

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 15th to:

The National Women's Hall of Fame
76 Fall Street, PO Box 335
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Co-Presidents
Beverly P. Ryder
Beth Quillen Thomas

Vice President
Jill Tietjen

Secretary
Rona Carr

Treasurer
Marianne O'Connor

Kate Beale
Eleanor E. Beasley
Kate Bennett
Marilyn P. Bero
Dr. G. Lansing Blackshaw
Barbara DeBaptiste
Virginia DeJohn
Jeanne Baker Driscoll
Rachelle M. Franklin
Margaret Gan
Jeanne M. Giovannini
Eileen Hartmann
Robert E. Kernan, Jr.
Marie McKee
Mary-Beth Moylan
Dr. Judith L. Pipher
Dr. Tanesha D.H. Pittman
Dr. Sujatha Ramanujan
Ellen Riddleberger
Carol E. Scott

Emerita
Charlotte Conable
Samuel C. Dickieson
Nan Johnson

76 Fall Street
Post Office Box 335
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
T 315 568 8060
F 315 568 2976
greatwomen.org

2434206

If there are any questions please contact me at 315.685.6256 or at my email:
kskraatz@hotmail.com. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay S. Kraatz", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Kay S. Kraatz, Chair
National Women's Hall of Fame
State Committee
kskraatz@hotmail.com