

# Was Honoured by Pope

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## Distinguished Co. Limerick Priest's Death.

Very Rev John Canon Burke, P.P., V.F., K.C.H.S., died on Sunday last at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr John McGrath, at King's Square, Mitchelstown.

The late Canon Burke was born at Glenlara, Kilfinane, and was ordained at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, in 1886. At the time of his death he was pastor of Bolton. On the occasion of his sacerdotal golden three years ago, the late Pope, in recognition of his work for Catholic education, conferred on Canon Burke the order of Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre. The brief and insignia were brought from Rome by the Right Rev Monsignor Duche-mo.

At the Golden Jubilee celebrations, held at Thornleigh College, the Bishop of Salford (Dr Hen-haw) said he only knew of one other in the diocese who had ever been so honoured by the Holy Father. Due to the initiative of the late Canon, and his crusade on behalf of Catholic education the boys of Bolton had secured a splendid secondary school.

Amongst those who joined in congratulating Canon Burke on the occasion of his Jubilee were—Mr D. Valera, the Mayor of Limerick, the Superior-General of the Silesian Order, and the Archbishops of Liverpool and Cashel.

The remains were removed to Mitchelstown Parish Church on Monday evening, and the funeral took place at Mitchelstown after Office and Requiem Mass this (Tuesday) morning.

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