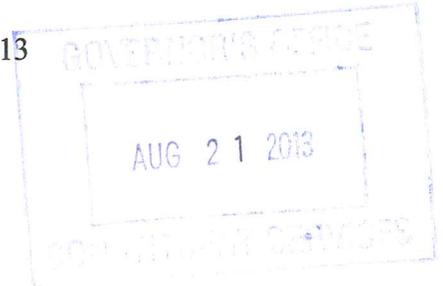


# NATIONAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

August 18, 2013



Governor Deval Patrick  
Massachusetts State House  
Office of the Governor  
Room 280  
Boston, MA 02133

**RE: Proclamations**

Dear Governor Patrick:

The National Women's Hall of Fame will be inducting women this year, Saturday, October 12, 2013, in Seneca Falls, NY.

I am chair of the States' Committee and request assistance from the state to provide recognition that seems appropriate. This recognition is displayed during the induction ceremonies and given to the inductee, if living, or to the family, if deceased. We request **two (2)** copies of the recognition document so that it can be displayed publically. Most common for states is a Proclamation from and signed by the governor.

The inductee with ties to Massachusetts include :

**Mother Mary Joseph Rogers, MM (1882 – 1955)** – A woman of extraordinary vision and drive, Mother Mary Joseph Rogers, MM founded the Maryknoll Sisters, the first United States based Catholic congregation of religious women dedicated to a global mission. While attending Smith College in 1904, Rogers was inspired by graduating Protestant students preparing to leave for missionary work in China, and following her graduation, she returned to Smith and started a mission club for Catholic students (1905). It was while organizing the club that she met Father James A. Walsh, director of Boston's Office for the Propagation of the Faith, later founder of Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers, through whom she was inspired to establish a mission congregation for women. The Maryknoll Sisters were founded in 1912, and by the time of Rogers' death in 1955, there were 1,065 sisters working in twenty countries and several cities in the United States.

Mother Mary Joseph Rogers was born in Massachusetts.

Can you please provide a proclamation or other recognition, two (2) copies each, mailed by September 15<sup>th</sup> to:

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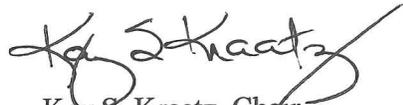
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kskraatz@hotmail.com. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay S. Kraatz". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "K" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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