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NEWSLETTER



Patrician Brothers



March 2013

Receptions in Kenya



On the 2nd February the Brothers in Kenya gathered at Delany House to receive three first year novices into the Novitiate. The ceremony commenced with a Eucharistic Celebration which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Ncube, Lecturer at Catholic University, Eldoret.

Pictured L to R are: Bro. Peter, Bro. Masese, Novices Wilson, Calvin, who took Robert as his religious name and John, Bro. Felim and Bro. Emmanuel.

We wish our three new Novices every blessing as they begin their Patrician journey.

Kapsoya Building Project



In early 2012 Bro Paul Brennan undertook to build four two bedroom houses in our plot in Kapsoya, Eldoret. The purpose of the project was to rent the houses and thus provide a source of income for the Region. The project has now been completed and all four houses have been rented at the rate of Ksh 15,000 each per month. An agent has been employed to collect the rent which will be reviewed annually. The funding for the construction of the houses was provided by the Irish Province.



Paul Brennan

Down Memory Lane : Mallow Centenary 1979



Mallow Community 1979

Back (L to R) : Maurice Murphy, Finbarr Mulcahy, William Carroll, Fiacre Shanahan, Fergus Osborne
 Front (L to R) : Denis Lomasney, Albert Lyng, Hilary Delaney, Lambert Devery, Gelasius Wrafter

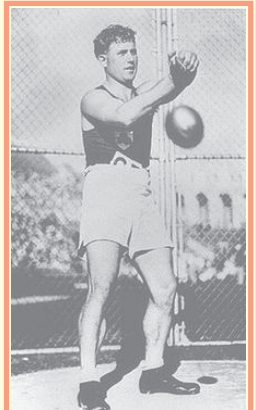


(L to R): Dave Guiney, Bro. William and Dr. Pat O'Callaghan in 1978 with the O'Callaghan Cup which he had presented to the Academy for the annual Sports.

In March 1879 the Irish Christian Brothers withdrew from the schools in Mallow, Co. Cork. Later that year the Patrician Brothers arrived to take over the schools and on arrival were met by an enthusiastic crowd led by a brass band. The Brothers continued their involvement in the schools for 115 years until we withdrew in 1994.

In an article in the 'Centenary Journal', published to commemorate the coming of the Patrician Brothers to Mallow, Dave Guiney, a well-known journalist and sportsman, stated "My time at the Academy was short; yet of all my schooling, it is the time I remember with the greatest affection".

He pays tribute to the Brothers who taught him, Gabriel Muldowney, Celestine Keating, Mark Lee, but his greatest boast is of the



*Dr. Pat O'Callaghan
Olympic Hammer
Thrower*

sporting achievements of Patrician Academy. Foremost among the past students was Dr. Pat O'Callaghan, Olympic Gold Medal winner at Amsterdam in 1928 and again in Los Angeles in 1932 in one of the most memorable duels with Ville Porhola of Finland. Dave Guiney himself was also an Olympian as was O'Callaghan's brother, Con. Guiney continues : "There were many, many other fine sportsmen who stepped out on their careers from the Academy in Mallow, and indeed one wonders whether there is another school in Ireland that can claim proudly to have Olympic, American, British and Irish champions on its roll-call of old boys".

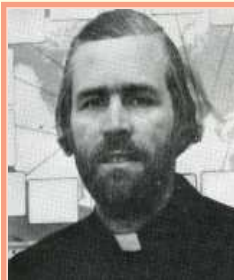
Past Pupils who became Patrician Brothers



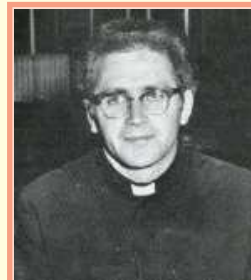
James Murphy



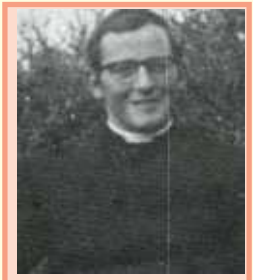
Justinian Kelleher



Finbarr Mulcahy



Marcus Moriarty



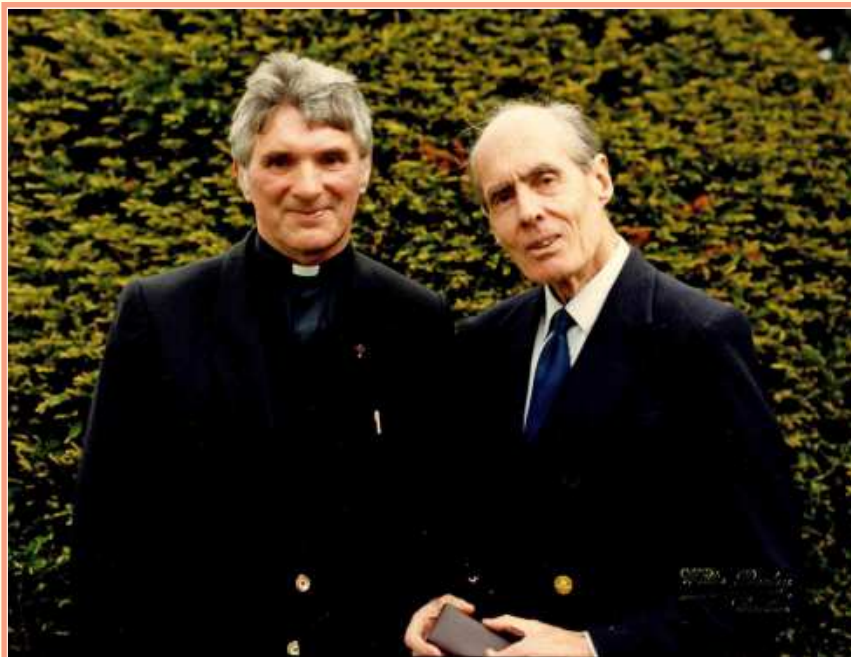
Colm O'Connell

Down Memory Lane

BROTHERS IN AUSTRALIA 1904



*Front Row (L -R) Dominick Rickeby, James Long, Stanislaus T. Bergin, Thomas Hunt, Fintan O'Neill
Second Row (L-R) Benignus T. Kealy, Boniface G. Carroll, Bernard Ryan, Alphonsus Eviston, Patrick Fogarty,
Baptist McGrath, Clement Howlin,?
Back Row: Canice Grimes. (None of the others were identified in 1971)*



Bro. Daniel Egan with Group Captain Leonard Cheshire at St. Patrick's Cheshire Home, Tullow, 1986. Daniel was Chairperson of the Home Management Committee at the time of the visit of the Group Captain. Cheshire was the youngest and most decorated Group Captain in the RAF during World War II and he was the official British observer of the nuclear bombing of Nagasaki. After the war he set up the Cheshire Foundation and later the Ryder/Cheshire Foundation with his wife Sue Ryder.

Patricians and the Cheshire Home

Since its very beginning the Brothers were very involved in the Cheshire Home in Tullow. Bro. Vincent McCarthy was partly responsible for the setting up of the Home in the old hospital. Since then many Brothers have served on the Management Committee including Daniel Egan, Valerian Whelan, Cormac Commins and Camillus Regan. Alban Creedon, when farm manager at Mount St. Joseph, presented a farm animal each year to be raffled at the fund-raising Fete. He also tended the flower beds in the grounds to the delight of the Residents.

While Mary Carroll, an Affiliate Member, was Matron a number of Brothers were cared for in the Home. These included David Murphy, Austin McCarthy, Tighearnach O'Shea, Dominic Lyons, Cyprian Kennedy and Valerian Whelan. We have no involvement in the Home at present as the Cheshire Foundation decided to manage all the Irish Homes from its Headquarters in Dublin.



PRO DEO ET PATRIA

In memory of Patrician Brother Paul James O'Connor.

**Principal of Galway Monastery National School (the Mon) from 1832
founder of St. Joseph's Secondary School (the Bish) in 1862
and the Orphans Breakfast Institute in 1830.**

**Through the dedicated efforts of Brother Paul
the Institute fed hundreds of children
on a daily basis until the middle of the 20th century.
At times during the years of the Great Famine 1845 – 1848,
the daily number of children being fed exceeded 1000.**

**I gCuimhne ar
Pól Ó Conchubhair de Bhráithre Pádraic na Gaillimhe.**

**Príomh-oide ar Bunscoil Mhainistreach na Gaillimhe (Mon) 1832
bunaitheoir Meánscoil Naomh Seosamh (Bish) 1862
agus Institiúid Bhricfeasta na nDilleachtaí 1830.**

**Chothaigh an Institiúid breis agus 300 páiste in agaidh
an lae agus d'fhás an líon sin go dtí 1000 páiste
i mblianta an Ghorta Mhóir, 1845 – 1848.**



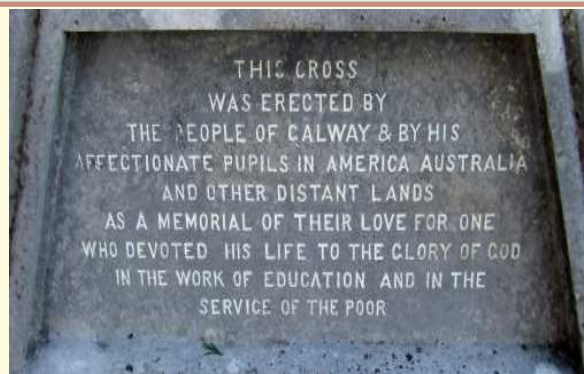
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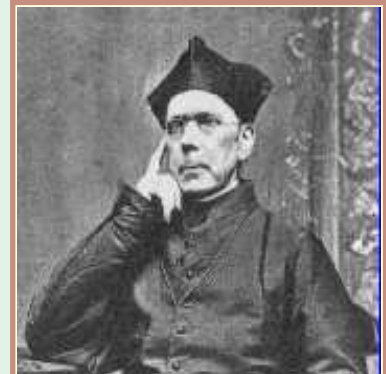
PAUL O'CONNOR HONOURED AT LAST



Paul O'Connor monument in Kingston Cemetery



Inscription at the base of the O'Connor Monument



Bro. Paul O'Connor

On the opposite page we reproduce a copy of the plaque which will soon be erected and unveiled beside St. Patrick's Primary School, Galway, in honour of Bro. Paul O'Connor. Bro. Paul was born in Leighlin, Co. Carlow in 1796. In 1823 he joined the Patrician Brothers. Three years later he set out on foot for Galway where he spent the remainder of his life. As well as providing education in Galway he fed thousands of starving children during the famine years.

Bro. Paul was heroic in his efforts to help the poor, especially the children. The task of providing the meals for starving children and adults day after day was enormous with wretched facilities and funds always short, in a country made desolate by famine. Yet somehow Paul managed it. His unsparing personal efforts, his ability to inspire and especially his unashamed constant begging by pen and by word of mouth overcame all obstacles. Paul died in 1878 and at last he is being honoured in the city that he served so well.

UNVEILING OF DANIEL DELANY MEMORIAL IN MOUNTRATH

On February 20th a new memorial to Daniel Delany was unveiled in Mountrath. The project was organised by a subcommittee of Mountrath Development Association. The memorial was designed and executed by Sculptor Michael Burke and is situated on the bridge over the White Horse river on the road to Paddock, the ancestral home of Daniel Delany. The ceremony was attended by many Patricians, Brigidines, local clergy, pupils from schools in Mountrath and Paddock and hundreds of the local community. The memorial was blessed by Fr. Pat Hennessy, P.P. and unveiled by Dr. Patrick Dwyer who spoke eloquently of Daniel Delany and his contribution to the people of Kildare & Leighlin. Music was provided by pupils of Mountrath Community School and the chief organiser was Anne Hetherington, secretary of the committee. Following the ceremony all returned to St. Fintan's Hall for refreshments.



On the left are two cousins of Daniel Delany who attended the ceremony, Donnacha Whelan and Pat Delany and on the right Dr. Patrick Dwyer unveils the monument.

ARCHIVES

Elsewhere in this NEWSLETTER we pay tribute to Bro Linus who has retired as Congregation Archivist. That role has now been assumed by Bro Stephen Sweetman with Bro Niall Coll as Assistant Archivist. Niall has always taken a keen interest in matters of historical interest. He led a small dedicated group of helpers in putting together the history of St Patrick's School, Galway. This comprehensive history was published in 2004 to mark the golden jubilee of the school.

We wish Stephen and Niall many happy hours in their work and we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours.

Death of Peter Bennett



The late Peter Bennett with his wife Agnes

Peter Bennett, who died recently, was the owner, with his wife Agnes, of the ancestral home of Bishop Daniel Delany. When he came to the property many years ago he was told by a neighbour that the old ruin in one of the fields was ‘the Bishop’s House’ and should not be demolished. Not only did the Bennett family not demolish the house but, as can be seen from the pictures, a lot of work has been done to restore and preserve the building. Peter and Agnes had a warm welcome for the many visitors who came to see the building especially since the preparations began for our bicentenary celebrations. The sympathy of all Patricians goes to Agnes, their son Seamus, daughter Miriam and Peter’s extended family.



Picture on the left was taken before the work was carried out by the Bennett Family. Picture on the right shows the house as it looks at present. One picture was taken from the front of the building and the other from the back.

Bro. Linus Retires

Linus was, with the encouragement of Bro. Philip Mulhall and the help of late Fr. Tom McDonnell, the instigator of the movement to set up the Delany Archive. The Archive cares for the archives of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin, the Patrician Brothers, Brigidine Sisters and Carlow College. All of these groups were involved with Daniel Delany and all contributed to the fund to set up the Archive.

The Archive is unique in Ireland in that it has multiple patrons. Other Congregations and groups are now examining its structures with a view to setting up more multi-patron archives.

Linus was an automatic choice for the role of Congregation Archivist as he had worked for many years on our archival material and had been Archivist for the diocese of Kildare & Leighlin from 1992 to 2005.

His diligent research and skill with words resulted in the publication of many books and pamphlets including ‘Fire Tried Gold’ (1974), Once a Soldier (1977), One Man’s Famine (1978), Fruit that will Last (1978), The Purpose of his Will (1981), To Build and to Plant (1984), Dream and Vision (1984), A Spirit of Kindness (1986), By the Narrow Gate (2008).

As well as his work on Congregation and Diocesan archives Linus also found time to edit and source material on the smallest parish of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin under the interesting title “Beneath Slievemargy’s Brow.”

The Congregation owes a debt of gratitude to Linus for his tireless work in preserving valuable material for future researchers and we wish him well in his retirement.



Bro. Linus Walker

the
Delany
archive



Caring for the archival heritage
of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin,
Brigidine Sisters, Patrician Brothers
and Carlow College

CARRICKMACROSS 1902 – 1994

The first Patrician Brothers came to Carrickmacross in 1902 at the invitation of the then Bishop, Dr Quinn. The monastery was situated beside the picturesque Lisanisk lake. In 1988 the Brothers moved to a new monastery on the Donaghmoyne Road overlooking the town of Carrickmacross. The primary school was known as St Joseph's Boys' School and as the numbers of pupils increased it was decided to locate the school to a new site.

The secondary school – now known as Patrician High School – had its humble beginnings in rooms in the monastery. The first headmaster was Bro Stanislaus Slattery who later became Superior General. The present secondary school was built in 1971 and in 1985 the Brothers handed over the running of the school to the diocese.

On the 5th February last the presence of the Brothers in Carrickmacross from 1902 to 1994 was marked by the unveiling of a plaque in St Joseph's Primary School. In a simple and meaningful ceremony the plaque was unveiled by Bro Cormac. Former teachers at St Joseph's Primary – Bros Camillus, Gregory and Niall – were present for the occasion.

After the unveiling ceremony Mass was concelebrated in the parish church by Monsignor Vincent



Attending the unveiling ceremony.

L to R. Niall Coll, Camillus Regan, Catherine Kelly (School Principal), Cormac Commins, Gregory Fox.

Connolly P.P. and five former pupils of the primary school. The music and singing was performed by pupils from the school and the attendance included school staff, members of the Board of Management, parents and parishioners.

The 5th of February was chosen for the commemoration as it was the 75th anniversary of the relocation of the Primary School to its present site.



THE LUCK OF THE IRISH

Recently Bro. Marcellus Broderick was asked to buy a raffle ticket in support of a County Galway G.A.A. Club. Being a good Galway man he obliged and when the draw was made he discovered he had won a new car. He is pictured at the wheel of his new vehicle accompanied by Gregory and members of Ardrahan G.A.A. Club. Congratulations Marcellus and we wish you many years of safe driving.

More from Mountrath Ceremony



Sculptor Michael Burke



Cormac represents the Patricians



Sr. Carmel represents the Brigidines

Venerable Men

Cormac Commins

In this edition of the NEWSLETTER there is reference to Mallow and Carrickmacross – two Irish towns where there were Patrician schools for many years. There were ten Brothers in the Mallow community in 1979. A plaque was unveiled in Carrickmacross to mark the presence of the Brothers there from 1902 to 1994. The former Patrician schools in both towns are now diocesan schools.



Cormac Commins

There are only two Brothers currently teaching in the Irish Province. Bro Gerry Reburn is a member of the teaching staff of Mountrath Community School and Bro Pat O'Neill teaches part time in Scoil na Naomh Uilig in Newbridge.

At the unveiling ceremony in Carrickmacross on 5th February it was wonderful to hear one of the priests recall his school days and speak with such regard and fondness of the Brothers who taught him. I'm sure the same could be said of Brothers who taught in other schools where there was a Patrician presence.

Some years ago during a retreat I came across a poem entitled *The Country Clergy* and I felt it could, with some changes to the script, be entitled *The Ordinary Brothers*.

I see them working in old rectories
By the sun's light, by candlelight,
Venerable men, the black cloth
A little dusty, a little green
With holy mildew. And yet their skulls
Ripening over so many prayers,
Topped into the same grave
With oafs and yokels. They left no books,
Memorial to their lonely thought
In grey parishes; rather they wrote
On men's hearts and in the minds
Of young children sublime words
Too soon forgotten. God in his time
Or out of time will correct this.



Aloysius Howlin



Gerard Tierney

So this is an opportunity to remember the many Patricians who brushed the blackboard chalk from their soutanes, who strode up and down the sideline in charge of football or hurling teams or who enjoyed a quiet game of cards with their community.

LENT

Lent ought to pass like a flash, with a sense of desperate hurry. Good Heavens! The second Sunday already and still so little to show for it! Lent is the sacramental expression of the brief life we spend here, a life of probation, without a moment in it we can afford to waste. That is why it begins with St Paul's metaphor of an ambassador delivering an ultimatum; we have only a few "days of grace" to make our peace with God. Ash Wednesday recalls our ignominious, earthy origins, Easter look forward to our eternity.....

Ronald Knox, *Lightning Meditations*

Prayers

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mrs Sheila Reburn, mother of Bro. Gerry Reburn, Ballyfin, Mrs. Hilda Lambert, niece of Bro. Maurice Murphy, Abbeyleix, Mrs. Frances McCarthy, sister of Bishop Mossie Crowley, Kitale, Kenya and Peter Bennett, Paddock, Mountrath.