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## Holy Father Has Named Eminent Priest For Vacant Limerick See

THE news of the appointment of Rev. Dr. Henry Murphy, Professor, St. Munchin's College, to the See of Limerick, caused vacant by the lamented death of Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, has given unalloyed joy to the people.



Picture taken in the grounds of St. Munchin's College this morning of the Bishop-Elect of Limerick.

To-day numerous messages of congratulations from members of the Hierarchy, priests, secular and regular, and the general public were delivered at St. Munchin's College, where he has laboured for the past twenty years.

Born in the Parish of Ardpatrick 46 years ago, he attended the local National School, later passing on to the Christian Bros. School, Charleville. Manifesting disposition for the Church, his parents had him transferred to St. Munchin's College, where he was to distinguish himself amongst his class fellows. As a mark of the high regard entertained for him by the College Superiors he was made Senior Prefect during his last two years.

### WON DISTINCTIONS AT MAYNOOTH

Passing on to Maynooth he won many distinctions, being always in the first grade in his class. He took his B.A. with first class honours, a distinction that he repeated in his final for the Bachelorship of Science and for the

Diploma of Higher Education. Ordained in Maynooth in 1936, he was sent to the Dunboyne Establishment by the then Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, to pursue his studies for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, an honour that he secured in the highest rank, along with the Most Rev. Dr. John Aherne, the recently consecrated Bishop of Cloyne.

Leaving the Dunboyne Establishment, Dr. Murphy was appointed to the Professorial Staff of St. Munchin's, where he has continued to labour ever since in the classroom, his special subject being science.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES.

In addition to his duties in the College he has been chaplain to the Mary Immaculate Training College (where he celebrated Mass this morning), lecturer in medical ethics to the Medical Guild of Saints Luke, Cosmas and Damian; Director of the Christus Rex Society, Joint Editor of the Diocesan periodical—"Our Catholic Life," lecturer to the Knights of

St. Columbanus and other organisations, all spheres in which his brilliance has left an indelible impression.

Dr. Murphy, notwithstanding his great erudition, is a man of great humility and simplicity. Indeed, it can be truly said of him that he possesses in a marked degree the two great characteristics of the Bishopric—learning and sanctity. His selection by the Holy Father to rule the Ancient See of St. Munchin has given, as already said, great joy to the people, for all realise that in him Limerick will have a Chief Pastor who will add lustre to a long line of illustrious Bishops.

### HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY.

Dr. Murphy, speaking to a Limerick Leader representative today, did not conceal his anxiety at the heavy task placed on him by the Sovereign Pontiff. With characteristic modesty, he spoke of his unfitness for the exalted office, saying that what he needed most now were the prayers, rather than the congratulations, of the people.

Mindful of the big scheme of Diocesan reconstruction works that had been initiated by the late Bishop, Dr. Murphy has no illusions as to the heavy responsibility that has been placed on his shoulders. He has found consolation in the knowledge, however, that his flock will rally to his support and make it possible for him to push ahead with the new Diocesan College, new Church at Prospect and other badly needed Diocesan projects.

### GENEROUS GESTURE.

While these notes were being written by a member of our staff heartening evidence was forthcoming that the people will not allow our young Bishop-Elect to carry his burden unaided.

Mr. Joseph McCarthy, Managing-Director of the old-established furnishing house of Messrs. P. McCarthy and Sons, William St., Limerick, phoned us to say that his firm was prepared to contribute one hundred guineas to a public fund for the proposed Diocesan College—the fund to be regarded as a personal gift to the Bishop-Elect.

It will be our pleasure to bring Mr. McCarthy's generous offer to the notice of the Diocesan Organiser, Rev. T. Cuhane.

### THE FAMILY CIRCLE.

Dr. Murphy is a member of an old Ardpatrick stock. His father, Mr. Patrick Murphy, who died in 1956, was a progressive farmer. His mother, formerly Miss Mary Nash, died in 1936, the year of her son's ordination to the priesthood. The Bishop-Elect has three brothers, Mr. Jeremiah Murphy, M.P.S.L., Bruff; Mr. P. Murphy, who now conducts the home farm, and Mr. Michael Murphy, who farms at Rathannon, Bruff. His only sister is Mrs. J. Quilty, Ardpatrick.

Dr. Murphy was in Bristol when news reached him of his appointment to the See of Limerick. He returned by air on Saturday night and was met at Shannon by the Vicar-Capitular, Right Rev. Monsignor Moloney, P.P., V.R.; Very Rev. W. J. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.R.; Very Rev. E. Canon Punch, P.P.; Very Rev. P. J. Canon Leab, P.P.; Very Rev. Dr. J. Cowper, P.P.; Rev. J. Godfrey, C.C. and Rev. C. Mullins, representing the Cathedral clergy and Rev. M. Kelly and Rev. E. Connellan, St. Munchin's College staff.

It was in connection with a movement initiated by Christus Rex that Dr. Murphy had gone to Bristol on parochial and missionary work amongst Irish emigrants.

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE TO BISHOP ELECT

The Mayor (Mr. J. P. Liddy) has sent a telegram to the Bishop-Elect extending felicitations to him on behalf of himself and the citizens.

## UNEXPECTED DEATH OF CITY SOLICITOR

ONE of Limerick's best known solicitors, Mr. Roger Gerard O'Sullivan, O'Connell Street, Limerick, passed away suddenly at his residence, "Yewfort," Patrickswell, County Limerick, in the early hours of this morning. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters.

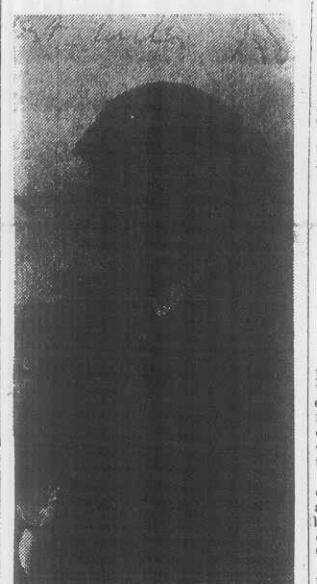
The news of his death came as a profound shock to the members of his staff, his professional colleagues and general public, as he had been in his usual good health over the week-end. With his brother solicitors he attended a reception in the Dunraven Arms Hotel, Adare, on Saturday night last, to mark the retirement of Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., and was in his normal buoyant and cheery mood.

### GRADUATED BEFORE HE WAS 21.

The late Mr. O'Sullivan, who was in his 48th year, was the only child of Mrs. and the late Mr. Philip O'Sullivan, solicitor. He had the honour of graduating, with academic distinctions, as a solicitor before he was 21 years of age. It was at the Michaelmas Sittings in 1931 that he was admitted to practice at the age of 21. Joining his father's business, soon his brilliant intellectual attainments began to flourish and he took high rank in his calling. By the time his father died he had built up an extensive practice and was legal adviser to the Limerick County Council, the Limerick Mental Hospital Board, as well as being Chairman of the Co. Limerick Coursing Club—the promoters of the Irish Coursing Cup meeting at Cloonana; an Irish Cup nominator and a member of the Limerick Horse Show Committee.

### VERY POPULAR FIGURE.

Those who had the pleasure of Roger O'Sullivan's friendship mourn his unexpected passing. He was a gentleman in the true meaning of the word. A kindness of heart, a sympathetic nature bound with a gentleness that was the essence of his character, made him very popular. Amongst the legal profession he was held in the highest respect, both as a lawyer and a colleague. He could number among his intimate acquaintances many of the luminaries of the Irish Bench and Bar.



The late Mr. Roger O'Sullivan.

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