



Sr Mary Anthony, Laurell Hill. (LL)



At the exhibition, was Tom O'Donnell. (LL)

# Anne exhibition: lest we should ever forget

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IT was one of Anne Frank's wishes that she lived on after her death, indeed, after seeing the Anne Frank in the World exhibition at Limerick City Hall it would be hard to forget her.

The exhibition is a

poignant picture record of the life of an ordinary child growing up in Nazi Germany and occupied Holland. At least one third of the 700 photos at the exhibition are taken from the Frank family album.

They record Anne's first day of her life, birthday parties with her sister Margo and family trips to the seaside - in every way a normal family. However, they

also record the horrors of being a Jew in the 1920s and 30s, having to wear the Jewish star, curfews and finally the concentration camps.

Anne Frank is perhaps the best known child-victim of the Holocaust. She was born in Germany, she fled with her parents and sister to Holland in the hope that

being captured, her plans for after the war and her falling in love with Peter van Dann.

Not only is Anne Frank's diary noted for its content, but her ability to write has also been praised.

Best selling authoress, Christabel Bielenberg, whose lawyer husband, Peter, died in a concentration camp, opened the exhibition last Monday.

Ms Bielenberg praised Anne's capabilities as a writer.

"Anne was a born writer, she writes as a bird sings, she was a natural," said Ms Bielenberg.

The authoress planted an acorn seed from the tree outside the Frank home in Amsterdam at the City Hall.

Also at the exhibition was a neighbour of Anne's - Rabbi Avram Soetendrop. He recalled his own experiences of the war. He told the story that when he was three months old the Gestapo called to his home, they looked at him and said what a pity it was a Jewish child, his father retaliated by saying that his child would never be the son of a murderer. That night the Soetendrop family escaped and the Rabbi spent the war in hiding with a Catholic family.

Anne Frank, 15, and her sister Margo, died from typhoid in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp a few days before the camp was liberated.

The exhibition also contains the award-winning video, Dear Kitty, and previously unreleased photographs from Dutch and German archives.

The exhibition runs until June 11 from 9am to 5pm, including Saturday, June 5 (12pm to 5pm) and Sunday, June 6, (2pm to 5pm). It will be closed on bank holiday Monday. Admission is free. For group bookings phone: 061-475352.



Rabbi Soetendrop

they would be free from the Nazis. However, when Holland was invaded the family had to go into hiding.

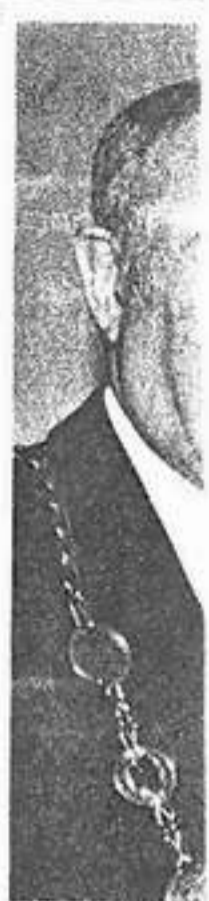
The exhibition has a model of the two roomed attic where the Franks and their friends the Van Dann family hid.

It was there that she began her diary, her accounts of her daily life in hiding are addressed to "Dear Kitty".

At the opening of the exhibition in Limerick City Hall, Sheena Doyle read extracts from Anne's diary which recorded her fear of



Sr Gerard, Philomena's. (LL)



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At the opening were Bishop Darling,



Christine Bielenberg, left, who opened Corbally.



Five-month-old Mathieu Shanks, Montreal, who is in Limerick to see his grandmother was at the opening (LL)

## 'Safe Sex' danger warning

THE Government's "Safe Sex" promotion will get a severe lambasting at the Mothers Working at Home Conference being held in Limerick this Friday.

And Nora Bennis, one of the organisers of the conference, says that recent research carried out in the US shows that the latex

rubber that condoms are made from has inherent naturally-occurring flaws.

"These (flaws) are 50 times larger than the Aids virus," she added. The research has been carried out by C. M Roland, a research scientist in the field of rubber science and

technology.

In literature submitted by Ms Bennis, Mr Roland is quoted as saying: "I find absurd the notion that condoms allow one to safely engage in sexual relations with HIV carriers. Their promotion for that purpose is dangerous and irresponsible."