

The Forum LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Ireland has spoken

Editor:

I have read with some interest the comments printed in letters by readers of Irish Echo concerning the passing of marriage equality in Ireland. In particular the "No Saints No Scholars" (June 6-10) and "A Sad Day" (July 1-7).

It is vexing how anyone could believe this vote was not about equality, but priest sexual abuse, as if same sex marriage would somehow stop the sexual abuse.

Nor is one's Irishness connected to being Catholic. There are many Irish who are not Catholic. We are a nation of many faiths, many of which do not oppose same sex marriage.

One might think about the honorable Fenian, Roger Casement, a co-founder of the Irish Volunteers, who was not only a tireless advocate for our people's freedom, and lost his life for it, but was also gay. Thus, being gay is as Irish as being straight.

To the "proud 40 percent" who voted "No" to human rights, eist do bheall!

Don't hold your breath for a vote down the road. Ireland has spoken and the world has listened. If you don't like equality, move to Russia. I hear they have flights in Irish airspace now.

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