



62nd Annual Parade

March 17th, 2013

A blusterly day set the tone for the parade. The sun shone, the air was crisp. Despite a chilly wind, a multitude of young and old viewers wrapped in warm clothes and blankets, lined the streets and the crowds remained throughout the day. All marchers stepped lively and the parade moved down the street quickly.

The parade Grand Marshal, Brian Corridan, accompanied by his wife Paula and their family, guided the line of march.

Our Grand Colleen, Brianna Grish and her court sat atop the castle float, waving at the cheering on lookers.

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Award Winner, Doris Kearns Goodwin, signed autographs as she walked the parade route.

Our Ambassador Award Winner, Christine Kinealy, enjoyed greeting the throngs of people along the way.

Holyoke's Award Winners, namely, Citizenship recipient Douglas Bowen, C.E.O. of Peoples Bank, Rohan Award recipient, Barbara Laflamme. O'Connell Award recipient Jim Leahy, and the Gallivan Award recipient, Mary Jane Mathers, all proudly marched with friends and family.

Regional Committees sporting their green, enthusiastically walked with their Marshals, Colleens, Floats, and High Schools Bands. It truly is a time when all the Irish come to gether their Heritage, Family, Faith, and the glory of St. Patrick.

How lucky we were this year to march the streets of Holyoke on the feast day of St. Patrick, March 17th. This gave special meaning to the festivities.

The weekend was a great success, due to the hard work of the St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke. Few people know how much time, preperation, and dedication it takes to put a parade of this magnitude down the street.

On behalf of my wife Pat, my family and myself, we thank all of you for a wonderful year of memories.



2013 Parade President
Richard J. Dupuis



2013 Grand Marshal
Brian Q. Corridan



2013 Rohan Award
Barbara LaFlamme



2013 O'Connell Award
James Leahy



2013 Gallivan Award
Mary Jane Mathers



2013 John F. Kennedy Award
Doris Kearns Goodwin



2013 Ambassador's Award
Professor Christine Kinealy



2013 Citizenship Award
Douglas A. Bowen



2013 Grand Colleen
Brianna M. Gresh