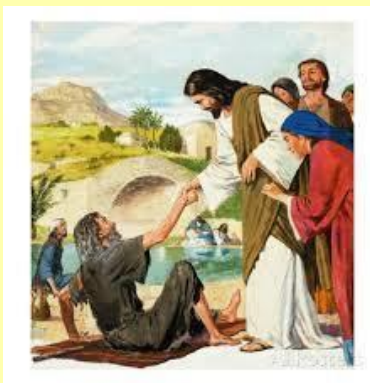
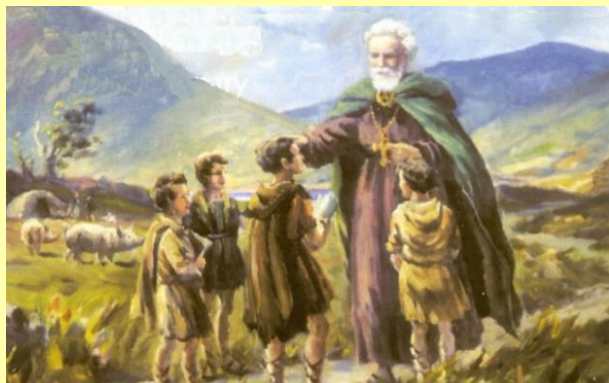
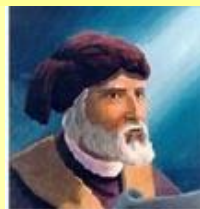


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PART TWO: FOR TEENAGERS SAINT PATRICK'S WRITINGS








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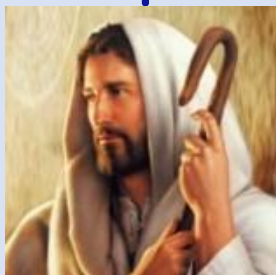
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Saint Patrick's Breastplate



Christ be with me,
 Christ be beside me,
 Christ be before me,
 Christ be behind me,
 Christ be at my right hand,
 Christ be at my left hand,
 Christ be with me
 everywhere I go,
 Christ be my friend for
 ever and ever. Amen.

See: <http://www.dublindiocese.ie/liturgical-resources/in-english/st-patricks-breastplate/>

St. Patrick's Breastplate (longer version)

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ within me,
 Christ below me, Christ above me,
 Christ on my right hand,
 Christ on my left hand,
 Christ in my sleeping,
 Christ in my waking,
 Christ in the heart of all
 who think of me,
 Christ in the mouth of all
 who speak to me,
 Christ in every eye that
 looks at me,
 Christ in every ear that
 listens to me.

THE DEER'S CRY

Saint Patrick's Breastplate



I arise today,
through the strength of heaven
Light of sun, radiance of moon
Splendour of fire, speed of lightning
Swiftness of wind, depth of the sea
Stability of earth, firmness of rock
I arise today through God's
strength to pilot me
God's eye to look before me
God's wisdom to guide me
God's way to lie before me
God's shield to protect me
From all who shall wish me ill
Afar and a-near, alone and in a multitude
Against every cruel, merciless power,
That may oppose my body and soul.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ to shield me,
Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me.

I arise today.

Listen to this hymn sung:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGHWiAGpIPO>

Lyrics: <http://www.celticlyricscorner.net/kelly/deers.htm>

Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig

Dóchas linn Naomh Pádraig,
Aspal mór na hÉireann,
Ainm oirdhearc gléigeal,
Solas mór an tsaoil é.

'Sé do chloígh na draoithe,
Croíthe dúrtha gan aon
mhaith,

D'ísligh dream an díomais
Trí neart Dé ár dtréanfhlaithe.

Sléibhte, gleannta, maigthe
'S bailte mór' na hÉireann,
Ghlan sé iad go deo dúinn,
Míle glóir dár naomh dhil.
Iarraimid ort, a Phádraig,
Guigh orainne Gaela,
Dia linn lá 'gus oíche
'S Pádraig Aspal Éireann.

One can listen to it being sung on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMCMO2wzWnc>

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Translation of Hymn in Irish to St Patrick

<'Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig'

St. Patrick is our hope,
The great apostle of Ireland,
A bright and splendid name,
The great light of the world,
It was he who defeated the druids,
Their hard hearts of no good,
Brought down the proud,
Through the strength of God,
our powerful Lord.

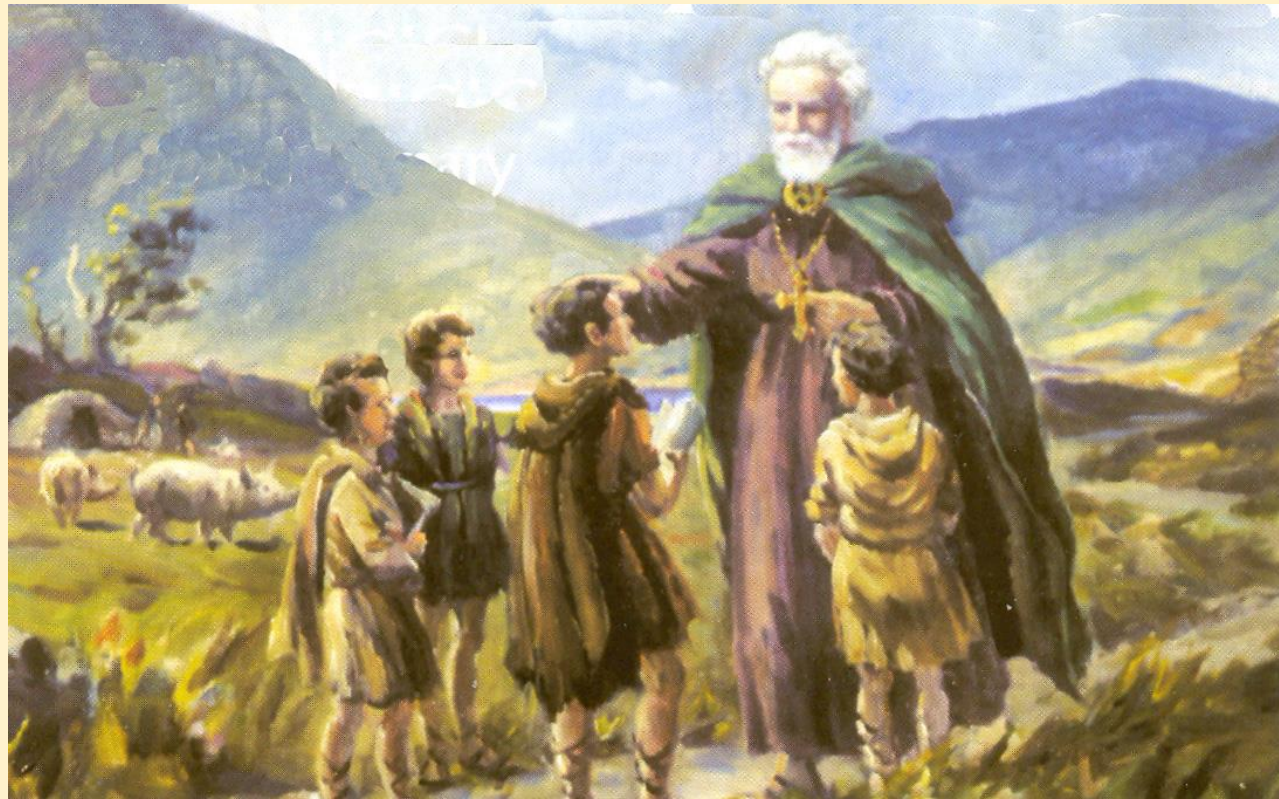


The hills, glens and plains,
And the towns of Ireland,
He cleansed them for ever for us,
A thousand glories to our beloved
saint,

We ask you, Patrick,
To pray for us, Irish
May God be with us day and night
And Patrick apostle of Ireland.

HAIL, GLORIOUS ST. PATRICK

Hail, glorious St.
Patrick, dear
saint of our isle,
On us thy poor
children bestow a
sweet smile;
And now thou art
high in the
mansions above,
On Erin's green
valleys look down
in thy love.



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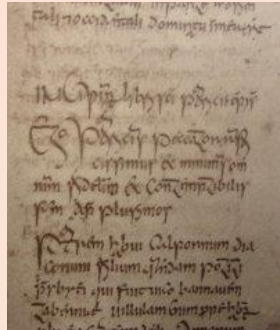
CHORUS:

On Erin's green
valleys, on Erin's
green valleys,
On Erin's green
valleys look down
in thy love.

Thy people, now exiles
on many a shore,
Shall love and revere thee
till time be no more;
And the fire thou hast kindled
shall ever burn bright,
Its warmth undiminished,
undying its light.

Ever bless and defend
the sweet land of our birth,
Where the shamrock still blooms
as when thou were on earth,
And our hearts shall yet burn,
wherever we roam,
For God and St. Patrick,
and our native home.

Patrick's Declaration at the End of his Life



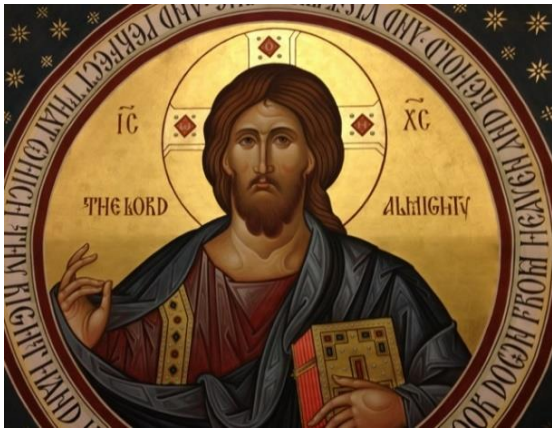
Another letter, which Patrick wrote towards the end of his life is called "The Confession". However, it could be called "The Declaration of Faith". Some learned clergy in Britain condemned his mission, his work and him as a person. This inspired him to defend himself.

He revealed his heart, his attitude, and the great works which God had brought about through him. He praised God because God had enabled him to do so much even though he was only an ordinary human being.



(See: <http://www.confessio.ie>)

WHAT DID PATRICK BELIEVE?



PATRICK'S CREDO

"There is no other God, nor will there ever be, nor was there ever, except God the Father. He is the one who was not begotten, the one without a beginning, the one from whom all beginnings come, the one who holds all things in being - this is our teaching.

And his son, Jesus Christ, whom we testify has always been, since before the beginning of this age, with the father in a spiritual way. He was begotten in an indescribable way before every beginning. Everything we can see, and everything beyond our sight, was made through him. He became a human being; and, having overcome death, was welcomed to the heavens to the Father."

<http://www.confessio.ie> par. 4



"The Father gave him all power over every being, both heavenly and earthly and beneath the earth. Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ, in whom we believe and whom we await to come back to us in the near future, is Lord and God. He is judge of the living and of the dead; he rewards every person according to their deeds.



He has generously poured on us the Holy Spirit, the gift and promise of immortality, who makes believers and those who listen to be children of God and co-heirs with Christ. This is the one we acknowledge and adore - one God in a trinity of the sacred name."

- From St Patrick's 'Confession', par. 4 cont.

St Patrick's Gifts, Merits, Virtues



Humility: -Confession, paragraph 12



**"Before I was brought low,
I was like a stone lying deep in the mud."**



Perseverance: -Confession, 37



**"I am ready even to give up my life most willingly
here and now for his name."**



Courage: -Confession, par. 55



**"But I fear none of these things,
because of the promises of heaven.
I have cast myself into the hands of almighty God..."**

Humility: Confession, paragraph 12

“So I am first of all a simple country person, a refugee, and unlearned. I do not know how to provide for the future. But this I know for certain, that before I was brought low, I was like a stone lying deep in the mud.



Then he who is powerful came and in his mercy pulled me out, and lifted me up and placed me on the very top of the wall.

That is why I must shout aloud in return to the Lord for such great good deeds of his, here and now and forever, which the human mind cannot measure.”

Perseverance: Confession, par. 37

"And many were the gifts offered to me, along with sorrow and tears. There were those whom I offended, even against the wishes of some of my superiors; but, with God guiding me, I did not consent nor acquiesce to them. It was not by my own grace, but God who overcame it in me, and resisted them all so that I could come to the peoples of Ireland to preach the gospel. I bore insults from unbelievers, so that I would hear the hatred directed at me for

travelling here. I bore many persecutions, even chains, so that I could give up my freeborn state for the sake of others.



If I be worthy, I am ready even to give up my life most willingly here and now for his name. It is there that I wish to spend my life until I die, if the Lord should grant it to me."

Courage: Confession, 55

"I see that already in this present age the Lord has given me a greatness more than could be expected. I was not worthy of this, not the kind of person the Lord would do this for, since I know for certain that poverty and calamity are more my style than riches and enjoyment. But Christ the Lord became poor for us; I too am wretched and unhappy. Even if I were to wish for riches, I do not have them. I am not trying

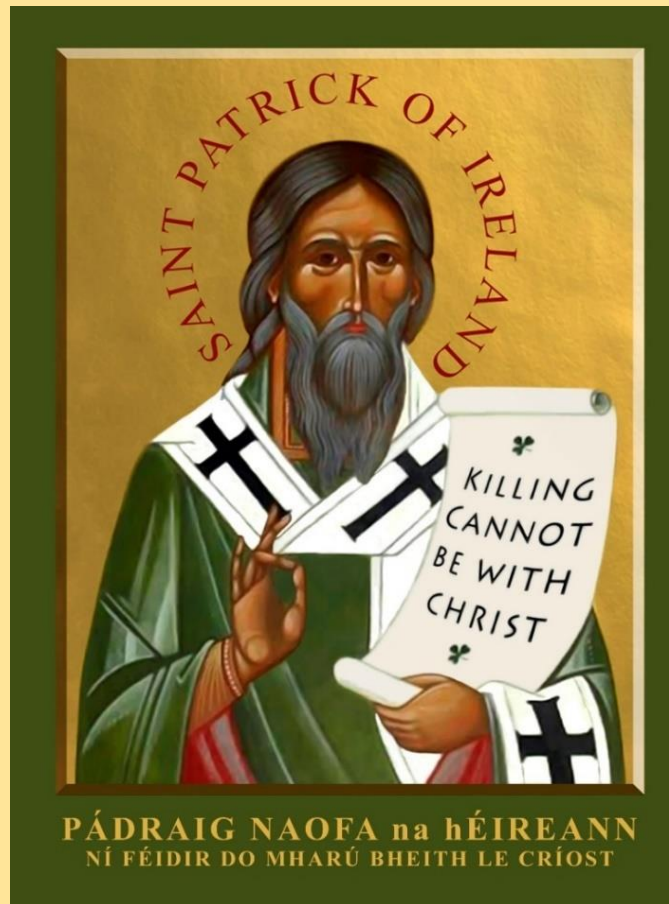
to judge myself, since every day there is the chance that I will be killed, or surrounded, or be taken into slavery, or some other such happening.



But I fear none of these things, because of the promises of heaven. I have cast myself into the hands of almighty God, who is the ruler of all places, as the prophet says: 'Cast your concerns on God, and he will sustain you.'"

"Avarice
is a deadly
crime.
Do not
covet
your
neighbour's
goods.
Do not
kill."

-Saint Patrick
*Letter to the Soldiers of
Coroticus, 9*



"KILLING CANNOT BE
WITH CHRIST."

-Saint Patrick: *Epistola ad milites, par. 9*
(*St Patrick's letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus*):
For Information on the Soldiers of Coroticus:
see Part One of this Book, pages 38-40.

"The
murderer
can have
no part
with
Christ.
Whoever
hates a
brother
is guilty
of homicide."

-Saint Patrick
*Letter to the Soldiers of
Coroticus, 9*

12. Chapter Twelve Messages from the Pope & Tertullian

We hear Christian Peace Messages today also.

Pope Francis



Jorge Mario Bergoglio

Born 17 December 1936

"The name
of God
should never
be used to
justify hatred
and violence!"

- Pope Francis
in Kenya, 26 November 2015

"Mercy is the heart of God.

It must also be the heart of the members of the one great family of his children:



a heart which
beats
all the more
strongly
wherever
human dignity
- as a reflection of
the face of God in
his creatures -
is in play."

From Pope Francis
World Day of Peace Message
- *Overcome Indifference,*
Win Peace, December 15, 2015

"Jesus tells
us that love
for others -
foreigners,
the sick,
prisoners,
the homeless,
even our
enemies



-is the
yardstick
by which
God will
judge our
actions."

From Pope Francis:
*World Day of Peace
Message*

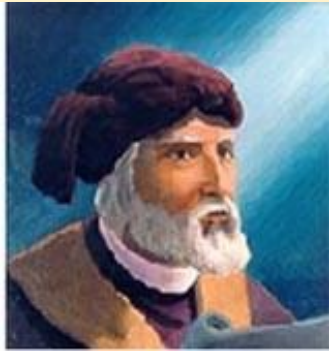
- *Overcome Indifference,
Win Peace,
15 December, 2015*

When Peter cut the ear off the high-priest's servant,
Malchus, in the Garden of Gethsemane,
Jesus told Peter to put away the sword.



Then Jesus healed the high-priest's servant's ear.

See: Matt: 26, 51-52; Mark: 14, v.47; Luke: 22, 49-51; John: 18, 10-11



Tertullian c. 155 – c. 240 AD

Tertullian
is known as one of
the 'Church Fathers'.
He was a prolific early
Christian author from
Carthage in the
Roman province of Africa.

Tertullian stated:
"When Christ
disarmed Peter,
He ungirt all Christians".²
Tertullian's advice to soldiers,
who had become Christians,
was pithy
(brief and forceful):
"Quit the army,
or be martyred."³

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² Tertullian, *De Idolotria*, XIX, par 3. See Walter Wink: *Engaging the Powers Discernment and Resistance in a World of Domination* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1992), p. 210 & p. 383, note 6.

³ Tertullian, *The Chaplet (De Cor.)* 11. See *Engaging the Powers*, p. 210 & p. 383, note 9; Also this book pp.78-79.

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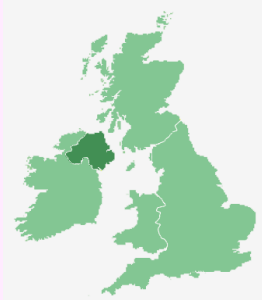
Chapter Thirteen

The Way of Peace of Jesus Christ versus 'the armed struggle' of 1916-1922

"The armed struggle of 1916-22'
was NOT in keeping with the
Way of Peace of Jesus Christ."
- Mairead Corrigan Maguire



In the year 1999, Mairead Maguire wrote the following in her book, *'The Vision of Peace Faith and Hope in Northern Ireland'*:



"It must be said clearly by church leaders, and by all Christians, that if today 'the armed struggle' is not the Christian way, then, 'the armed struggle' of 1916-22 was not the Christian way."

"If the vicious circle is to be broken in Ireland and a new generation is to be prevented from carrying on 'the armed struggle,' then this truth must be spoken clearly."⁴



*Mairead and her husband
Jackie Maguire⁵*

**Mairead Corrigan Maguire:
The 1976 Nobel Peace
Prize Winner
and Co-founder of
The Peace People**

<http://www.peacepeople.com/>

⁴ M. Corrigan Maguire: *The Vision of Peace: Faith and Hope in Northern Ireland*, p. 30.

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**POBLACHT NA H EIREANN,
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE
IRISH REPUBLIC
TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.**

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional Government,
THOMAS J. CLARKE,
SEAN Mac DIARMADA, THOMAS MacDONAGH,
P. H. PEARSE, EAMONN Ceannt,
JAMES CONNOLLY, JOSEPH PLUNKETT.

**The 1916 Proclamation of
Independence**

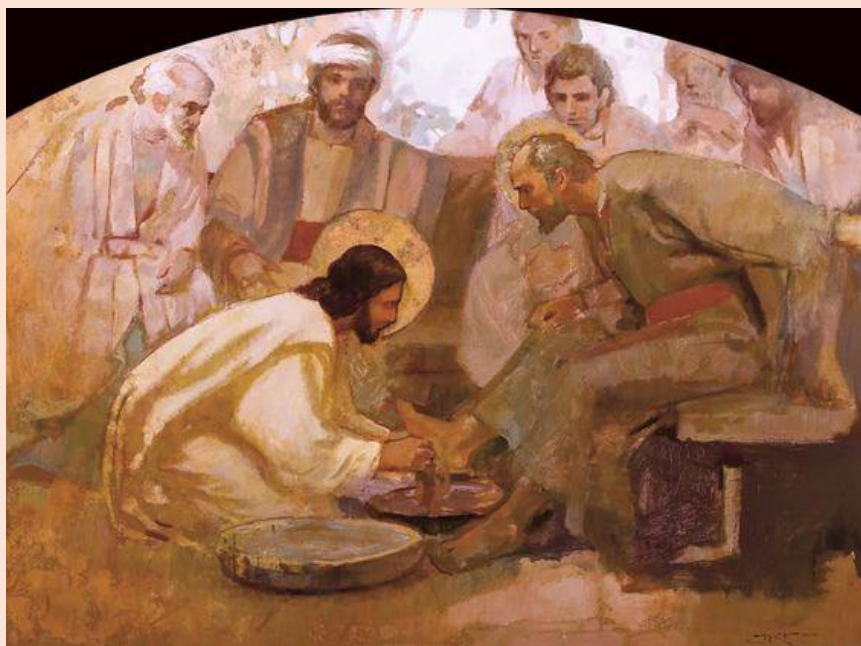
**The Proclamation of
Independence
of the
Easter Rising of 1916
started with these words:**

**"IRISHMEN AND
IRISHWOMEN:**

**In the name of God and of
the dead generations from
which she receives her old
tradition of nationhood,
Ireland, through us, summons
her children to her flag and
strikes for her freedom."**

The Aims of the 1916 Rising were not in keeping with
The Way of Peace of Jesus Christ.

It would have been fine 'to strike a blow for freedom'
if The Way of Peace of Jesus Christ had been followed.



'Greatest in the Kingdom' by Artist J Kirk
Richards

However,

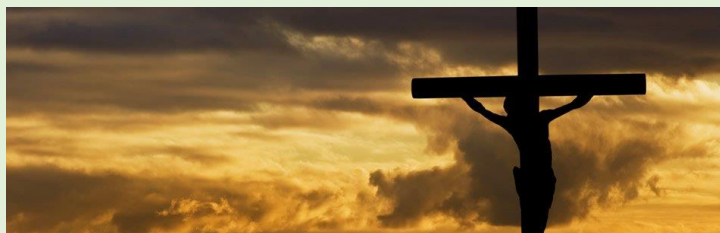
The Way of Peace of
Jesus Christ

was not even seen as a
means to achieving their
goals.

In fact, Patrick Pearse saw the
shedding of blood as "a cleansing
and a satisfying thing" and
thought that "the nation which
regards it as the final horror has
lost its manhood."⁶

⁶ See P. Pearse, *Political Writings and Speeches*, p. 99.

The shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ was not the same as the shedding of the blood of others which was planned and carried out during the 1916 Rising.



The shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ, and of the Christian martyrs, at the hands of others, is far from being the same as the shedding of the blood of others, which was planned and carried out during the 1916 Rising and subsequent years.



Although many Irish people may rejoice at the 1916 Proclamation of Independence, few rejoice at the bloodshed and suffering which accompanied the Rising, the 'armed struggle' of the following years and the civil war of 1922-23.

Distrust between the various communities of this island resulted from the armed struggle of 1916-1923 and led to further bloodshed and suffering, especially from 1969 onwards.

No armed struggle is in keeping with Jesus Christ's Way of Peace.

Christians need to admit in their own consciences, that 'the armed struggle of 1916-22' was not in keeping with Jesus Christ's Way of Peace.



Christian church leaders should publicly proclaim that no armed struggle is in keeping with Jesus Christ's Way of Peace.

See quotation on page 20-21 above, from p. 30 in Mairead Corrigan Maguire's book, 'The Vision of Peace: Faith and Hope in Northern Ireland'.

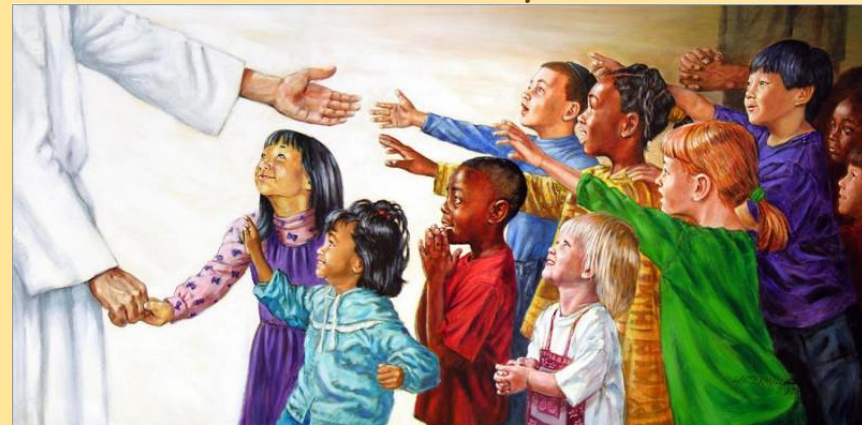
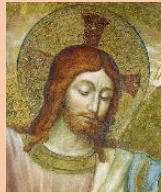
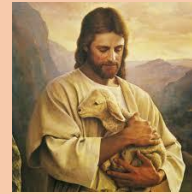


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If we believe that Jesus Christ
is the Messiah,
the Son of the Living God:
We should strive
to trust in the
teaching of Jesus Christ
regarding loving our enemies, and
returning
Good for evil.





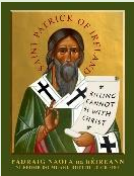
According to the
Teaching of Jesus Christ:
Loving our enemies
and returning
Good for evil
is the only way to stop evil in
its tracks.
Otherwise hatred, evil and
violence only escalate.



"The Lamb
Has
Conquered!
Let us
follow Him!"

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