

# Priests' deaths higher than initial results

An independent list of Irish priests who have died in 2007 shows that 58 more priests died than are listed in the figures in the 2008 Catholic Directory, *The Irish Catholic* has learned. This includes 17 deaths in the Dublin Archdiocese which are omitted from the 2008 Directory. It also includes the names of 41 Irish priests who served in foreign dioceses. It takes no account of the number who are out of ministry for whatever reason, or the numbers who have left ministry.

**S**INCE January 1, 2007, 200 Irish priests have died - 61 Diocesan, 41 Irish priests of foreign dioceses, 55 Religious Order priests and 43 Missionary Order/Societies' priests. The average loss rate is 19 per month. Nine men replaced

the 200, which is a percentage of 4.5%.

According to Fr John Leogue PP, who compiles his own list every year, it is important that all those who have served the Church are listed and remembered.

"The publication of a more careful and complete

listing each year may bring the real picture to bear on planning and on encouragement of the need to pray for vocations. It also helps us to remember the lives of those who have given all in service of the Irish Church and its missionary outreach. I pray God's reward for all who are

listed here. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who wishes to add the names of others who were omitted, or any corrections or comment," he said. (Fr Leogue can be contacted at: johnleogue@eircom.net)

The biggest decline is in the missionary Orders with

Holy Ghosts: 106, Columbans: 78, SMA: 59, Kiltigans: 36, and in Religious Orders with Jesuits: 60, Dominicans 44, Oblates: 40, Augustinians: 35, Redemptorists: 33, Capuchins: 28, Vincentians: 25, Cistercians: 24, Franciscans: 24, Carmelites: 23, Passionists: 20, Marists:

13, Salesians: 14 and Pallotines: 14.

*The Irish Catholic* would like to remember all those priests who died in 2007 and ask our readers to remember them in their prayers. We also ask you to remember religious sisters who passed away during the year.



## Irish Priests Deaths ~ 2007

**V**ERY Rev. Canon John Mulgrew P.E., Dunleer, Co. Louth (Armagh) (1942) - 17th June 2007

Very Rev. John Hanratty A.P., P.E., Termonfechin, Co. Louth (Armagh) (1952) - 27th October 2007

V. Rev. Desmond (Michael) Hogan P.P., Mountview, Dublin (Dublin) (1959) - 18.1.2007

Very Rev. John Finbarr Canon MacHale P.E., Raheny, Dublin (Dublin) - 1st February 2007

Very Rev. Aidan Burke P.E., Rathmines (Dublin) (1954) - 14th February 2007

Very Rev. Daniel Frank Brady P.E., St. Agatha's & River Valley, Swords (Dublin) - 23.2.2007

Venerable Archdeacon Patrick Leahy P.E., Foxrock, Dublin (Dublin) - 6th March 2007

Right Rev. Monsignor Patrick Devine P.E., Clontarf (Dublin) - 5th April 2007

Very Rev. Anthony Deane P.E., Bonnybrook, Dublin (Dublin) - 8th April 2007

Fr Denis Carroll (formerly of Dublin) - 5th May 2007

Very Rev. Cornelius Sayers P.E., Firhouse, Dublin (Dublin) (1956) - 15th May 2007

Very Rev. Michael Loftus P.P., Kilmacud-Stillorgan (Dublin) (1963) - 25th June 2007

Very Rev. Andrew Pyka S.D.S., P.P. (58), Sallynoggin, Dublin & Poland (Salvatorian 1977) - 28.6.2007

Very Rev. Denis O'Kane P.E., Donabate, Co. Dublin (Dublin) (1952) - 14th July 2007

Very Rev. Michael L. O'Sullivan P.E., Saggart, Co. Dublin (Dublin) - 23rd September 2007

Very Rev. Patrick Bresnan P.P., St. Attracta's, Meadowbrook, Dublin 16 (Dublin) - 28th September 2007

Very Rev. Timothy J. Hurley P.P., Holy Family Church, Kill-O-the-Grange (Dublin) - 25th

November 2007

Rev. Gerard Griffith (92) (Retired C.C.), Dublin (1942) (Dublin) - 30th November 2007

Very Rev. Daniel Dwyer P.P., Bansha & Kilmoyler, Co. Tipperary (Cashel) (1965) - 6th March 2007

Very Rev. Patrick J. Flynn A.P., Drom & Inch, Co. Tipperary (Cashel) (1954) - 24th April 2007

Very Rev. Michael Meagher A.P., Moyné-Templetuohy, Co. Tipperary (Cashel) (1951) - 19.5.2007

Right Rev. Monsignor Michael Tobin P.E., Mountbellew, Co. Galway (Tuam) (1948) - 20.9.2007

Ven. Archdeacon Padraic O'Grady P.E., Achonry-Lavagh, Co. Sligo (Achonry) (1941) - 6.2.2007

Very Rev. Liam Cawley P.E., Charlestown, Co. Mayo (Achonry) - 23rd February 2007

Very Rev. James (Jimmy) McKeon P.E., Drumlisk, Co. Longford (Ardagh & Clon.) (1958) - 2.3.2007

Very Rev. Kevin Sullivan P.P., Annaduff, Co. Leitrim (Ardagh & Clonmacnoise) (1961) - 17.4.2007

Very Rev. Padraic O'Raghallaigh P.P., Killanny, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan (Clogher) - 10.3.2007

Rev. Oliver Briscoe (Retired C.C., Killimory) (Clonfert) - 28th May 2007

Very Rev. Bertie Canon Troy P.E., Middleton, Co. Cork (Cloyne) (1955) - 28th January 2007

Very Rev. Denis Buckley P.P., Donoughmore, Co. Cork (Cloyne) (1957) - 19th June 2007

Very Rev. Cornelius (Con) Casey (91) P.E., Rathcoormac, Co. Cork (Cloyne) - 23rd November 2007

Very Rev. Timothy O'Donovan P.E. (92), Rath & the Islands, Cork (Cork & Ross) (1941) - 29th June 2007

Very Rev. Joseph Murphy P.P., Ballinhassig, Co. Cork (Cork & Ross) (1970) - 26th August 2007

Very Rev. Canon Frank Buckley (former Chaplain) (Cork & Ross) (1963) - 5th December 2007

Very Rev. Lawrence Keavney P.E., Iskaheen, Muff, Donegal (Derry) (1948) - 25th August 2007

Right Rev. Mgr. Thomas Bartley V.G., P.E., Finaghy (Down & Connor) (1950) - 31st October 2007

Very Rev. John Canon Treanor P.E., Warrenpoint, Co. Down (Dromore) (1941) - 20th January 2007

Very Rev. Archdeacon Thomas Mooney P.E., Rostrevor, Co. Down (Dromore) (1934) - 13th February 2007

Very Rev. Thomas McCormack P.E., Taghmon, Co. Wexford (Ferns) (1958) - 12th May 2007

Very Rev. Francis Stafford P.E., Cushinstown, Co. Wexford (Ferns) (1975) - 13th November 2007

Very Rev. Patrick Woods P.E., Killanin, Co. Galway (Galway) (1943) - 22nd January 2007

Very Rev. Robert E. Lee P.E., Liscannor, Co. Clare (Galway) (1954 Carlow) - 17th November 2007

Very Rev. Canon Brendan Helly P.E., Claregalway, Co. Ardahan (Galway) (1954) - 7th December 2007

Very Rev. John Shine P.E., Bonane & Glengarriffe, Co. Kerry (Kerry) (1947) - 3rd November 2007

Very Rev. James Kaye P.E., Rhode, Co. Offaly (1946) (Kildare & Leighlin) - 17th February 2007

Very Rev. Patrick J. McDonnell P.P., Hacketstown, Co. Carlow (Kildare & Leighlin) - 12th July 2007

Very Rev. John Boland P.E., Rath, Jamestown, Co. Laois (Kildare & Leighlin) (1952) - 5th August 2007

Very Rev. Dermot McDermott P.E., Edenderry, Co. Offaly (Kildare & Leighlin) (1953) - 1st December 2007

Very Rev. Canon James Nallen P.E., Ardagh, Ballina, Co. Mayo (1958) (Killala) - 17th June 2007

Very Rev. James Power A.P., Quin, Co. Clare (Killaloe) (1961) - 18.1.2007

Very Rev. Michael O'Donoghue P.E., Kilmolman, Coolderry, Co. Offaly (Killaloe) (1948) - 28th March 2007

Very Rev. P.J. Flynn P.P., Kilmainhamwood, Kells, Co. Meath (Kilmore) (1975) - 20.3.2007

Very Rev. Noel McIntyre P.E., Kilmainhamwood, Kells, Co. Meath (Kilmore) (1955) - 1st May 2007

V. Rev. Maurice J. Walsh P.E., Queen of Peace Parish, Limerick (Limerick) (1959) - 22.2.2007

Very Rev. William (Billy) Behan P.P., Oristown, Kells, Co. Meath (Meath) - 23rd January 2007

Very Rev. Michael Deegan P.P., Ballynacargy, Co. Westmeath (Meath) (1957) - 17th March 2007

Very Rev. Patrick Dillon P.P., Ballinabrackey, Co. Meath (Meath) (1963) - 20th August 2007

Right Rev. Mgr. Martin J. Campion P.P., Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny (Ossory) - 10th June 2007

Very Rev. Sean Collier P.E., Borris-in-Ossory, Co. Laois (Ossory) - 12th July 2007

Very Rev. Patrick Gallagher P.E., Carrigart/Meevagh, Co. Donegal (Raphoe) (1950) - 6th April 2007

Very Rev. Canon John McGlynn P.E., Gortahork & Glenfinn, Co. Donegal (Raphoe) (1949) - 27th July 2007

Rev. Francis O'Shaughnessy O.S.A., Dublin & Limerick - 13th February 2007

Rev. Paddy Crilly O.S.A., Buena Park & Norco, California & Drogheda - 9.3.2007

Rev. Michael Flynn O.S.A., Ballyboden, Nigeria & Stradbally, Waterford - 26.5.2007

Rev. Donal Quirke O.S.B., Glenstal, Co. Limerick - 8th January 2007

Rev. Fidelis O'Connell O.F.M. (Cap.), Ards, Cresslough & Dublin - 25th June 2007

Rev. Robert Noonan O.F.M. (Cap.), Church Street, Dublin 7 - 1st August 2007

Rev. Hugh Clarke O.Carm. (87), Alyesford & formerly of Southwark (1945) - 19th February 2007

(Rev. John (Michael J.) Fitzgerald O.Carm., Carmarthen, Wales (Dublin 1951) - 28th November 2007)

Rev. William Finn O.D.C. (95), Castlemartyr & Clarendon Street, Dublin - 6th October 2007

Rev. Joseph McGeady S.S.C.C., Ballybofey & Coudrin House, Dublin 6 - on 16.10.2007

Rev. Camillus O'Donovan O.C.S.O., Portlennone, Co. Antrim - 22nd February 2007

Rev. Cathaldus O'Sullivan O.C.S.O., Mount Melleray Abbey, Co. Waterford - 27th March 2007

Rev. Anthony Cornelius Roche O.P., Drogheda, Co. Louth - 21st February 2007

Rev. Anthony Patrick Roddy O.P., Trinidad-Tobago & Elphin - 25th February 2007

Rev. Francis Conway O.P. (86), Tallaght, Dublin - 24th May 2007

Rev. Ned (Edmund Richard) Wall O.P., Tallaght & Dominick St. - 25th June 2007

Rev. Brendan O'Rourke O.P., Ennismore & Ennis - 26th December 2007

Rev. Finian Roche O.F.M., Merchants' Quay, Dublin - 3rd April 2007

Rev. Sean Collins O.F.M., Gormanston & Ennis - 24th December 2007

Rev. Desmond Reid S.J. (85) (1953), Kingsmead Hall, Singapore & formerly of Dublin - 20th February 2007

Rev. Paddy Joyce S.J., Galway, Zambia & Malawi - 9th July 2007

Rev. Desmond O'Brien S.J., Upper Gardiner St., Dublin & Zambia - 17th July 2007

Rev. James Fitzgerald S.J., St. Francis Xavier Gardiner Street, Dublin - 13th August 2007

Rev. Bernard Murray S.J., Belvedere & Galway - 25th August 2007

Rev. Daniel Dargan S.J., Dublin - 21st September 2007

Rev. Robert (Bob) McGoran S.J., Galway & Dublin - 1st October 2007

Rev. Peter (Peadar) Brady S.J., Dublin & Hong Kong - 22nd October 2007

Rev. Sean O'Duibhir S.J., Limerick & Milltown Park, Dublin - 23rd October 2007

\*Rev. Philip O'Keefe S.J., Zambia & Ennis - 17th December 2007

Rev. John Jennings S.M., Liverpool - 19th May 2007

Rev. William McConagle O.M.I. (87), Dublin & Bunclara - 7th April 2007

Rev. Michael O'Reilly O.M.I. (J.C.D.) (90), Inchicore, Dublin & Kildare (1941) - 10th June 2007

Rev. Myles Byrne O.M.I. (89), Rathdrum, Wicklow & Dublin - 25th June 2007

Rev. Edward Ballesty O.M.I. (86), Co. Westmeath & Inchicore, Dublin - 25th June 2007

Rev. Francis Dromey O.M.I. (74), Kiltipper Care Centre, Dublin - 1st August 2007

Rev. John McGrath O.M.I. (91), Fermoy, South Africa, Kilmurn & Dublin - 18th October 2007

Rev. James Butler O.M.I., Inchicore & Leitrim - 28th November 2007

Rev. Flor Carroll S.C.A., Argentina, Thuries & Abbeydorney - Accident 29th August 2007

Rev. Bernard Marshall O.Praem., Kilnacrott Abbey, Cavan & Belfast - 16th February 2007

Rev. Cosmas Donnelly C.P.