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Last Sisters to leave St John's within a month

By TRISH O'DEA

THE remaining Little Company of Mary sisters, who have been resident on the grounds of St John's Hospital since 1888, will be leaving the grounds within a month.

The residence occupied by the sisters for the past twenty years, a convent residence on the grounds, will soon be converted into offices for Hospital administration.

The sisters will, however, continue working at the hospital, with approximately eight staff members, including matron, a tutor and sisters in pastoral care.

When Health Minister Michael Noonan recently opened the new extension to the hospital he offered the sisters some remuneration in lieu of the present residence, and for other areas handed over to the

hospital in recent years, including the Lecture Hall and former student nurse's accommodation.

Mr Noonan paid tribute to the sisters for their contribution over the past 100 years and welcomed the fact that they will continue their service at St John's and to the people of Limerick.

The Little Company of Mary were first invited to Limerick in 1888 by Bishop Ed O'Dwyer and three sisters arrived initially.

The Congregation was established in Nottingham in 1877 by an Englishwoman Mary Potter, herself in frail health, to care for the sick and elderly.

When they first took up residence in St John's the sisters were given accommodation in the Old Guard House over the Archway and on the ground floor, where the X-Ray department

is now located.

Their number increased quickly, as many Irish women joined and the Bishop of the time and the people of Limerick built a convent for the sisters, in a building which faces St John's Square.

The sisters lived in dormitories until 1968, when an extension was built by the Little Company of Mary.

The area was converted into offices for information technology and doctors, and the ground floor now accommodates the Accident & Emergency and the Out-Patient's Department, which transferred to St John's when Barrington's Hospital closed.

The Day Care Unit which occupies the middle floor is named after Mary Potter, the Foundress of the Little Company of Mary, who was recently declared Venerable by the Church.

Sudden death of Limerick priest

THE death occurred suddenly, over the weekend, of a Limerick Augustinian priest who had been based in Dungarvan, County Waterford.

Fr Jackie Kevin Moylan OSA suffered a heart attack on Saturday as he was staying at the house of one of his sisters, in Roslaire. He was aged 67.

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IN MEMORIAM

COSTELLO HAYES (First Anniversary) — In loving memory of Cian Costello Hayes, who passed through this world on June 14, 1996.

Always in our thoughts,
Always in our hearts,
Though you can't be with us,
We'll never be apart,
Someday we will meet,
And hold you in our arms,
Give the love we missed,
And keep you safe from harm.

— Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, sister and brother. We love you
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