



# Great Act of Public Marian Year

Heaven, as, indeed, they hoped and prayed fervently that they would among the saints in Heaven, they may be sure that they will never attain that position without harboring the nourishment for their body attained through the love for the Mother of God.

**SURE GUARANTEE OF THE LIFE TO COME.**  
People who found themselves in the vices of sin were in that position because they had no devotion for the Mother of God. If they trusted in the Mother of God there would be no need to worry in this life, a sure devotion and the life to come would be with God; and those who had recourse to her would have no great trouble in overcoming the temptations that beset them.

Referring to the glorious reign of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII and his proclamation of the dogmas of Our Lady, the Nuncio said that the Holy Father had asked the members of the Marian Year particularly to dedicate to honouring the Queen of Heaven. He had asked that the entire world pray for the special intentions in this special year, and he had asked to pray for himself so that he may always be faithful in the discharge of the tremendous duties that were his as head of the Church on this earth. He had also asked to pray for the holiness and sanctity of life may grow intense and deeper in the hearts of priests and religious of the world over. He had asked to pray during this Marian Year for the holy priest and religious life. He had asked them to pray that even Christian virtue may shine in every Catholic home so that fathers and mothers may show their deeply Christian love of the virtues of Christ.

The Holy Father had also asked for prayers for the silent Church behind the millions of Catholics, including Cardinals, Bishops and priests and countless numbers of the laity, suffering in the countless prisons of the world because they had preferred to serve God rather than Caesar — because they had chosen to remain loyal and true to the one great God rather than give up all that was good and holy. They asked that the day of their deliverance may soon dawn.

**STRIKING PRAYER.**  
At this stage His Excellency mentioned the striking prayer of the Church — the prayer of St. Bernard, namely the Memorare. They remembered that prayer and they knew that Our Lady and their permanent prayer uttered to her to go unanswered. It was true that the place of Our Lady and Heaven was exalted and God, "No close to us could describe the fulness of the beauty of the Mother of God's soul. They knew how exalted was her exalted, indeed, was the maternal heart of hers. They knew that she in the tenderness of her heart had designed to appear to the humblest people and to the three children in Fatima, and Our Lady had performed countless miracles, and bestowed countless graces, in the course of the history of the Church. The miracles that were not written down in any book but known to God; miracles that were happening every day. They could be sure that no prayer to the Mother of God would be left unanswered. They did not always receive what they prayed for, but the Mother of God will by the providence of God, will have their answer. These Ave said yesterday would produce all God's good time, results beyond all imagination.

**BEAUTIFUL PROCESSION.**  
Continuing, his Excellency said that it was not in the congregation. The good people, by their beautiful Marian Year procession in the presence of their Most Reverend and beloved Bishop, Dr. O'Neill, said clergy preached to the Mother of God, so deep and pure in their Catholic hearts, they were so devotedly devoted, give were so the graces and blessings for soul and body, and may she also bestow them on all the priests and religious of the Mother of Sinners, Help of Christians, and Comfort of the Afflicted, secure for them all a richness in the bounty of God's graces.

**PONTIFICAL BENEDICTION.**  
Rev. Father P. McGowan, C.S.S.R., then recited the perpetual Novena prayers, after the solemn Pontifical Benediction was imparted by His Excellency, assisted by Very Rev. Father M. Curran, C.S.S.R., as deacon, and Very Rev. Father G. Reynolds, C.S.S.R., as sub-deacon, with Rev. Father Daniel Murphy, C.S.S.R., Master of Ceremonies. The congregation joined with the choir in the singing

## MEN HAVE JAIL SENTENCES SHORTENED

The four young men who were sentenced to year's imprisonment in Edinburgh last November for being in possession of explosives with intent to cause damage and endanger life were released to-day. Representations had been made on their behalf by a number of Scottish M.P.s.

The Scottish Home Secretary in a letter said that the four men had been convicted of a serious offence — having explosives with intent to endanger life and cause serious damage or to enable others to do so.

"I have," the letter added, "considered all the circumstances, and carefully and listened to the representations made and as a result, I feel justified in recommending that a remission be made of the period of detention."

The four men, who would normally have been in prison until July 26th, were released this morning.

## Spare The Swan And Heron

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

DEAR SIR—I have read various reports in the Public Press that the Cork Fishery Board proposes to kill heron and swans because of their alleged threat to the salmon and trout in our rivers. I have been a fisherman with over 30 years experience of fishing on the Shannon and other rivers and an observer of nature, I would like to speak in defence of the swan and heron.

It has been stated at a meeting of the Fishery Board that swans devour salmon spawn, and eat all the weed which supplies food for the young fry.

While agreeing that swans live on a weed which grows in our rivers and lakes, it does not follow that they eat it all. If they ate it all there would be no necessity for the Fishery Board to put a price on their heads, because the swans would naturally leave of their own accord for pastures new.

When feeding on this weed the swan frequently pulls up the root with the weed and having eaten the weed the root is left for the current or stream to carry to some other spot where it becomes established and flourishes again.

The heron, a beautiful bird, is more of a benefactor to the salmon than a menace. The heron does not feed on fish, and when rearing a family he preys on a lot, but its main food is comprised of frogs and snails, which can be got in marshes, trenches and ponds. They love to eat them, they will take any small fish which comes along, but as a general rule they keep mostly to frogs, etc.

The real menace to the salmon spawn are eels, rats and duck, as well as almost every fish in the river, including the salmon. Eels, rats and duck and what they do not eat themselves they release the ravages of every other dweller in the river. Of the above marauders, the eel is the worst and most destructive.

By killing large numbers of eels there is not an ally to the salmon, not an enemy.

## CEREMONY THAT MARKED THE RE-DEDICATION OF CATHEDRAL

THE Apostolic Nuncio, Most Rev. Dr. O'Hara, presided at Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. John's Cathedral, yesterday, at which the celebrant was the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. P. O'Neill. The ceremony marked the re-dedication of the Cathedral, which was consecrated 60 years ago and re-decorated at a cost of £45,000.

Members of the Cathedral Chapter occupied seats in the sanctuary, and close on 30 priests, the Minister for Post and Telegraphs (Mr. E. Russell), the City Manager (Mr. M. Macken) and Colonel P. Maher, Shannon Airport, were among the large congregation.

**GUARD OF HONOUR.**  
Earlier, His Excellency was given a Guard of Honour by Ambulance Units of the Knights of Malta, under Officer T. Small, accompanied by Mr. T. Gough, D.M., Mr. J. Heffernan, D.M., Mr. A. J. Sexton, D.M. The Knights had also a colour party on parade consisting of the National flag, the Pope's flag, the flag of the Bishop of Limerick, Scoutmasters J. Gilligan and J. Brennan, lined the passage from the Presbytery to the Cathedral, and the chief marshal was Mr. J. Moloney, D.P.

The Cathedral choir splendidly conducted by Mr. Phil Madden, with excellent organ accompaniment by Master Gerard Foley, who deputised in the unavoidable absence of Professor King-Griffin sang "Benedicite Sacerdos Magnus," as His Excellency entered the Cathedral. The choir also sang the plain chant of the Mass, and their contribution to the ceremonies was most impressive.

Rev. J. Moran, C.C., was deacon at the Mass; Rev. D. Gallagher, C.C., sub-deacon; Very Rev. W. O'Grady, Adm., St. John's, assistant priest; Rev. W. Creed, C.C., master of ceremonies; Very Rev. Dr. J. P. P., St. Patrick's, and Very Rev. J. Brassill, P.P. Jamesboro', assistants to the Nuncio; Rev. C. Mullins, C.C., chaplain to the Bishop; Very Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's, chaplain to the Mayor.

The Royal Salute was given by Scott. Gerard O'Connell, St. Mary's Troop.

**CONGRATULATED BY NUNCIO.**  
His Excellency, preaching in the congregation, first expressed admiration for the impressive way in which the Liturgical ceremonies were performed in the Cathedral, and congratulated the master of ceremonies and the two assistants on the way that they had carried out the sacred rites so perfectly. He also complimented the choir on their perfection and the part they played in the Liturgical service.

Dr. O'Hara then went on to say that everywhere he had gone in Ireland he had admired the faithful purity of life, goodness, charity and devotion of the people.

**BUILDING OF CATHEDRAL.**  
He recalled that 100 years ago, in times of stress and great poverty, the Bishop of those days and his people set about erecting a Cathedral. They could well imagine how people at these days by their sacrifices that went into its planning and building.

A hundred years had gone by and time had taken its toll of that venerable building. The Bishop, aided by his priests and the faithful, set about restoring the Cathedral to its original beauty.

The Church had always loved to call on the genius of the architect, and of all sculptor and painter, and of all stone and other materials, in order that God should have a beautiful and ornate abode worthy of His Divine Majesty.

The conclusion of the Mass, the choir sang "Faith Of Our Fathers,"

## New Mayor's Hopes For Limerick's Future

HE hoped he would succeed in bringing about a closer co-operation between the city and the county; and that he would also be able to bring about a condition where there would be no need for Limerickmen to leave their native city in search of work, said the new Mayor, Ald. G. E. Russell, in the Town Hall on Saturday, when he was unanimously elected First Citizen for the next twelve months.

The public gallery of the Council Chamber was packed to capacity, and scores of other people seeking admission were disappointed. When it was announced by Councilor Michael O'Malley that the Flanna Fail Party did not propose to oppose Alderman Russell's election there was loud and prolonged applause.

The outgoing Mayor, wearing the Great Chain of Office, announced that he was not a candidate again and said that he wished to take the opportunity of thanking his colleagues on the Council for the great honour they conferred on him twelve months ago. That was an honour which did not come the way of many worthy citizens and for that reason it was all the more to be valued. He wished to express his deepest thanks to the members of the Council for the help and co-operation he had always received from them and especially to

on the way he had carried out the office during the past twelve months. He did his duty with dignity and courtesy, and the best thanks of the citizens were due to him for that.

Mr. O'Malley then said: "Our Party has decided not to oppose the election of Ald. Russell. We feel that he will be a most worthy Mayor, who is well fitted for the position that he is about to occupy" (loud applause). Councilor Kevin Bradshaw said he felt sure that in Ald. Russell, Limerick would have a Mayor of whom they could be very proud. Ald. J. Keidy said that the decision of the Flanna Fail Party not to oppose the election of Ald. Russell augured well for the future good relationship in the City Council. He was pleased that there was not to be a contest, and it was a good thing in the interests of Limerick when a worthy candidate was nominated that members from all sides of the house should agree. P. J. Donnellan said that the unanimous selection of Ald. Russell was a splendid gesture of very creditable every member of the City Council.

**OTHER TRIBUTES.**  
Mr. P. O'Connell paid a tribute to Ald. Carey who he said had filled his office admirably. He knew the new Mayor for many years even before he became a member of the Corporation. He had met him many problems, and had always found him to be candid and honourable, and from those meetings he had a revelation of Ald. Russell which would last throughout his lifetime. He wished him all success in his office and could assure him of the heartiest co-operation of the Flanna Fail Party. Mr. C. Keyes (Labour) said that every member of the Council could take pride in the fact that they had unanimously elected Ald. Russell as Mayor, and he was sure the Mayor would add lustre and dignity to the ancient office.

Ald. Carey said that he was very pleased at the decision of the Council. He believed that they had done something that the citizens wished them to do and he wished to say to the Flanna Fail Party that they had done a very good act, and that they had a high record in the city and he had no doubt that at some future date he would occupy a high office in the service of the country.

**THE NEW MAYOR.**  
The Council Chamber rang with applause as the new Mayor approached the dais of office by his predecessor. Having signed the roll, the Mayor received the congratulations of Ald. Carey, and then in an address to the gathering he said that he was very conscious of the high dignity conferred on him. He was most grateful that his election had been unanimous. He thanked his predecessor and said, in particular, that he was grateful for his gracious speech. He knew that all the members who had spoken were sincere in their congratulations and that was an indication of what they would all do if they combined in the interests of Limerick. "I can assure," added the Mayor, "that I will be able to do my duty as long as I am here. I will not allow politics to enter into discussions. That, I am sure, is the wish of the Council, and it is an honour of which I am proud."

The Mayor went on to pay a warm tribute to his predecessor, who, he said, had done a most arduous job of office, including the conferring of the Freedom of the City on two distinguished Churchmen and had carried out his duties with a dignity and distinction which won him the admiration of the citizens. Continuing, the Mayor said that there were many problems yet to be solved. Each year the happiness and prosperity of the citizens, and irrespective of party politics, they had to solve. He hoped to be equally worthy to follow in their steps.

**CONCILIATION BOARD.**  
Concluding, the Mayor said he was very happy to know that the Conciliation Board had been revived, and while he hoped that his services would never be required, the settlement of any disputes, if they were always available if ever he was called upon. He also hoped to have the honour of paying the foundation stone of the Regional Hospital which he had before his term of office concluded.

In accordance with tradition the remainder of the Agenda was discussed in the meeting of the Council, which was held in the presence of P. J. Donnellan.

After the meeting the Mayor was host to the members of the Corporation and a number of friends at a reception held in Cruise's Hotel.

## LIMERICK'S NEW MAYOR



Ald. G. E. Russell, who was unanimously elected Mayor of Limerick on Saturday.

the City Manager and his staff for their unflinching help.

**MANY INVITATIONS.**  
Ald. Carey said that through his term of office he had received many invitations from various organizations and sometimes he found that he could not attend all functions through no fault of his own, but his term of office gave him a great insight into the life of Limerick and he was happy to have had that experience. He had met thousands of citizens and most of them were concerned with housing problems and had the idea of housing houses in that respect, which in fact he did not possess. Housing in Limerick was the one thing that could feel very proud about, but at the same time they knew that there were people living in old houses which were unfit for habitation.

Concluding, Ald. Carey said that he felt it would be selfish of him to put himself forward for a second term of office and he thought that it was in the interests of the Mayor that the honour of the Mayorship should be conferred on Ald. Russell which, he said, had always put the news fairly and correctly.

**ONLY ONE CANDIDATE.**  
Mr. S. Coughlan proposed Ald. Russell who, he said, was the old member of the Council who had not attained a high dignity but had served the City and the Council well and there was no doubt that he would continue to do so in his new office. He asked the Council to be unanimous in the election of Ald. Russell.

Councillor Kevin O'Sullivan seconded the proposition, which was supported by Mr. J. Finn. O'Malley said he wished to congratulate the outgoing Mayor

## Heated Exchanges

There were heated exchanges at last Saturday's meeting of the Limerick Co. Council during a discussion on the appointment of a Co. Consultative Health Committee, as defined under the Health Act. At one period of the meeting several Councillors were engaged in verbal battle, and the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Collins, T.D., was called on to adjourn the meeting, but re-

## Death Of Mr. William Clifford Smith

The death has occurred at his residence, "Northesk" Lansdowne, Limerick, after an illness of some months duration, of Mr. William Clifford Smith, formerly principal of the firm of Clifford Smith and Newsham, Architects, Limerick.

Mr. Smith, who was a native of Pool, Dorset, came to Ireland just over fifty years ago, when he was declared the winner of an architectural competition for designs for the erection of premises for the Shannon Rowing Club and the decoration of the Limerick and the decoration of a stately building, incorporating many unique features, which was designed by him and erected under his supervision which was worthy of the eminence which he occupied in the Limerick architectural background of Limerick's ancient landmarks.

Clifford Smith firmly established himself, not merely as an architect, but as an artist, building up an extensive practice. His work extended

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