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**TED FANS**

By GERALDINE COMISKEY

● **THEY'RE** the jobs from hell - with a heavenly twist. Two priests and a housekeeper are required for a remote island parish off Ireland's west coast. And the salary is... zilch!

The 'lucky' applicants, who are expected to work for their board and lodging with no pocket money, will have to live in a damp old house - but this is not just any old island. It's Craggy Island, aka Inis Oirr, the smallest of the Aran Islands off Connemara.

● The organisers of Tedfest are looking for three interns to help them with the annual festival for fans of the cult TV series. The chosen three will help organise and run next year's event, which takes place from Feb 27 - March 2. Applicants need to email their CV and explain, in less than 60 words, how they can enhance Tedfest. Applications in strictest confidence to Bishop Brennan, aka stone@tedfest.org.

# SISTERLY GLOVE

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**TALENT:** Josie (right) and Hannah (left) want Olympic medals



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**MEET THE** sparring sisters who are punching the lights out of the boxing world.

It's just as well that Hannah (18) and Josephine (17) Carty are best mates as well as sisters - because they're both handy with their fists.

The stunning sisters, from Kilkenny, are the latest female fighters to blow away the sport's traditional macho image as they follow their idol Katie Taylor into the ring. And they're going to give it Grrrrl power as they aim to have a punch at the Olympics!

As members of the travelling community, they grew up idolising Galway boxer Francie Barrett and, more recently, Olympic silver medalist John Joe Nevin.

**Amazing**

But these boxing beauties say Katie is the one they admire most. "Katie Taylor is amazing. She changed boxing when she won the Olympic gold medal - there's a lot of girls in the sport now. When I took it up you'd be lucky to find someone to practise with," says Hannah, who has been training four times a week since she took up the sport at the age of 12.

And the two siblings are certainly punching above their weight. At just under 48 kilogrammes, putting her in the Light Flyweight category, petite Hannah is a three-time Irish and five-time Leinster champ.

She recently boxed for Ireland at the World and European Championships and has also received a Kilkenny People of the

## Sparring siblings setting their sights on Olympic



**FIGHTERS:** Josie, Ollie and Hannah

Year award for her contribution to sport.

Younger sister Josephine (five-foot-seven and 55 kilos) was also bitten by the boxing bug - and just last weekend won the Irish Intermediate title.

While Hannah's next big event is the Senior Leinster Championships, Josie is aiming for the Nationals and is likely to be on the Irish team with her sister in time for the Olympics, says Hannah.

It's very much a family thing for the Cartys. Their dad Michael and brother Ricky also boxed, "but they gave it up when they got married", says Hannah.

Another brother, Willie (15), had to stop boxing on doctor's orders after he had open heart surgery. But little bro Tommy (10), has taken up the sport "and he's going to be great", says Hannah.

Part of a family of 10 children, they have no shortage of supporters to cheer them on.

Their mum, also called Hannah, "has no interest in sport, but she always supports us because we love

boxing," says Hannah. Hannah and Josie train to when they're not doing Paulstown Boxing Club. But when they have the odd sisterly sparring session, they don't use their fists to fight. "We save our fists for the ring," Hannah laughs.

The sisters undergo a training regime and a week before a big fight they stick to a diet devised by their coach. Paulstown Boxing Club boss Ollie Carty, who is also the Leinster County Board secretary, says: "The Carty girls have a big fight they stick to a diet devised by their coach. Paulstown Boxing Club boss Ollie Carty, who is also the Leinster County Board secretary of Irish national trainer Darren O'Neill, spotted their talent soon after they started boxing."

**Fierce**

"They are strong, they're fast and skillful. They're dedicated. They practice hard and they deserve to be champions," says O'Neill.

The Carty girls have respect of the male boxing world - and their own reputation in the ring. "We have boyfriends and they don't interfere with our sport," says Hannah.

Their father, though, has been keen on their boxing since they were little girls taking up the sport. "He didn't know how to do it - he thought it was a girl's thing. Then he saw I was dedicated to it, he was proud," says Hannah.

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