

Cardinal insists that Bishop Newman was a happy man

By PADDY MORONEY

HIS Eminence, Cardinal Cathal Daly, in a tribute to the late Bishop Newman at the funeral Mass at St John's Cathedral, refuted the image of the bishop as a distant and lonely figure in which some had portrayed him.

He told the capacity congregation: "People have called him a lonely figure. I am not so sure about that.

"But I do feel," he asserted, "that for a person of outstanding intellectual ability, he seemed to have a strange sense of inadequacy.

"And for one who was so lovable, he seemed to have difficulties in believing that others respected and admired and indeed loved him. This may have engendered a certain sense of insecurity, quite unjustified in the light of his many great qualities and achievements.

"This may have brought him his share of suffering, although I believe that on the whole he was a happy man."

Cardinal Daly presided over the Requiem Mass for Bishop Newman, the nineteen concelebrants of which were led by Bishop John Magee, and which was attended by twenty bishops and a very large number of diocesan clergy.

Among the representatives of the sister churches present was the Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, Right Rev Edward Darling, and the Dean of Limerick, Very Rev Maurice Sirr.

There was also a very large representation from civic and educational bodies in the Limerick area, as well as representatives of the Government and judiciary and the security forces.

Very Rev Monsignor Michael Lane PP VG, Patrickswell, in a homily, said that the late Bishop Newman had a great concern for the welfare of youth and worked hard in facilitating the provision of good schools, both primary and secondary in the Diocese.

"He was very supportive of the Youth Apostolate in the diocese — the work being done in Baile Mhuire — the new pastoral centre with its emphasis on the evangelization of young people," continued.

"He felt the study of the New Catechism of the Catholic Church should play a central part in this



Cardinal Cathal Daly addresses the congregation after the funeral Mass for Dr Jeremiah Newman.

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Under the statue of St John, and assisted by scouts and acolytes, Ardchbishop Dermot Clifford says the final prayers for Dr Newman. (c1)

evangelization."

He added: "apart from the very extensive building programme he carried out in the city, to cater for its expanding population, major building projects have been carried out in

practically every parish in the diocese."

On the question of Bishop Newman as a leader of society generally, Mgr Lane pointed out: "He had a great concern for the welfare of the people through-

out the County Limerick Region.

"His well-researched article treating of Shannon Airport was a revelation to many people.

"They were amazed at the file of facts and figures

he had compiled, and how well-informed he was with current developments there.

"He was very outspoken in arguing for the retention of the compulsory stop-over, because of its importance not only to the airport

but also to the welfare of the surrounding region."

After the Mass, the remains of Bishop Newman were laid in a burial chamber, underneath the floor of the cathedral.



Fr Joe Young, a lifelong friend and confidant of Dr Newman, helps carry the coffin to its final resting place by the High Altar

Collision

NOBODY was hurt in a two-vehicle collision at Clarina, at about 3.45 pm on Saturday afternoon. Only minor damage was caused.