



IAAS WALKS OF LIFE 1999
Dr. Robert J. McEvoy

Your Irish forebears back in County Donegal would be proud of you. As all of us are here tonight.

Through your uncommon vision and the extraordinary dedication you have shown for half a century in your chosen field, you have touched many lives and made the burdens life has visited on others a little easier to bear.

A superb clinician specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of disease—especially malignant disease—in children, you have brought the strong character and generous heart of your ancestors to the care of these young patients and their families. You have found the words to tell a mother she had given birth to a malformed infant, or a young child that he has cancer. Where others would in time have fled to less difficult practices, you stayed, for 50 years, and found a way to comfort when you could not heal, a way to help the suffering accept their mysterious fate and die—or, in some cases, live—with dignity.

You have worked with pediatricians here and in Ireland to share knowledge, enhance educational opportunities, and encourage young physicians to enter the field. You have lent your continued support and active participation to an ongoing diocesan effort to help health care professionals rediscover the spiritual ministry aspect of their work.

And finally, in the recognition you have won from the Ohio State Medical Association and the Academy of Medicine, you have brought honor to your heritage and your profession.

For all of these reasons—and for the contributions you have made both to the Cleveland community and to the Irish people—the Irish American Archives Society has chosen you to receive the Walks of Life Award. And we would be honored in your acceptance of it.

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