



**IAAS WALKS OF LIFE 1999**  
**Thomas Lynch and Margaret**  
**Gibbons Lynch**

Your Irish forebears would be proud of you, as all of us are here tonight.

Together, and individually, you have played important roles in the lives of many of the institutions that enrich our lives, care for the aged and the needy, and shape upcoming generations. The fact that you have done this for many years—Margaret, while raising seven children; Tom, while tending, admittedly, to the slightly less demanding duties of a partner with Ernst & Young—makes your work on behalf of those institutions all the more deserving of our recognition.

As trustees, you have done the indispensable work of guiding several of these institutions, putting key executives in place, and overseeing their operations.

As past president of Catholic Charities Corporation, Tom, and, Margaret, as president for the past nine years of the Coterie of St. Augustine Manor, you have played leadership roles in the lives of two critical community assets. As coordinators of fundraising efforts, you helped find the resources to continue the work of such vital operations as Catholic Charities and St. Joseph Academy.

Nor have you forgotten your roots: Margaret, your youthful vigor has surely made the Ancient Order of Hibernians a little less ancient; and future generations will be grateful for your early and generous support as a couple of the effort to create a permanent archive documenting the role of Irish Americans in Cleveland's history.

For all of the many contributions you have made, and continue to make, to the life of this community, the Irish American Archives Society has selected you, Tom and Margaret Lynch, to receive the Walks of Life Award. And we would be honored in your acceptance of it.

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