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ST. GERARD'S NOVENA 2023

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From the 8th to the 16th of October St. Joseph's Monastery, Dundalk, was a hive of activity as crowds streamed to the eight daily sessions of the annual novena to St. Gerard Majella. The people of Dundalk and the surrounding counties have taken St. Gerard to their hearts since a triduum was preached in St. Joseph's in 1893 to mark the Beatification of the Saint. The unexpectedly mild weather this year uplifted the spirits of the up to 10 thousand people who attended daily. The theme of the Novena was "The

church in search of a vision for the future" and the 11 Preachers, Redemptorists and lay men and women, explored ways of how the church and all the baptised can best fulfil its mission highlighting the call to renewal, to prayer, to inclusion, to listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. It was significant that the novena was happening while the synod on church renewal, convoked by Pope Francis, was taking place in Rome. Highlights of the nine days were the anointing of the sick offered after each session

on Saturday Oct 14th and the blessing of babies and young children on the following day. Thousands of prayers of petitions and thanksgiving were written over the course of the novena expressing the needs, concerns and hopes of all who attended. A noticeable feature of the Dundalk novena continues to be the large number of families, young people and children attending. We give thanks to St. Gerard for the experience of the 2023 Novena and the many blessing experiences.



NEW PROVINCIAL -
FR. BRENDAN O'ROURKE



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A NEW ERA FOR REDEMPTORIST MISSION IN BRAZIL



In 1960 the Irish Redemptorists began a new mission in the North East of Brazil which would become known as the Vice-Province of Fortaleza.

Earlier this year the formal relationship between the founding Province and Fortaleza came to an end when a Chapter of the Vice-Province of Fortaleza, attended by Fr. Brendan O'Rourke (Dublin Province Provincial) voted to join other Brazilian units to form the new Province of Brasilia which was inaugurated in September. For over sixty years the mission in Fortaleza made a significant impact on the story and life of the Dublin Province with many Irish confreres having served there over the years. A new era has begun for the Redemptorists in Brazil, and we wish them well going forward.

While in Brazil Fr. Brandan was delighted to connect with the remaining Irish confreres on the mission and especially to visit with veteran missionaries Fr's Martin Murry (95) and Eamon (Ned) Gowing (89) who provide an example of radical insertion and commitment to the poor as they continue to live and minister in Luxou, a poor community on the outskirts of Fortaleza.



ESKER CEMETERY SUNDAY



On a sunny Sunday in August Cemetery Sunday was celebrated in Esker, the first such gathering since the Redemptorists moved from the area at the end of 2022.

Though the Redemptorists mission in Esker has ended after one hundred and twenty-one years the connection with Esker will never be fully severed given that the remains of 95 confreres rest peacefully in its beautiful cemetery. The ceremony was attended by a number of Redemptorists from around the country, family members of the deceased and neighbours and friends of Esker. The graves were blessed by Fr. Brendan Callanan,

the former Rector of Esker and the prayers and homily delivered by Fr. Brendan O'Rourke the Provincial. Besides praying for and remembering the dead this was also a great opportunity to reconnect with many who had played a significant role in the life of Esker over the years and a delight to hear that over 80 Ukrainian refugees are now well settled into the former Esker Retreat House and Youth Village.

MEITHEAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME



This programme is currently being delivered in 25 schools in the Cork area by the Redemptorist Scala Youth Ministry Team. Below Ms Deborah Culhane the Meitheal Support Teacher in Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh, reflects on her experience of the programme.

Meitheal – the word is an enigma perhaps, as like many Irish words it cannot be literally translated. It is best interpreted as an Irish tradition, whereby a group of neighbours in a farming community come together to help and serve each other. Meitheal in a nutshell is kindness in action.

“While the pillars of Meitheal namely justice, compassion and humility are faith based, Meitheal is open to everyone regardless of their faith. 25 schools from Fermoy to Bandon take part in Meitheal training in Cork,” says Meitheal coordinator, Pa Cotter. Pa exudes joviality, kindness and a quiet strength, his appeal to teenagers can be seen immediately. It comes as no surprise that he has been working at Scala for over 12 years. “It’s about a gradual change in mindset, yes, it’s great

that Meitheal organise the big events for the first years but it’s the small acts of kindness that really count,” Pa says.

A turning point in the training is when we do a personality test with the teams and team members see how different people get a better sense of each other and learn to understand and work together. “The skills we teach are transferable life skills”, says Pa. “We say to members not to look for the clap on the back, just go on with your business and you’ll get the praise afterwards,” continues Pa.

A Meitheal team is made up of ten 5th year students and the community that they serve are generally the first-year students. The lucky ten are trained in leadership, team building, presentation, and organisational skills along with other Meitheal students from Cork city and county schools. Training is for four days, followed by a refresher half day. All training takes place in an ideal space, Scala Retreat Centre, Blackrock Cork City. Situated on beautiful grounds, Scala offers a pleasant, wooded garden trail and plenty of space to kick a ball around at lunch time. It’s the ideal base for Scala’s outreach to young people. To say that the energy and fun levels at these events are tops would be an understatement.

The students are selected by means of an



application form and interview. “Students with a cross section of different personality types, strengths and potentials are selected,” says Megan Sarl, the outreach co-ordinator at Scala. The basic common denominator in each of them is kindness and a willingness to serve.

Meitheal is about recognising First Year needs and addressing them. In practice this means, for example, guided tours of the school, Meitheal pop up cafés, Kahoot quizzes, ice breaker fun activities, Sports day, Halloween movie, Christmas games, one on one help with books, folder and locker organisation.

Meitheal gives students an opportunity to get to know themselves, form new friendships in the team. It’s a fun non-academic domain where students interact with each other in a different way than in the classroom. “It’s like a bit of TY in 5th year, except you don’t miss out on classes,” one team member says. “Honesty, reliability, sensitivity to others and honouring yourself are key values I endeavour to engender in the team” says Ms Culhane.

Meitheal gives students confidence and emphasises the strengths and gifts they have. Students learn leadership and team building skills. It’s a unique opportunity and privilege for both the support teacher and students.

NEW PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP



Congratulations to Fr. Brendan O'Rourke our new Provincial. A proud Wexford man, he has served in a variety of roles at home and abroad since his Ordination in 1977. Following some years of ministry in the Philippines he studied in the United States where he qualified as a Psychotherapist. Since returning to Ireland in 1992 Fr. Brendan has been involved in psychotherapy, in church and retreat ministry, spiritual direction, teaching and administration. He was Rector of Clonard Monastery in Belfast, Director of the Marianella Pastoral Centre in Dublin, a member of the Scala Youth Ministry community in Cork, Rector of Esker Monastery in Co. Galway and Vicar of the Province from 2011 to 2015. For the past three years he has been Director of Formation for the Province while a member of the Griffith Avenue community in Dublin. We wish Fr. Brendan every blessing as he settles into his new role.



Redemptorists of the Dublin Province
Incoming OPC & EPC
2023-2026

 <p>Fr. Brendan O'Rourke C.Ss.R Provincial</p>	 <p>Fr. Gerry O'Connor C.Ss.R Provincial Vicar</p>	 <p>Fr. Brian Nolan C.Ss.R 2nd Consultor OPC</p>
 <p>Fr. Michael Murtagh C.Ss.R EPC</p>	 <p>Fr. Aidan McMahon C.Ss.R EPC</p>	 <p>Fr. Brendan Callanan C.Ss.R EPC</p>

NEW PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP TEAM AND LOCAL SUPERIORS

At the Provincial Chapter earlier this year Fr. Brendan O'Rourke began his term as Provincial of the Dublin Province of the Redemptorists.

A significant task of the Chapter was the elected of new Provincial Councils for the coming four years; Along with Fr. Brendan, Fr's Gerry O'Connor and Brian Nolan make up the new OPC while Fr's Brendan Callanan, Aidan McMahon and Michael Murtagh form the new EPC. The EPC later appointed the following local Superiors.

Clonard Monastery:	Fr. Brendan Kelly C.Ss.R.
St. Gerard's Belfast:	Fr. Patrick O'Keeffe C.Ss.R.
St. Joseph's Dundalk:	Fr. Brendan Callanan C.Ss.R.
Griffith Ave Dublin:	Fr. Paddy Kelly C.Ss.R.
Cherry Orchard Dublin:	Fr. Michael Murtagh C.Ss.R.
Assumption Parish Dublin:	Fr. Adrian Egan C.Ss.R.
Scala Cork:	Fr. Dan Baragry C.Ss.R.
Mount St. Alphonsus Limerick:	Fr. Brian Nolan C.Ss.R.

We wish Fr. Brendan, the new Provincial Councils and Local Superiors every blessing in their new roles and posts of responsibility.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



Our World Youth Day Journey began on an early flight from Dublin airport where a group of young people connected to Redemptorist Youth Ministry Ireland (RYMI) set out to Lisbon where we would be joined by 1.5 million others from across the world making their way to this huge event.

On our first day of this weeklong pilgrimage, we reached the site for the Opening Mass and stood in amazement as we watched up to 500,000 people flood into Parc Eduardo. The music and dancing really does add to the excitement and the feeling that we're about to be a part of something very special. The mass was great. Hundreds and hundreds of eucharistic ministers ensured that everyone present received the Eucharist. It was Amazing to see our young people witness something of this scale

for the first time. The next day we attended the Alphonsian day in a local parish where Redemptorist communities from all over the world gathered to share music, faith & cultural experiences. We had our own Irish stall which proved incredibly popular! I guess we really are a universally loved nation...

Each morning we attended Rise Up sessions where we heard pope Francis's message 'to go with haste' like Mary. These sessions were also a great opportunity to meet new people from different



countries and explore different cultures. Throughout the day we would have the opportunity to explore the city of Lisbon, the place was electric with music, dancing and people speaking in languages far and wide.

On Saturday, Fr Christopher Hogg who had welcomed us into the Parish of Damaia for the week, rejuvenated our spirit as we embarked to join the million other young people making their way to the Vigil Site. As we got closer the swarms of people grew larger, until eventually we

could see where our home for the night would be. The view filled us with awe as flags of all kinds were scattered everywhere. We had never seen such a gathering like this before. When night fell, we joined all 1.5 million people present in a Vigil Mass listening to the chants for 'Papa Fran'.

As we arose the next morning with a questionable amount of sleep, we were treated to a DJ set blasted on the speakers at 7AM. Once we were all awake, we waited eagerly for the Final Commissioning Mass. Pope

Francis spoke directly to the young people present telling us 'Do not be afraid, for the lord loves you and walks at your side.'

As we enjoyed our final day in Lisbon, we reflected on those words we felt renewed and empowered to bring this experience home to our friends and families. WYD Lisbon is only the beginning, now it is time to go with haste to bring the joy and hope and spread Pope Francis message, 'do not be afraid!'



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Br. Paschal Doherty C.Ss.R.

Died 28th July 2023

Br. Paschal (Patrick) Doherty was born in Derry City in Oct of 1932. As a young man he served his apprenticeship and became a joiner. In the early 1950s he sensed a call to the religious life and came to the Redemptorists. He did his novitiate in St. Joseph's and made his religious profession as a Redemptorist brother on the 11th of February 1957. He lived as a Redemptorist missionary brother for sixty-six years. In 1966 he was appointed to the Redemptorist Mission in Brazil. His arrival there coincided with the nomination of his redemptorist confrere, James Collins, to be the first bishop of the diocese of Miracema. Brother Paschal was assigned to work with the new bishop, and they worked together for over thirty years. Since it was a new diocese, they set about building it up, not only in the sense of building churches and community centres, but also establishing new parishes and communities throughout a huge geographical area. Paschal was also noted for his great spirit of hospitality. He returned to Ireland in 1999 and was a member of the community in Esker Retreat House until 2005, when he was transferred to St. Joseph's Dundalk where he remained for eighteen years until his death. He died peacefully on the 28th of July, surrounded by some of his confreres and carers.



Fr. Anthony Mulvey C.Ss.R.

Died November 3rd 2022

Fr. Anthony (Tony) Mulvey was born in Ballinaglera, Co. Leitrim on 30th January 1922. He attended the Redemptorist College in Limerick completing his studies there in 1942. He moved to Dundalk for his novitiate year and was professed in 1943. Ordained in Galway in 1951, he spent the following 17 years teaching in the Redemptorist College in Limerick. Following short periods in Clonard (Belfast) and Dundalk he moved to Luxembourg in 1973 where he would spend 12 years ministering to the English-speaking community there. With his fluency in languages, his broad interests and knowledge, he thrived in Luxembourg and really enjoyed his time there. Tony returned to St. Gerard's parish (Belfast) for a year before moving to Rome where he spent 23 years working in the General Archives and as a translator for the General Government. He described his time in Rome as a marvellous experience as he loved engaging with other nationalities and learning from them. In 2010 he returned to Dundalk ministering there for 6 years before moving to Esker monastery in 2016. In January of 2022 he celebrated his 100th birthday, the first Irish Redemptorist to reach this landmark. With the closure of Esker, he returned to Dundalk where he died gently and peacefully on the evening of November 3rd.



Fr. Clement Mac Manuis C.Ss.R.

Died May 27th 2023

Fr. Clement MacManuis was born in Dundalk in April of 1943 and lived in St. Alphonsus Villas, near St. Joseph's Monastery. He joined the Redemptorists in 1962, was professed in 1963 and ordained in 1969. Clement spent his life of ministry in Ireland, for over thirty years he preached parish missions and retreats throughout the country. In the 1980s he lived in Clonard monastery in Belfast and for a time was Director of the women's confraternity there. In the 1990s he was a member of the Esker community in Co. Galway where he studied and became fluent in the Irish language and preached missions in Irish throughout the Gaeltacht. At the request of the local Bishop and with the blessing of Superiors he spent extended periods ministering in parishes on the Aran Islands and other areas of the Gaeltacht becoming immersed in the culture of the West of Ireland. He facilitated the translation of "Visits to the Blessed Sacrament" into Irish and during Covid provided a regular Irish mass through YouTube. With the closure of Esker Monastery in November of 2022 Clement moved to Clonard Monastery in Belfast and joined the Church ministry team there. His sudden death some months later was a profound shock to all who knew him. He was a man of faith, full of the joys of life who related easily with young and old alike. He died on May 27th, 2023, in Clonard.



Fr. Eamon Kavanagh C.Ss.R.

Died February 26th 2023

Fr. Eamon Kavanagh was born on the 23rd of January 1938 in Clonmany on the Inishowen peninsula in Co. Donegal. At the age of nine his family moved to Dundalk, where Eamon encountered the Redemptorists, becoming an altar server in St. Joseph's Church. At the age of sixteen he applied for acceptance as a Brother candidate in the Congregation and begin his postulancy in Esker, Co. Galway and was Professed in Dundalk in 1958, taking as his religious name, Raymond. For the next six years he served in various Communities around the Province in a number of roles, cook, tailor, sacristan and infirmarian. In 1964 he was appointed to the Redemptorist mission in Brazil, where he was to minister for most of his life. In 1968 he returned to Ireland to study for the priesthood and was ordained in 1972. Eamon then happily returned to Brazil where he remained till 2015 except for a three-year stint giving parish missions in Ireland during the 90's. While mainly involved in parish ministry in Brazil Eamon also excelled at fund-raising in support of the mission, travelling regularly to Canada and the States for mission appeals. He also discovered a new talent as a builder. In 2015 he returned to Dundalk as a member of the Community there and later as curate in St. Joseph's Redemptorist Parish. Eamon was a larger-than-life character, known for his warmth, his encouraging ways, his mischievous humour and his fine singing voice. He died in St. Joseph's Monastery in Dundalk on the 26th of February 2023.



Fr. Gerry Cassidy C.Ss.R.

Died November 23rd 2022

Fr. Gerry Cassidy was born in Belfast on the 22nd of October 1940. On completing school at 14 he served his time as a motor mechanic and worked for a local bakery maintaining its fleet of delivery vans.



In 1963 he volunteered as a lay Redemptorist and travelled to the new Irish Redemptorist mission in Brazil. Following time working in the State of Goias, he decided to become a priest and moved to Fortaleza to begin his studies. Gerry returned to the novitiate in Esker in 1966. Following his profession in 1967 he moved to Cluain Mhuire, Galway, then to Marianella, Dublin. In 1973 following his ordination, he was appointed as a Youth Worker to St. Clement's Retreat House, Belfast, and then moved to Clonard in 1978. In 1981 he was assigned to the Redemptorist Publications office in Liguori House, Dublin. In 1983 he returned to Clonard where he became involved in the Clonard ecumenical movement working alongside Fr. Gerry Reynolds. He was appointed Parish Priest of St. Gerard's, Belfast in 1993 and a few years later was assigned to Dundalk as Administrator of St. Joseph's Parish. In 2008 he was reappointed as Parish Priest of St. Gerard's and was there until 2019 when he moved back to Clonard. Gerry enjoyed walking and as a challenge he undertook to walk the Camino de Santiago, Spain, which he did in stages over a few years. He was a kind and gentle soul endeared by St. Gerard's parishioners and those who knew him. On the afternoon of November 10th, 2022, Fr. Gerry had a tragic fall and was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, where he died on November 23rd 2022.

Fr. Michael O'Connor C.Ss.R.

Died August 10th 2023

Father Michael O'Connor was born in Tralee in 1929. Following his post-primary education in the Redemptorist Juvenate in Limerick City he entered the Congregation. Professed in 1948 he completed his studies at the Cluain Mhuire Studendate in Galway where he was ordained on August 19th, 1956.

Following a short period on the parish mission staff in Esker, Co. Galway Michael was appointed to the Redemptorist Publications team in 1960 as assistant editor of the "Redemptorist Record" magazine. He



became editor of the magazine in 1963 and spearheaded a major change of focus for the magazine, renaming it "Reality" with an emphasis on the faith development of the laity. At the time the magazine played an important role in communicating the ideas, decisions and theology of Vatican 2 to the faithful.

In 1968 he was transferred to the Redemptorist Mission in the West Indies but moved to the United States in the following year where, following post-graduate studies, he began a teaching career working in a variety of Colleges and Universities. He also taught courses in the Kimmage Institute and The Pastoral Centre in Marianella, both in Dublin. While he finally returned to Ireland in 1995 and was assigned to the Mount Saint Alphonsus Community in Limerick, he continued to maintain some apostolic commitments in the United States, spending an extended period of time in St. Thomas More parish in Kansas City (2007-2012). In his later years Michael's ability to read was greatly hampered by macular degeneration. As his health seriously declined in early 2023 he spent the final months of his long life in Milford Hospice, Limerick where he died very peacefully on August 10th 2023. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Fr. Noel Gartlan C.Ss.R.

Died June 6th 2023

Fr. Noel was born in Dundalk in 1935. He made his profession as a Redemptorist in 1955 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1962. Since his ordination he lived and worked in the Philippines for over 60 years in a variety of different ministries and contributed significantly to the life of the Redemptorist mission there. He conducted parish missions for some years before taking on a number of roles in the formation process for young Filipino Redemptorists, as Vocations Director, Novice Master and later as Dean of Studies in Davao. He was also Rector of the Iligan Community for a period. Noel spend the final years of his life in Cebu where he acted as the Archivist of



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the Province and ministered in the Church there as long as his health permitted. Noel's gentle caring presence was much appreciated by his confreres and friends. He died on Wednesday, 6th of June 2023 in Cebu, Philippines. May he rest in peace.

Fr. Philip (Phil) Hearty C.Ss.R

Died September 6th 2023

Fr. Philip (Phil) Hearty was born in Liverpool in August of 1933 where his father worked at the time. The family returned to Dundalk in 1946 and Phil quickly adapted to his new surroundings. He became proficient in the Irish language and remained so all his life. He was a footballer and played for the Louth minors in 1951. He entered the Redemptorist novitiate in Esker, Co. Galway, in 1952 and made his first vows a year later. Following studies in UCG and in Cluain Mhuire, he was ordained to the priesthood on September 25th, 1960. In 1962 he was assigned to the newly established mission of the Irish Redemptorists in Brazil and ministered there until 1999. Dedicated in all he did, he worked mostly in parish ministry but also in education as he had a keen interest in youth ministry. Over the years he maintained a chronical of the mission in Brazil and compiled a significant amount of documentation on the mission. On returning to Ireland he was assigned to Esker and worked in the diocese of Clonfert for fifteen years, nearly all that time in the parish of Lusmagh, Co. Offaly, where his gentle manner was very much appreciated. In his retirement he spent some time in Dundalk and Esker before settling in Dundalk in 2022 spending the final months of his life in the Blackrock Abbey Nursing Home where he died on September 6th, 2023. May he Rest in Peace.



Fr. Brendan McDonald C.Ss.R.

Died September 30th, 2023.

Fr. Brendan McDonald was born in Waterford in 1937. On joining the Redemptorists he completed his Novitiate in Esker, Co. Galway, where he was Professed in September 1957. On completing his studies in Cluain Mhuire, Galway, he was ordained there on the 19th of January 1964. That same year he was appointed to the newly established Redemptorist mission in the North-East of Brazil where he lived and ministered for the rest of his life. From 1964 to 1973 he worked in the various parishes of the mission and then moved to Fortaleza City where he remained for the next 50 years. In Fortaleza Brendan was mainly involved in Education and writing, he was conferred with two doctorates, taught in the local University, was advisor to the Bishops Conference in the region, presented a TV programme and wrote regularly for the local newspapers on matters of faith and related matters. Despite this major change of direction in his life Brendan never lost his love of parish ministry and celebrated the sacraments each weekend in the church of St. Joseph Picl, for over 40 years, where he was much appreciated and loved. In declining health in recent years, he was wonderfully cared for by the staff of the central house of the Congregation in Fortaleza. He was transferred to Sao Camilo Hospital on the 19th of September 2023 where he passed away peacefully on the 30th of September. May he Rest in Peace.



Br. Anthony (Patrick) McCrave C.Ss.R.

Died October 10th, 2023.

Br. Anthony McCrave was born in Dundalk in 1935 the eldest of seven children. He was educated by the Christian Brothers in the town and became very involved with the Redemptorists Church from a young age where he served as altar boy for many years. At the age of 27 he joined the Redemptorists as a Brother, doing his pre-novitiate training in Esker, Co. Galway followed by a two-year novitiate in Dundalk. He was professed on May 31st, 1955, and appointed to the Mount St. Alphonsus community in Limerick. Over the years he served in almost all of the communities in Ireland, in Dundalk, Cluain Mhuire, Galway, St. Clement's Retreat House, Belfast, and Marianella, Dublin, serving mainly in the role of sacristan or bursar. He spent 15 years in Rome, in the communications office of the General Government, and attended General Chapters in Brazil, the US and the Far East. On returning to Ireland, he spent some time in Limerick before moving to Marianella and finally to Clonard Monastery in Belfast. Anthony was a quite hard-working man, a committed Redemptorist, very conscious of his specific vocation as a Brother, a great community man, and a pleasure to live with as he was always ready for a chat and willing to help others in whatever ways he could. He never lost his interest in communications, keeping the province informed of news items of interest and concern. He died unexpectedly on the 10th of Oct 2023 in Clonard, while working at his computer. He will be sadly missed.



REDEMPTORISTINE PROFESSIONS 2023



Sr. Louisa



Sr. Louisa, a native of the Philippines, made her final profession on August 19th



Sr. Bindhu, from India, making her temporary profession on October 7th

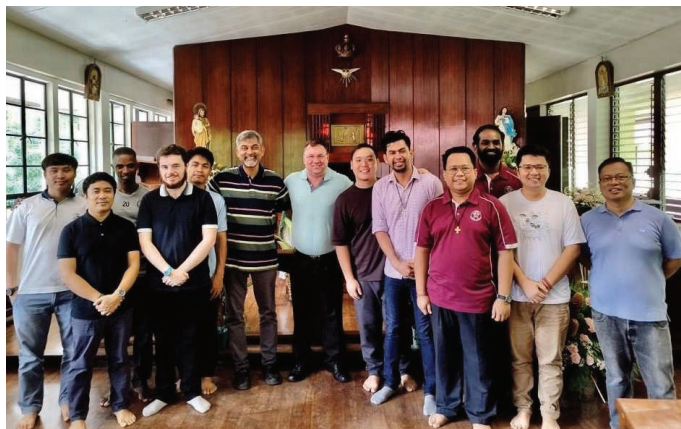


Sr. Angela, a native of Scotland, made her final profession on November 11th.

2023 has been a year of joy and celebration for the Redemptoristine Sisters of the Monastery of St. Alphonsus in Drumcondra as three of the community professed their VOWS.

On Saturday August 19th Sr. Louisa Olmo made her final commitment. A native of the Philippines, Sr. Louisa spent many years nursing in Chicago USA before entering the Redemptoristine Monastery in Liguori Missouri in 2016. Due to the closure of the Liguori Monastery early in 2023 she transferred to the Dublin community. Sr. Bindhu, a native of India, made her temporary profession for three years on the 7th of October while Sr. Angela from Scotland made final profession on November 11th. We give thanks that the community continues to grow and thrive, enriched by its international dimension. We wish Sr's. Louisa, Bindhu and Angela every blessing and pray that they may continue to deepen their sense of commitment to the Lord who has called them to a life of contemplation and prayer.

NOVITIATE IN THE PHILIPPINES



Irish student joins Novitiate in the Philippines.

In June, Kevin Heffron, from Randalstown Co. Antrim and a student with the Dublin Province for the previous three years, journeyed to the Philippines to join the Inter-Provincial Common Novitiate in Lipa City. He joins a diverse international group with fellow novices from Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Tanzania. Visiting the group, soon after the official opening of the Novitiate, Fr. Rogerio Gomes, Superior General of the Redemptorists, invited the novices to enter into the amazing experience of the novitiate as they discern their vocation and grow deep in relationship with the Lord who calls them to be with him and so be prepared to be sent out as missionaries. We wish Kevin and his fellow novices well during their novitiate year and pray that it may be a rewarding experience for them.

CONGRATULATION ON 70 YEARS OF COMMITMENT

Fr's John Corbett and Richard Tobin, both stationed at St. Joseph's monastery Dundalk, celebrated their Platinum Jubilee of Religious Profession on September 24th 2023. We thank God for their 70 years of service and commitment to the Redemptorist mission and wish them many more years of good health.



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