medical needs of the community. A retired and bored insurance executive joined them and established an insurance program that funded the Urgent Care Center and provided affordable insurance for poor families.

Dierdre O'Rourke, a war hero, who is also a genius has been working on urban renewal plans that are capturing the attention of decision makers throughout the city. Dierdre has locked-up votes in congress for funding and even has President Biden's private phone number.

The band music was beautiful. There were people around the Garvey table all evening to extend Christmas and New Year's greetings to Dave, whose firm contributed generously to the various foundations, as well as to Brigid, his wife, who is also well-known to the legal community. The beneficiaries of the event were the locals, people who knew and cared about each other, and Dave was the hero among them. Business leaders wanted

to greet Maeve and Theresa. As the owner and manager of the Coral Gables Country Club, John shook hands with a number of members. Michael and Brian also received the greetings of the many attorneys present.

Later on as Brian and June were dancing, someone who had too much to drink started to get belligerent at Brian for escorting a Black girl to the banquet and flagrantly dancing in front of the crowd. He didn't know that June was Brian's wife, as well as the Executive Director of the Jesuit Urban Mission, a UPenn Ph. D, and the most acknowledged female basketball player in the country as a four-time All-America. She was also noticeably pregnant. As the ruckus increased, Theresa and Dierdre drifted over to the potential source of trouble. When the drunk assailant made a move to push June to attack Brian, Theresa was there to grab the attacker's arm and flip him over like he was a rag doll, he landed on his feet and he fell forward, Dierdre hit him square in the face with the heel of her hand smashing his nose. Police security picked the culprit up, put a towel against his bleeding face, and dragged him outside the ballroom. He was handcuffed there and brought to police headquarters, accompanied by his date, where he was placed in a cell. Brian requested that he not be charged until he spoke with him on his way home from brunch on the next day, Sunday afternoon. Before leaving the banquet, they tested him to determine whether or not he had a concussion from Dierdre's blow. He did but it was determined to be minor, and they took him away.

Dierdre and Theresa gave each other high fives. After they sat down, there was a crowd around the Garvey table, to the amusement of Brian and June.

When Theresa sat down, her husband, John, quipped, "Gee, I can't take you anyplace."

The pregnant Theresa smiled, asked if her hair was still in place, and whispered that she would behave herself in church tomorrow.

The crowd around them was jovial, some concerned, everyone grateful that neither woman was hurt. Tommy kissed Dierdre's hand and whispered, "yet another rescue." The rest of the evening passed without incident, The Garvey's seemed to ignore the incident. Theresa and Dierdre spent time on the dance floor with their husbands and had a wonderful time. John Garvey was curious that the assailant didn't seem to know Brian, who is one of the most visible attorneys in the entire state and acknowledged to be one of the best among the highly ranked gallery of criminal lawyers. He certainly did not know June. As an author and woman of achievement, she is well known as the brilliant Executive Director of the Jesuit Urban Mission. As a highly ranked athlete she could make more money just signing autographs than even most attorneys. Her book is a best seller. Her status as a bi-racial woman was simply accepted. That she was a beautiful woman was always noticed.

On The way home, Theresa asked if John was alright. John indicated that he was. We'll leave it in Brian's hands. He seems to have a plan. The guy's name is Olevya "Ollie" Nedzevieve. I'm surprised that he may have been the only one in the room who didn't personally know the Garvey's.

With a quick checkup, John found out that he wasn't simply a hard-drinking Russian. He was a guest at Fontinelli's table. There was no evidence of a law license from anyplace. He seems to be a political operative with connections in the State Department. There was no indication he was even a citizen. He lived at a hotel on the North side of the city. John quickly called his FBI contact, told him the story, gave him the names of the guests at the Fontinelli table, now reasonably suspicious of being associated with underworld activities. John then called his brother, Brian, and filled him in on the back story. They would discuss it further after brunch.

When John returned to their bedroom, Theresa, jabbed him gently in the ribs. Theresa was alarmed that she had done the wrong thing. "Quite the contrary," remarked John. "You may have exploded wide open an

underworld issue we have been exploring at Garvey legal. We also expect that a number of policemen are also involved. I turned it over to the FBI. The further we are away from it, the better.”

A few days later, the last ball of the 2120 season took place at the Coral Gables Country Club. Dave and Brigid did not attend, nor did Maeve and Patrick, who served as baby sitters for Susan and Brian. The babies hadn't seen each other in almost a week and were very excited. Dave was a sponsor as were John and Maeve, both sponsors of the event for the benefit of the various food services for the poor throughout the city. It worked because of sponsors like Dave and Maeve. John also donated the use of his club. This was a beefsteak dinner that John had arranged at the lowest possible price. Grace O'Malley and her husband Charlie Colombo were also present. Grace had chaired the auction and was going to run it herself. Several gifts had been donated and there were enough donations of gifts to guarantee a successful auction. There was absolutely no trouble although Theresa and Dierdre had a careful watch on the crowd. It was the least expensive, least funded gala of the Christmas season and Theresa voted it the most fun of all of them. Grace estimated that they earned about \$75,000 in profits and that was their goal. It would contribute to funding all the food pantries throughout the city.

The FBI Chief called John the following Monday to thank him for the leads. It turned out that the Russian who worked in the State Department was indeed a spy who had underworld connections throughout the country. That put a spotlight on Fontinelli who would be questioned later in the afternoon with his attorney present.

Later in the week, Dierdre and Brigid went out shopping for post-Christmas bargains. Dierdre is not great shopper, but she enjoys being out with Brigid.

A car pulled up ahead of them on the street and two men jumped out in the attempt to kidnap them. Dierdre had been under constant surveillance by her own team, and they were all over them but not before Dierdre subdued both the assailants. She slammed the head of one of them into the post of the car door rendering him unconscious. She swiftly pivoted and delivered what might have been her best kick since she left the soccer field, delivering it straight into the assailant's groin. Seeing what happened, the driver started to pull away but one of the surveillance operatives pulled in front causing a disabling collision. The three were handcuffed by Dierdre and she gave them away when the police arrived. Brigid snapped photos with her telephone. “You just never know who the real police are these days.” Dierdre suggested that they be arrested for attempted kidnapping. The officer insisted that they follow him to the police station to press the charges. Dierdre recognized the desk officer as someone from Fontinelli's table. It was a bit awkward. Though they tried to cover it up, Dierdre recorded in her mind how she knew that the officer and the assailants knew each other. An FBI agent was also near the desk and recorded the arrest process. The three were placed in separate cells.

Dave was outraged that Brigid was involved in the kidnapping attempt. Kidnapped victims were usually found floating in Delaware Bay about a week after they were missing.

John was also outraged and asked if this could be wrapped up as soon as possible. The point was well taken until the lead agent explained the possibilities involved in keeping it open.

The culprits were arraigned with no bail since they were considered flight risks.

Fontinelli didn't know what to do. When his shift was over, he drove to the Mafia headquarters out in Hershey, PA. The FBI followed in a civilian car at a safe distance for surveillance. The Hershey police had been alerted to be on call for a major bust. He drove to a large home on the edge of town. As a resort area, Hershey

was a suitable place for a sting operation. FBI agents had been called in from the two local counties. The agents in the Cayman Islands had been alerted to prepare for arrests.

Everything occurred at once when the order was given. While there were attempts at running away from the house, everyone was rounded up.

John and Dierdre had committed to saying nothing about their involvement. Dierdre and Brigid were asked to drop the charges in favor of conspiracy charges. They said they would wait until they had the advice of their attorney's. The office attorneys agreed pending a suitable charge and adjudication for the greater crime.

The whole caper was officially over. Sal's girlfriend was held on human trafficking charges as well as prostitution. Eight police officers were arrested, including Fontinelli, who was included in the conspiracy charge

Dierdre and John innocently did not rejoice in public. Dierdre carried the mantle of a wounded victim as did Brigid. Dave arranged for Sal's forfeited pension to be transferred to his wife. A deserving in-house attorney was appointed to Sal's Department Director position. John and Dierdre just kept their silence.

During the autumn and winter months a new romance started to blossom. Joe O'Malley who had moved to Philadelphia several months before became interested in Marguerite Ryan Boyd, Susan Garvey's mother and the Banquet Manager of the Coral Gables Country Club. They met quietly after Mass on Sundays. They joined the group for brunch but blended in with Dave and Brigid and no one seemed to suspect that they were becoming a couple. Joe was a widower and Peg recently received an annulment from her first marriage. Her former husband was still in jail. After a careful examination, the Church Tribunal declared that the marriage was invalid from its beginnings. They danced at the weddings. They had spoken with Fr. Fred because they wanted to set up a pre-Cana program like that of their children. Both are older, Peg is a grandparent. She is a working woman who loves her job that earns her a good salary. Joe is a billionaire, and they have to work out all the details that generates. They have known each other for about six months, and they will have a lot of work to uncover each other's attitudes toward life in general.

Fr. Fred approved and encouraged their plan with the warning that with the many issues, they may not be able to discern everything, but the technique used can be used for the rest of their lives and, of course, he is very willing to help.

Ever so grateful, they set out to plan to discuss the issues that were at the top of their mind, for starters. They then launched the ship of new life for both. Joe was concerned that his wealth would get in the way of their obvious love for each other. On the other hand, Peg loved Joe for who he is and not for what he has. Joe thought his wealth would make him more attractive. He had no idea it would be so scary. In her marriage, Peg's former husband controlled the money. He was not a big fan of Christmas. Peg's husband was not religious, so the family was not religious. He never gave her a gift of any kind, just enough money to run the household. In business with the restaurant chain and now with the country club responsibilities, she had proved to be clever and John, her friend and club owner, acknowledged that and rewarded it with suitable bonuses. She tried to be as generous as John but always ran anything extraordinary by him first with solid reasons for or against a proposal.

Peg's husband was a big spender at the pub and known as a "suave man about town." Few knew his wife, but everyone knew his mistress. In spite of his recognition as a smooth spender, most knew him to be a phony. It

all exploded in his face when he severely beat Peg in his daughter's apartment. He was arrested, adjudicated, and sentenced to seven years in a mental rehab hospital.

Fr. Fred suggested that Peg apply for an annulment knowing that she had a strong case before she became friendly with Joe. Joe did not have anything to do with the annulment process. In fact, he didn't know anything about it. That should by-pass any scurrilous remarks that his money bought it. The whole process cost \$80.00 basically for supplies and secretarial services. The priest lawyers are paid their regular salary as clergymen by the Archdiocese. The previous Archbishop kept the process slowed, even stalled at times. The new regime appropriately speeded the process.

After their meeting with Fr. Fred, they went out to their friendly Philadelphia Cheese Steak Sandwich house for a dinner snack. They started going there at her daughter Susan's suggestion. Peg loved baby-sitting for Michael David who was still in wonderment of the Christmas tree and presents in abundance. At seven months he could pull himself upright and walk holding on to things. He was a fun baby to play with. He was with his cousin Brigid Theresa each day and they had a wonderful time playing together.

"Well, what did you think of our meeting, Peg."

"I think we are on the right track. When we marry, I want all our surprises to be pleasant. You have noticed, I'm sure, that I have issues from my marriage."

I can appreciate that," responded, Joe.

"I appreciate that because my wife and I weren't really companionable. When Grace was born, she had my wife's complete attention. I was pushed into the background. I didn't like it and I didn't want to make it an issue. I did whatever she wanted. She did engineer a track to the real wealth of suburban Pittsburg for me. I don't see myself being shy and incapable of relationships. However, she arranged socials that brought these people into our home and the contacts I made kept multiplying and these people were generating real wealth. Of course, I was too. I had no idea that I was becoming a billionaire. I left all the accounting to the accountants and signed whatever they put in front of me. I've since become a lot more careful. I've made good contacts. I was very careful about keeping company work and personal work separate. That is why it took me so long to retire. I had investigators ratifying everything. My company was very good to me, and I trained a number of successors so they should continue to prosper long into the future.

"My wife insisted that I buy the castle. All those socials were held there. I hated the idea of having to dress formally to host these people. Of course, it made an impression on potential clients. It also boosted her standing in the social life of suburban Pittsburg. She was friendly with the Cardinal and did her share of church-related work, mostly by generous donations.

Charlie and Grace are doing well. I gave Grace about \$40 million because that is what I owed her as an absent father. A good part of that was an inheritance from my wife's estate. There is a lot more that I put aside into an investment account for her, and I continue to manage it. She didn't want it. I reminded her that she was very smart and shrewd. I am very impressed with the way she manages money. \$50 thousand in lieu of wedding gifts went to Fr. Paul's food pantry. She and Charlie both have high salaried jobs and neither one wants to give up working. She wants to contribute to society as a philanthropist. I manage her accounts, so she'll never be broke or do anything foolish. She loves working with the Jesuit Urban Mission and is bankrolling Dierdre's proposals to rebuild the city. It is a great plan and I'm behind it as well. From what I can see, Theresa did an amazing job without any money. June is doing extraordinary work with the clinic and the insurance brokerage element. The Knights of Columbus did well with something like that."

“John is also interested in that. I understand that he kept the mission afloat when they had nothing and no one who had a need ever wanted for help. Even Theresa has no idea where the help came from. I understand that Fr. Jim contacted John Garvey and every wish list was somehow fulfilled with no questions asked,” said Peg. Susan, her daughter told her about that. Susan just figured that was John’s way and never questioned it. She knew John to be as honest as the day is long.

“I understand that John might be the best attorney in Philadelphia. Why doesn’t he practice law,” asked Joe?

“I understand from Susan that John has a real love for the law. He just engineered the whole plot to take down the Mafia in Philadelphia, for instance. Dierdre worked with him, and they thoroughly enjoyed working together. Even though they declared themselves uninvolved for their own safety and the good of his dad’s firm, behind the scenes they saved the FBI a year’s worth of investigation. I don’t know how, but Dierdre is a genius as well.”

“I’m very impressed with Dierdre’s plans to rebuild the city. She knows that there is much to be adjusted and pitfalls to be avoided. I can help her protect her financing from the corruption of graft,” said, Joe.

“By the way, John loves running the club. He wants to have the best club in the area and works hard at it. He is connected with all the club managers, and they work together to make their product as good as it can be. He is also has a seat with his Father’s Board of Directors. He has them all terrified. Dave is apparently going to retire as President and will have an office and the title of Chairman of the company. Of course, he still owns it. The Board will continue to monitor operations with John as part of it. He doesn’t want to be the leader. He wants to demonstrate to the Board how they can work together for the good of the firm. It seems to be working. He still takes select assignments for his dad without anyone else’s knowledge. Brian and Michael are going to run the firm as co-presidents with specific job descriptions and blend their firms into Garvey Legal.”

“How do you like your cheesesteak sandwich,” asked Peg?

“I love the sandwich, but I really love the girl sitting across from me.” replied Joe.

Awe shucks, Joe! That’s my line but to be gender specific, I love being with you.

The following day Dierdre was meeting with the City Planners. The FBI determined that it was better to keep the surveillance. A guard was placed at City Hall to monitor Dierdre’s arrival. The stealth car lingered behind her car. No one would have guessed that there were security personnel. They dressed in casual clothes, even the clothing of a working contractor who routinely would be doing business with the planners.

The meeting went well. Plans were laid out for flood control, replacement of the lead piping transporting water into the homes, and better access to transportation. The schools would be upgraded, properly ventilated and all the bathrooms updated and replaced as well as all lead piping that carried water.. Applications for funding were laid out and sent to congress. David Garvey’s and Dierdre’s contacts were alerted. It would take several months for the money to be awarded. Meanwhile, money could be expended from the City Treasury. Meanwhile, Dierdre had access to several large banks of private funding, including hers.

The following day, She met Dave for lunch in the cafeteria. Obviously, he was concerned about Brigid’s safety when she was out shopping. Dierdre was her frequent companion. Dierdre filled in for Dave with the opposite of his story, “Neither Brigid nor she was in any danger. Her staff has eyes on her every minute. They are super

concerned about taking care of the boss's wife. Two bad guys are hospitalized. The only casualty is a company car that has to be repaired. Brigid loves this stuff."

"That is what I am afraid of," said Dave.

"Dave, we brought down the entire Mafia enterprise in Philadelphia. You will get a report from the FBI. John, me, and the entire firm is uninvolved. Actually, between you and me, John and I quarterbacked the entire operation. The police are on notice. Every officer is being retrained. However, the uninvolved officers performed beautifully. The takedown in Hershey was done with military precision without a shot being fired. Dave, we have a great story to be proud of. Only, you, John, and me know about it and the story will likely never be told.

"The car was really hit hard on the side. Is everyone alright?"

"Yes the kidnapper's driver tried to get away and peeled out of his parking space only to collide with our car when the driver pinned him in. Neither driver was injured although the Mafia creep wasn't wearing a seat belt. He didn't have time to be surprised. Randy was right in front of him immediately. Everyone makes mistakes but we didn't make any. We train for that. The men and women of our department performed well. A woman went undercover to work in a porn telephone operation. The other played the role of a reporter to try to track down Sal's brothers. We didn't find them. The surveillance team is with me 24 X 7. They pick me up for work and drop me off at night. If I go out at night, they are there. They monitor the ambulance calls as well. Brigid is perfectly safe with me. She enjoys shopping and I enjoy having a surrogate mother. I don't buy much. Tommy and are living very nicely within our income. I think Brigid's recreation is talking with the shop owners. She knows all of them personally. It is fun being with her."

"OK, just be sure that you are covered when you are with her."

"No problem, boss. I am covered all the time. For some reason, the bad guys don't like me."

"That is only because you are so good and so valuable to our firm. If Brigid is considered your surrogate mother, consider me as your surrogate father."

"Now tell me about the activity in the fourth ward."

"They have known for quite a while about the needs there. They just didn't know how to get started. We provided the incentive and guidance. I would like to see the contractors vetted. "

We're already on that, Boss. I handle that myself and then run it by John. John knows everyone and everything about them. We compare notes and then make recommendations with the reasons for our choice."

"I'm speaking with the President tonight. I'll tell him the work is started."

"The wealthy kings in the second ward are already starting to squawk. We haven't taken anything away from them and we'll be working on some plans for them. They will just have to wait their turn. I think they are patronizing fat cat contractors who are heavy political donors. We'll try to work something out for them, but they'll have to wait their turn. They already have regular projects working from their own initiative. We are going to have to teach them the benefits of working together. One plan is an assessment of the water in very ward. We may have more lead problems that we had planned on."

That sound great. Keep me informed."

"Count on it, boss."

“Don’t call me boss or sir. I’m Dave to you. When we’re in a group, I’m Mr. Garvey.”

“Well thank you, boss. I’ll do that,” she teasingly said.

Fr. Fred Milos sat in the comfortable recliner chair in his rectory rooms to hopefully, pray a bit before bedtime. Both he and his associate, Fr. Jim Reilly, had a long day. His predecessor, Fr. Paul Moran, had opened the previously closed doors of the parish and brought it to life. Fr. Fred and his associate have tripled the activity of the parish. Fr. Fred spent three satisfying hours monitoring Joe O’Malley’s and Peg Boyd’s pre-Cana session. They had dutifully prepared a list of topics they felt they needed to discuss. The topics they chose independently were remarkably similar. They spent the three hours explaining to each other why they chose the topics. It was a very stimulating conversation and that they forced the exhausted Fr. Fred to stay awake.

Before he sat down to pray, he set his alarm clock as well as his telephone for a 7:00 AM rising.

His prayer was one of thanksgiving for the marvelous Christian awakening of his parish and the many friends he made. It was about five years ago that John Garvey appeared in his driveway before 7:00 AM to plow out almost two feet of snow. He knew John was friendly with his predecessor, Fr. Paul Moran. John was now married to Theresa Malone, whom he knew to be a close friend of Fr. Paul, a very close friend of Fr. Paul. Their individual spiritual directors guided them to graciously end their relationship. Fr. Paul went back to Notre Dame where he was now the Director of Christian Formation for the students. Paul had saved his priesthood and Theresa, who had never given up her intense practice of faith, had moved on working intensely as the founding Director of the Jesuit Urban Mission.

Fr. Fred loved Theresa as well but would never interfere in her life. She had married John Garvey and was currently expecting her first child.

John and Theresa were part of a never organized group of friends and relatives assembled by Maeve Garvey about fifteen years ago. After Sunday Mass, she would meet with her closest friend, Theresa, June Gilliam and Maria Costo. June was Maeve’s college roommate, a bi-racial Black woman who starred in the classroom, graduating as the Valedictorian, and on the basketball court leading her team to four undefeated years and for herself, All America honors in each of her four years. She was a high school teacher when he first met her. She now has her Ph. D. from U. Penn and is the Director of the Jesuit Urban Mission.

Maria Costo had been a fleeing immigrant from Cuba. As a twelve year old, she and her father rowed their stolen dory 100 miles to Miami Beach. Castro was planning to assassinate her father. He met her when she was studying for her Ph.D. She still teaches high school but at St. Joseph’s University as well.

Maeve Garvey is the catalyst for the group now numbering over twenty-five who gather for brunch after Mass each week. Maeve refers to that as the extension of the Eucharist. Maeve is an attorney who was the scourge of the rent gougers in the apartments around the Jesuit Urban Center. Maeve and June worked together terrorizing them in the courts to the extent that the landlords haven’t initiated a suit in years. She is also a Psychotherapist and the founding owner of Garvey Associates, a corporate relations consulting firm with a nationwide clientele.

There are so many others, Dave and Brigid Garvey, founders of the largest law firm in Philadelphia. Dierdre O’Rourke and Tom Farrell now married. Dierdre is a genius, one of the leading computer consultants

contracted to the military. She is Medal of Honor awardee for her heroics on the battlefield, including saving the man who would become her husband.

The Garvey sons Michael and Brian, Michel married to Susan Boyd and Brian married to June Guilliam. All four score above the genius level on the IQ scale.

Their brother John, owns and manages Coral Gables Country Club and is generally recognized as the most brilliant of attorneys. His father is his inly client. With Dierdre, he is a leading computer consultant as well.

Charley Colombo and Grace O'Malley are new to he group and to the parish. Grace is her father single heir. Joe, her father, is one of the top five wealthiest men in America, all from investing. Now Joe want's his money to do something constructive and is excited about underwriting Dierdre's plans for the renewal of the city.

The have beauty and strength. They are not only educated but among them are the top scholars in the country in their respective fields. They have faith. They really accept the Gospel and Jesus as their Lord. They are pious, they are generous. They are connected. Dave Garvey talks with his friend, the President of the U.S. almost every week. Dierdre has his private phone number. Dave and his daughter Maeve seem to know almost everyone in Philadelphia. That includes millions of people.

They teach me something about being a Christian every day without even knowing it thought Fr. Fred. They preach simply by presence. As St. Francis suggests, they sometimes even use words.

On This Day in Irish History - January

- 1st** **1801** - Legislative Union of the Ireland and Great Britain in the United Kingdom.
1926 - Irish Free State broadcasting service 2RN is opened.
1957 - Two IRA men are killed in an attack on an RUC base in Brookeborough.
1973 - Ireland joins the EEC along with Denmark and Britain.
1974 - First day in office for the Northern Ireland Executive.
1990 - The Northern Ireland Fair Employment Act becomes law.
- 2nd** **1922** - Anti-Treaty Republicans publish the newspaper *Poblacht na hÉireann*.
1941 - Three Carlow women are killed in a bombing raid.
- 3rd** **1935** - Anglo-Irish Coal-Cattle pact signed.
- 4th** **1906** - Irish Parliamentary Party MP William O'Brien calls on nationalists to extract maximum concessions for Ireland from each British government.
1969 - Loyalists attack civil rights demonstrators in Derry.
- 5th** **1907** - Ireland's first motor show opens in Dublin.
1911 - Protestant church leaders condemn the Catholic *ne Temere* decree.
1922 - De Valera offers to resign after the terms of the Anglo-Irish Treaty are published.
- 6th** **1955** - National Farmers' Association is formed.
1961 - Seán Mac Eoin leaves Ireland to serve as General Commanding Officer of the United Nations.
1991 - Irish EC Presidency launched.
- 7th** **1922** - The Dáil Éireann votes narrowly to accept the Anglo-Irish Treaty.
- 8th** **1902** - The Great National Convention takes place in Dublin.
1952 - Peig Sayers travels to Dublin for the first time at age 81.
1968 - Northern Ireland PM Terence O'Neill and Taoiseach Jack Lynch meet in Dublin.
1979 - Betelgeuse tanker disaster.
- 9th** **1967** - Demonstrations by the National Farmers' Association block the roads.
- 10th** **1922** - Arthur Griffith is elected President of the Provisional Government. De Valera and supporters walk out of the Dáil Éireann.
1952 - An Aer Lingus plane crashes in Wales with the loss of twenty lives.
1970 - Huge anti-Apartheid demonstrations in Ireland as Ireland plays South Africa at rugby.
- 11th** **1954** - The Irish Council of the European Union is formed in Dublin.
1970 - Sinn Féin splits into Official and Provisional wings.
1988 - John Hume and Gerry Adams meet in Belfast.
- 13th** **1847** - Irish Confederation established.
1923 - The residence of President W.T. Cosgrave is set on fire.

- 14th 1965** - The Taoiseach Seán Lemass arrives in Belfast for a historic meeting with its Prime Minister Terence O'Neill.
- 16th 1881** - Lowest temperature ever recorded in Ireland (-19.1C, at Markree, County Sligo).
1900 - Three lion cubs raised by an Irish red setter go on show at Dublin zoo.
1960 - A 103-year old shipping service between Cork and Glasgow comes to an end.
- 17th 1914** - Sir Edward Carson inspects a parade of the East Belfast Regiment of the UVF.
- 18th 1953** - Sinn Féin decides to contest all twelve constituencies in Northern Ireland.
1978 - Britain is found guilty in the European Court of Human Rights of inhuman and degrading treatment of internees in Northern Ireland.
- 20th 1992** - Peter Brooke offers to resign as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland after singing on *The Late Late Show* only hours after an IRA bombing.
- 21st 1919** - First meeting of the Dáil Éireann at the Mansion House in Dublin, where an independent Irish Republic is declared. The Anglo-Irish War begins with the shooting of two policemen in Tipperary.
1946 - Work starts on a comprehensive English-Irish dictionary.
- 22nd 1923** - Irish becomes a subject for examination in the Civil Service.
1972 - Jack Lynch and Patrick Hillery sign the Treaty of Accession to the European Communities.
- 24th 1957** - Sir Alfred Chester Beatty becomes the first honorary Irish citizen.
- 26th 1907** - The performance of *The Playboy of the Western World* in Dublin triggers a week of rioting.
1944 - W. T. Cosgrave resigns as leader of Fine Gael.
1996 - 'The Mitchell principles' are proposed as conditions for talks in Northern Ireland.
- 27th 1995** - First formal discussions between the Taoiseach John Bruton and Gerry Adams.
- 29th 1887** - Pro-Unionist newspaper *The Union* founded in Dublin.
1932 - Ten years of Cumann na nGaedhael rule come to an end.
- 30th 1913** - House of Lords rejects the Home Rule Bill.
1972 - Bloody Sunday - 13 demonstrators killed by British paratroopers in Northern Ireland.
1992 - Charles Haughey resigns as Taoiseach and leader of Fianna Fáil.
- 31st 1984** - Teenager Ann Lovett dies after giving birth in a religious grotto.