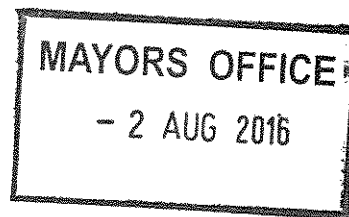




AMBASSADE DE FRANCE EN IRLANDE

Dublin, 27th July 2016



Cllr. Gus O'Connell
Mayor, South Dublin County Council
County Hall
Tallaght, Dublin 24

Dear Councillor, *Monsieur le Maire,*

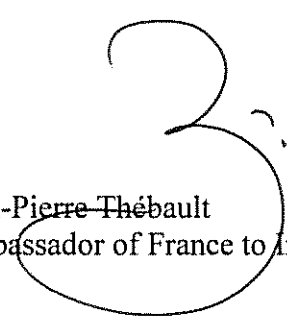
I wholeheartedly thank you for your kind and thoughtful message of sympathy and support after the recent blind attack that hit Nice and France on July 14th. *And though you the Elected Members and Citizens of South Dublin County.* Once again, France has been struck on its ground during its National Day, a day which gathers French people and people from all over the world to celebrate common values of Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood.

In such tragic circumstances, we will stay united to defend our convictions and values and stand up to such radicalism which targets the democratic principles our two countries hold so dear.

As France and all those who cherish Liberty start a new period of mourning, we take great solace in the support and shared sorrow expressed by yourself, and countless others throughout Ireland. Our thoughts are with the deceased, the wounded and all those, in France and in all countries who are affected by such absurd violence.

On behalf of the French people, I sincerely thank you for your kind thoughts and support.

Yours sincerely, *Très sincèrement à vous*


Jean-Pierre Thébault
Ambassador of France to Ireland