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Michael J. Nelson
President Irish Protestant Benevolent Society

Dear Mr. Nelson,

This year marks the anniversary of an important date in Canadian history: 150 years ago, on April 7th 1858, Father of Confederation and Member of Parliament for Montreal West Thomas Darcy McGee was assassinated on Sparks Street in Ottawa following a session of Parliament of the newly formed Canadian Confederation.

On Saturday April 7th 2018, the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, of which Mr. McGee was a member, is hosting a memorial celebration in memory of this singular Canadian.

We are honoured to invite you to be a part of this historic ceremony.

Following a private ceremony at the McGee crypt with the McGee family and representatives of Montreal's Irish community, there is to be a Mass said at St. Patrick's Basilica, where he was a longtime member. Immediately following the service, there will be a lecture by a noted McGee Scholar, speeches by various dignitaries and a eulogy by his great-great-grandson Darcy Quinn.

After the commemorative service and lecture, guests will be invited to take part in a memorial wake, as would have been appreciated and expected by Mr. McGee, at an iconic Montreal establishment.

We would respectfully ask that you join us at the Cote des Neiges Cemetery for the private ceremony and to lay a wreath at his crypt on behalf of your organization. We would also ask that you join us for the service and lecture at St. Patrick's Basilica as one of our special guests. Your presence will help us to properly pay tribute to one of Canada's most important historical figures, as befitting his service and his ultimate sacrifice. Please note that your members are also welcome at the service, lecture and memorial wake.

Kindly review the attached timeline for the full details of the day's events.

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience. Should you require more information please contact our office at 514-481-1346 or by e-mail at office@spsmtl.com.

Yours truly

Scott Phelan
President
St. Patrick's Society of Montreal