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Dear Mr Beaulieu,


It is my great pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of the launch of your new book "The Irish Tradition" in Montreal on 6 November.

Thank you very much for the invitation to represent the Embassy at the launch. Regrettably, due to other schedule commitments, I am unable to attend. I am sure it will be a wonderful occasion and I am most sorry to miss it.

On behalf of the Embassy, I would like to heartily congratulate you on your great achievement in producing this volume. I know that many years of painstaking research and information-gathering went into this very comprehensive and detailed work, and the result is a highly useful, informative reference tool which will be of tremendous value to anyone interested in understanding the scale and scope of the Irish influence in North America. As we can see from the hundreds of individuals whose lives are chronicled in the book, the "Irish tradition" on this continent is deep, stretching back over hundreds of years, and broad, covering a range of fields from art to politics to business and everything in between. "The Irish Tradition" brings this fascinating history to life and makes it accessible to all readers.

I would like to wish you all the very best on this special occasion and I hope you thoroughly enjoy the day. Comhghairdeas agus gach dea-ghuí.

With every good wish,

  
Ray Bassett  
Ambassador of Ireland to Canada