

Veteran Limerick Priest

Death of Very Rev. Fr. Peter Begley, O.F.M.

The death has taken place at the Franciscan Abbey, at Multyfarnham, of Very Rev. Father Peter Begley, O.F.M., ex-Definitor-General

Father Peter, who was about 80 years of age, was a native of West Limerick, and was the last survivor of three brothers, all of whom were Franciscans. He was educated in Rome and in Germany before being ordained in Holland. On his return to Ireland his first appointment was as Guardian at Multyfarnham in about the year 1887. While there he took a prominent part in the building of the College. He was subsequently appointed Provincial before being called to Rome as Definitor General.

Father Peter had been Guardian in several centres, his last appointment being at Carrick-on-Suir, where he was largely responsible for the building of the Convent. The deceased priest was a kinsman of Right Rev. John Archdeacon Begley, P.P., V.G. Briff, the well known archaeologist and historian of Limerick Diocese.

The funeral took place on Saturday at the Franciscan Abbey, Multyfarnham, following Solemn Requiem Mass and Office, at which Very Rev. Fr. Augustine O'Neill, O.F.M., Provincial, presided.

The Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father Leo Sheehan, O.F.M., Guardian, Ennis.

Representatives of the 14 convents of the Order in Ireland were present, as well as a large congregation from the locality.