

Message from Fr Myles

Dear Friends

During the troubled years from 1969-1995, education in the section of North Belfast which is Ligoniel, Ardoyne and Oldpark, the main focus for the work of the Flax Trust, suffered a major reverse. The impact of inter-community strife on children in these districts is still being felt. Schools have become run-down, parents and children are demoralized, school attendance is down and student ambition has not yet recovered. A new initiative in education is critically needed if the slide to an anti-social, drug and crime tolerant society is to be avoided.

The Flax Trust proposes an education initiative which includes three new primary schools and a new campus which includes nursery and parent facilities, a primary school for 700 and a high school for over 1000 with 'Step up' programs to University and 3rd level Institutions. These schools will be state-of-the-art with the latest technologies. They will be all-ability co-educational Catholic schools available to all of the community irrespective of class or creed.

In the present world of depressed budgets Government is unwilling to commit to such an ambitious initiative.

The Flax Trust is developing a new Community Finance Initiative which will capitalize the program and will cost between \$30/40m. We will need all your help to make this happen.



Architect's Impressions

- 1. Primary School A
- 2. Primary School B
- 3. Primary School C
- 4. & 5. High School

**Fr Myles Kavanagh CP
Chairman
Flax Trust/Belfast**

Our Children, Our Community, Our Future

FLAX TRUST



Mission

The Flax Trust as a registered charity, formed in Belfast in 1977, has as its Mission the reduction and, if possible, the elimination of community tensions and religious prejudices by creative engagement in economic and social development, education and training with inter-community activities including culture, the Arts, sport, health, social programmes, personal development and dedicated communication projects

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Welcome to the Twenty First Annual

FLAX TRUST WASHINGTON DC EVENT

GUESTS OF HONOR

Hon Kristen Gillibrand (D)
United States Senator for New York

Hon Christopher H. Smith (R)
United States Congressman for New Jersey 4th District

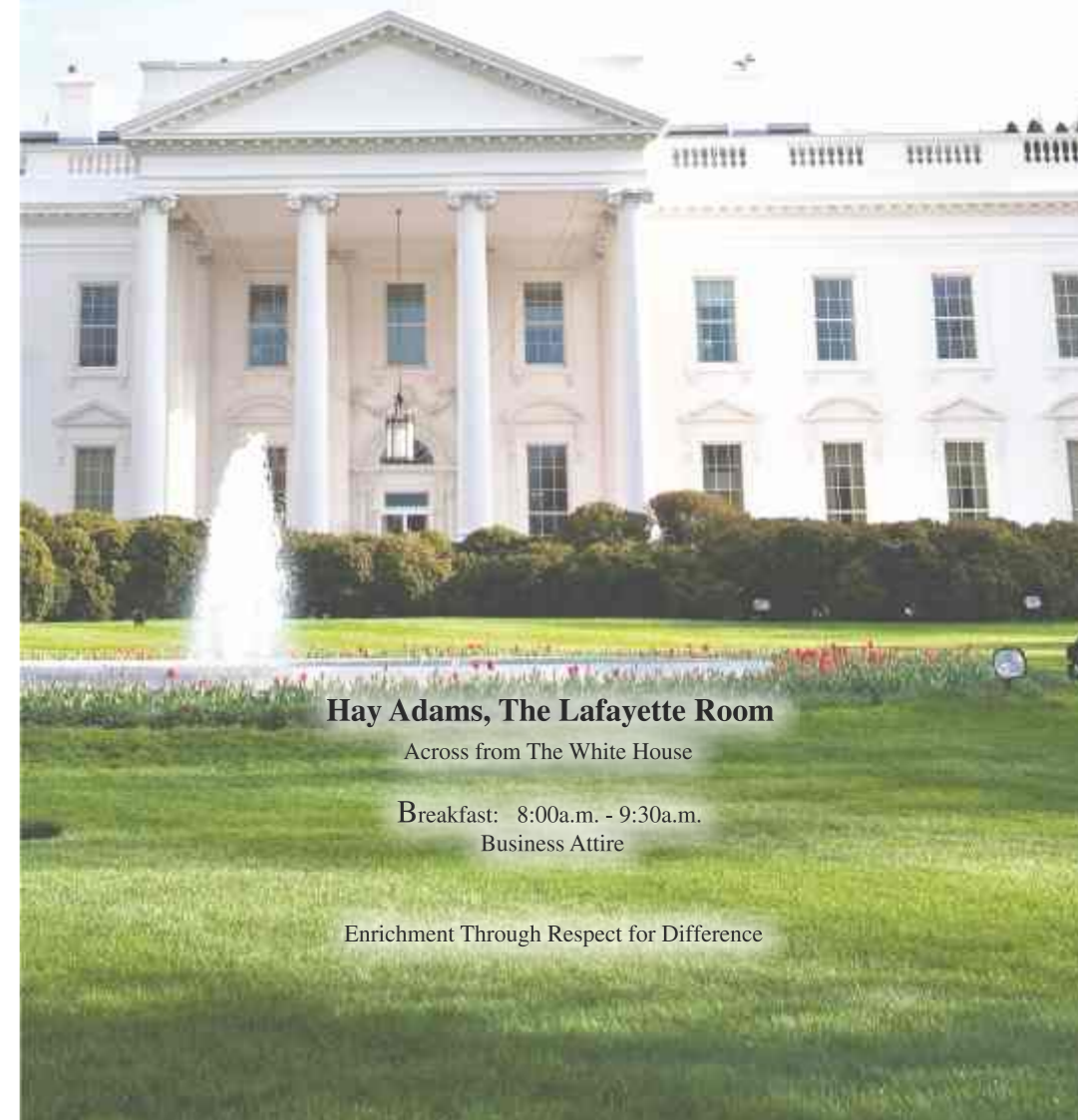
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Thursday, November 17th, 2011



Hay Adams, The Lafayette Room

Across from The White House

Breakfast: 8:00a.m. - 9:30a.m.
Business Attire

Enrichment Through Respect for Difference

SENATOR KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

Kirsten E. Gillibrand was sworn in as United States Senator for New York January 2009, filling the seat of the current Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton. In November 2010, Gillibrand won with 63 percent of the vote. Formerly she served in the U.S. House of Representatives, for New York's 20th Congressional District, and was the first Member of Congress to post her official public schedule, personal financial disclosure, and federal earmark requests online. The New York Times called her commitment to transparency a "quiet touch of revolution" in Washington.



Gillibrand has helped to lead the fight to repeal "Don't Ask Don't Tell," providing health care and compensation to the 9/11 first responders and community survivors who are ill. She has worked to bring Democrats and Republicans together to win both legislative victories.

Gillibrand has worked to make quality child care and higher education more affordable, providing property tax relief and keeping our neighborhoods safe. Her legislative agenda aims to help middle class and working families, make quality autism treatment more affordable, improve asthma treatment for children, and ensure that drinking water and baby products are safe for consumers.

Senator Gillibrand's priority is to rebuild the American economy, by creating good-paying jobs, helping small businesses get loans, and partnering with the private sector to foster innovation and entrepreneurship. Through the Environment and Public Works Committee, she has worked to increase investment in infrastructure. Gillibrand is the first New York Senator to sit on the Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years; serves on the Senate Armed Services and on the Ageing Committee. Senator Gillibrand is also working to lower property taxes.

After attending Albany's Academy of Holy Names, Senator Gillibrand graduated in 1984 from Emma Willard School in Troy, New York. A magna cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College 1988, she received her law degree from UCLA School of Law 1991 and served as a law clerk on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

After working as an attorney in New York City, Senator Gillibrand served as Special Counsel to United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Andrew Cuomo during the Clinton Administration. She worked as an attorney in Upstate New York before becoming a member of Congress.

Born and raised in Upstate New York, Senator Gillibrand now lives in Brunswick, New York, with her husband, Jonathan Gillibrand, and their two young sons, Theodore and Henry.

CONGRESSMAN CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Elected in 1980, Chris Smith (R-Robbinsville, NJ) is currently in his 16th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Smith, currently serves as a senior member on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and is chairman of its Africa, Global Health and Human Rights Subcommittee. He is also chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), and serves on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. He also serves as "Special Representative" on Human Trafficking for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, and as an executive member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. Previously, he served as Chairman of the Veterans Committee, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Human Rights, International Operations and the Subcommittee on Africa.



Smith has long chaired a number of bipartisan congressional caucuses (working groups) including the Pro life Caucus (29 years), Autism (13 years), Alzheimer's (11 years), Lyme Disease (seven years), Spina Bifida (seven years), Human Trafficking (seven years), Refugees (seven years), Combating Anti-Semitism and serving on caucuses on Bosnia, Uganda and Vietnam.

According to the independent watchdog organization Govtrack, as of June 2011 Smith ranks third among all 435 Members of the House over the last two decades in the number of laws authored, and eighth among all Members of the U.S. Senate and House.

He is the author of America's three landmark anti-human trafficking laws including The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, a comprehensive law designed to prevent modern-day slavery, protect victims, and enhance civil and criminal penalties against traffickers, as well as more than a dozen veterans health, education and homeless benefits laws, and laws to boost embassy security, promote democracy, religious freedom, and health care.

Smith is the author of the \$265 million Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005 which established a nationwide program for ethical research and treatment using umbilical cord blood and bone marrow cells. That landmark law was reauthorized in September 2010 for another five years.

SNAPSHOT

2010 Washington DC Event at the Hay Adams



John P. Cosgrove, Former President of the National Press Club, Director Flax Trust/America receives the Flax Trust Award from Sr Mary Turley

Jim Boland, President Boland, Chairman Flax Trust/America welcomes guests, musicians, and introduces Honoree John P. Cosgrove

22nd Flax Trust New York Event, October 2012, The '21 Club'

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Mike McCurry, President Public Strategies Washington, Director Flax Trust/America introduces Hon. Richard Neal (D)

Hon. James Walsh, K & L Gates LLP, Director Flax Trust/America introduces Hon. Tom Murphy, 18th District of Pennsylvania and Hon. Richard Neal 2nd District of Massachusetts receive the Flax Trust Award from Sr Mary Turley

Flax Trust Super Bowl Banquet, February 2012, Europa Hotel, Belfast
Flax Trust Classics Belfast, 19th April 2012