

Another chapter in Augustinian history

Last evening a quiet but impressive ceremony took place in front of the Augustinian Church in O'Connell Street when a 330-year old stone, a precious link with the Augustinians' foundation in Fish Lane and now firmly placed in the frontage of the present edifice, was blessed by Right Rev. Monsignor M. Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's.

A special sermon dealing with the history of the lintel stone and the Augustinians' long association with Limerick, was preached by Rev. Father A. M. Chawke, O.S.A., a native of Castletown Conyers.

THE CEREMONY

Members of the men's Arch-Confraternity of the Sacred Cincture stood in a long line as guard of honour while Right Rev. Monsignor Moloney, accompanied by Very Rev. L. V. Lyons, O.S.A., Prior; Very Rev. T. J. Lyons, Administrator, St. Michael's; Rev. A. Meagher, O.S.A., St. Monica's, Rome; Rev. Father King, O.S.A., of the American Diocese; Rev. J. J. Phelan, O.S.A., etc., came from the Priory to unveil and bless the ancient stone.

After the blessing, Monsignor Moloney, in a short address tracing the history of the stone, said that they, the clergy and people of Limerick thanked the Augustinians for the noble work they had done, and they prayed that their good work would continue and that the old stone would continue to look on Limerick for centuries to come.

Subsequently, in the Church, Fr. Chawke preached and a solemn procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament took place at which members of the Sacred Cincture acted as Guard of Honour. Rev. T. O'Donovan, O.S.A., was Master of Ceremonies.

The celebrant at Solemn Benediction was Rev. Fr. Meagher, O.S.A.; Deacon, Rev. C. Fitzsimmons, O.S.A., and Rev. L. O'Sullivan, O.S.A., Sub-Deacon.

GRATEFUL

The Augustinian fathers are very grateful to the late Mr. John O'Doherty and his son, Christopher, of Mathew Bridge, for having preserved the stone for them. It is the centrepiece of the lintel stone from their first house in Limerick and was left in the small church in Fish Lane when the fathers moved to Creagh Lane in 1778. The property then passed to the Russells, Skehans, and finally the O'Dohertys. The Augustinians came to Limerick after their monastery in Adare had been suppressed.

Dance band leader weds Limerick girl

A big crowd of admirers gathered outside St. Joseph's Church, Limerick on Saturday morning last, to give a rousing reception to Miss Rosemary Walsh, County View Tce., Ballinacurra, Limerick, and Mr. Dermot O'Brien, Ardee, County Louth, the well-known dance band leader and Louth County footballer, after their marriage.

The groom, who lives in Dublin, captained the Louth senior team which won the All-Ireland in 1957, and he played for his county from 1952 to 1961.

Members of Dermot's band, The Clubmen, formed a guard of honour as the bride and groom came from the church.

The groom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Brien, Ardee, and Rosemary is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walsh, Ballinacurra, Limerick.

Right Rev. Mgr. Brian Walsh, Florida, U.S.A., a brother of the bride, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Fr. Malachy, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Enright, Limerick, and Rev. K. Connolly, Drogheda.

The best man was Peter Markey, Ardee, and the groomsman was Tony Walsh, a brother of the bride. Mrs. Patricia Houlihan, a sister of the bride, was matron of honour, and Miss Aileen Walsh, another sister, was bridesmaid.

Over 100 guests, including many show personalities attended the reception at Shannon Airport and later Dermot and his bride flew to London for their honeymoon.

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