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Fr Denis Whelton, Prior, Augustinian Church, O'Connell Street, with Maurice Anslow. (LL)

Augustinians honour Maurice's church work

By PATRICIA FEEHILY

THE world has changed a lot since Limerick's Maurice Anslow, first became involved with the Augustinians in Limerick over half-a-century ago.

Now Maurice, from Rosbrien, has become the third Limerickman to be affiliated to the Order on the instructions of the Prior General in Rome, Fr Miquel Angel Orcasitas.

The other two lay members are architect Tom Sheehan, and Maurice Anslow's late brother, Tommy.

An avid Young

Munster man, Maurice remembers the Augustinian House in O'Connell Street as a great meeting place, especially before a match.

"I played with Young Munster and we'd take off from the Augustinians," he recalled.

His own long involvement with the Order began over 50 years ago when his family firm did the marble work in the church.

"I started the collections in 1941," he said "and after that if anything turned up I was always there."

The Prior, Fr Denis Whelton, said that

Maurice had "given a lifetime working for the Church".

Describing the affiliation as one of the Order's great honours, he said that Mr Anslow was only the third in Limerick to achieve it.

Maurice says also that it is a great honour, and with a twinkle in his eye, says he won't be allowed to hear confessions.

He celebrates his 76th birthday this week, and has retired from his post as lecturer in building construction at Moylish College.

He and his wife, Monica, had three children, Frances, Antoinette and Peter.

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TWO Limerick women are among the first in the country to be given a seat at the Chapter of the all-male Augustinian Order.

Barbara Dillon, of Castletroy, and Maura Barry, of Parteen, last week joined the first group of laity ever admitted to the order's Chapter held to determine policy every four years.

Limerickman, Michael Connelly of South Circular Road, was also among the small group of laity at the historic meeting.

All three have been active for many years in the affairs of the Augustinian Church in Limerick.

Augustinian, Fr Seamus Humphreys said: "It's the first time that women have been formally listened to."

But he emphasised the fact that it was the first time that both men and women of the laity had been involved in the Order's pol-

icy making procedure.

Barbara and Maura were among seven women admitted.

Fr Humphreys said that they had invited the ladies to be with them for the first time in their history.

"We are thinking in partnership in ministry and evangelisation and we find that women have a point of view that was neglected in an all-male Order," he said.

The Augustinians have 150 men in 17 Houses throughout the country, with 30 working abroad. Maura Barry's son is a member of the Order in Dublin.

Barbara Dillon congratulated the Augustinians for their initiative.

"We hope that this new thinking will go all the way to the Vatican," she said.

The move was welcomed by the Prior in Limerick, Fr Denis Whelton. He pointed out that the Limerick Augustinians have had women involved on their pastoral team for some time.

Women join Augustinians

Mozart and Shaw

THE Limerick Philosophical Society will present a talk on Mozart and Shaw in Mary Immaculate College on April 29 at 8pm. The guest speaker will be Dr Gareth Cox from the college's music department. Admission is free.

Annual fete

RATHFREDAGH Chesire Home's annual fete will be held on the first Sunday in July. The first meeting of the planning committee will be held in the home next Tuesday at 8.30pm.

The home will also have a games stand and children's stall at the GPA Fair at Clonshire on May 2.

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