

VERY REV. CORNELIUS DOWNING

Very Rev. Cornelius Downing, who has died in St. Leo, Florida, was a native of Cahirciveen who spent most of his early youth in Birr.

He was ordained in 1914, after studying for the priesthood at Rochester, New York, and he spent most of his religious life in Biloxi Bay, St. Louis, and Clarkesdale, Mississippi. In 1949 he retired from active ministry, to St. Leo, after having been Pastor of St. Michael's, Biloxi, for 34 years.