

Sr. Agnes Hunt RSHM awarded the Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award August 2012



Agnes was nominated for the Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award in August 2012. Joanna Joyce, coordinator of the ICPO (Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas), where Agnes works as a volunteer, put Agnes' name forward without informing since there was only a very slim chance that she would be accepted. It came as a great surprise to all and as a shock to Agnes when, in late October, she was accepted for the Award.

The grounds for the Award were quoted as follows: Agnes was the first woman to be appointed to the chaplaincy in a male prison in England, 34 years ago; she continues to keep contact with long term prisoners up to the present time and she was nominated due to her commitment and empathy towards prisoners abroad and their families at home

The photo shows the Certificate and Medal presented to Joanna Joyce in Killarney on Agnes' behalf on 10 Nov. 2012. Agnes' speech was read by Kate Jackson, case-worker with the ICPO. Agnes was unable to attend due to a combination of age and illness. Instead we had a lovely, quiet celebration with our staff in Maynooth when the Award was presented to Agnes.

