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The first ordination in 25 years for the Augustinians in Cork took place on Thursday (April 26) when Colm O'Mahony, a native of Cork city, was ordained by the Bishop of Lancaster Michael Campbell OSA.

"Fr Colm is the first priestly ordination for the Irish Province of Augustine in the last 18 years so it was a particular joy for me, the Friars and the 2,000 strong congregation at St Augustine's, Washington Street, Cork to witness and be part of such a wonderful celebration," stated the bishop after the ordination.

"The people's applause that went up for Fr Colm immediately after the Rite of Ordination was spontaneous, from the heart and prolonged; a gesture of support for Fr Colm but also for the gift of priesthood itself at this difficult time in the life of the Church in Ireland."

In his homily, Bishop Campbell said that the ordination represents a real ray of hope for the Irish province of the Augustinians and a day of joy for the whole Church. He suggested that, if St Augustine of Hippo were present, he might urge Fr O'Mahony to be faithful to the common life of the Augustinian family and as a priest to place the interests of Christ above his own.

Fr Pat Moran, Prior Augustinians Cork, told ciNews: "It's historic for us; it is 25 years since we had an ordination in this church." He hopes it will not be as long before there is another, and the Augustinians have had some enquiries.

Br. Colm O'Mahony OSA is 34 and his family is originally from Dunmanway. He joined the Augustinians having graduated with a degree in Social Science from UCC and having worked for a period for the Brothers of Charity in Cork.

He spent time with the Augustinian community in Galway, as hospital chaplain in Cork University Hospital and in Good Counsel College New Ross as an Assistant Chaplain, prior to his ordination as a deacon last year.

Following this ordination ceremony, Fr O'Mahony celebrated his first mass at St. Augustine's in Cork on what was the final day of the Annual Novena to the Mother of Good Counsel. He stated that what attracted him to the priesthood was the community life and he would like to see lay people more involved as the church is theirs and the priests or bishops are only the servants.

At present, he is stationed in St John's Church, Thomas St, Dublin and works in the inner-city area of the Liberties in Dublin and as prison chaplain.

On Tues May 1, he takes part in a vocation-guided hour of prayer and reflection in Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, Cork. Fr Colm will preach at this gathering, which is a local Pastoral Area initiative including Turners Cross Parish, South Parish, St Peter and Paul's Parish, Augustinians, Capuchins and Franciscans.

Ann Marie Foley ciNews.



Colm, Bishop Campbell and Pat Moran



Pat Moran, Bishop Michael, and Gerry Horan



Margaret, Colm and Denis O'Mahony





NEW PILGRIM WALK IN ORLAGH

On Sunday, April 29th, a pilgrim walk was blessed and opened in Orlagh. The walk is the brainchild of Noel Doyle, one of our Sunday congregation. The idea was to use the asset that is our environment in such a way as to encourage people to reflect prayerfully on life's journey. Together with a number of volunteers Noel during the past two months has cleared loose branches and obstacles off the walks in Orlagh, adjusted stiles, installed seating, cleaned a section of the stream and gave the garden a face-lift. A booklet has also been prepared with quotations from scripture and from St. Augustine with questions for reflection to be used by people on the walk (or elsewhere, if they wish). On a bitterly cold Sunday with a strong wind blowing Noel cut the ribbon to formally open the walk. Granted the weather conditions those present decided that walking the walk was a task for another day! During April the Holy Week Retreat, the Yoga Meditation Retreat and a men's retreat followed one another with the result that we had a bigger than usual number of guests in the house and that was welcome. The Team is at present engaged in drafting the programme for next year and hoping to build on the success of this year.



DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Please remember in your prayers the following members of the Irish Province who have gone home to God.

01 1978 Fr C O'Driscoll
10 2002 Fr M O'Connor
10 2011 Br C Higgins
11 1980 Fr D Daly
19 2008 Fr MI Sexton
20 1974 Fr O Hartnett
20 1974 Fr N McFadden
22 1968 Fr J Chawke
23 1990 Fr M O'Donovan
24 1983 Br C O'Connell
25 1976 Fr C Delaney
26 2007 Fr M.O'Flynn
27 2003 Fr P Kehoe
30 2002 Fr A Hourihane

Please also remember in your prayers Michael Walsh, Fethard, Co Tipperary, brother of Fr Joe Walsh OSA, Brisbane, Australia who died on 23 March 2012.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE ARE SUPERSCHOOLS CHAMPS 2012

St. Augustine's College are the Superschools 2012 Champions. The students have been competing in Athletics, Basketball, Table Tennis, Badminton, Soccer and Swimming in Helsinki, Finland. They have been competing for the last three days against schools from France, England, Wales, Scotland, Finland and Sweden. They led at the end of day one with a stunning performance in the Track and Field events winning 14 medals (11 gold and 3 silver). They also put up a great show in swimming securing 8 medals (3 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze). Day 2 saw the girls having great success in basketball, table tennis and badminton while the boys found their strength in basketball. Today, Thursday was the final day and the focus was on soccer. At the end of the day the Irish snatched the silver medals in both the boys and girls soccer. This was enough to propel them well ahead of the other schools giving them a total of 38 points which made them SUPERSCHOOLS CHAMPIONS 2012. Well done to the Coach Bro. Patrick Lennon, OSA and mentor Angela Walsh. Also to the busy helpers Siobhán Brackett and Caoimhe Curran. Well done Friary!

St Augustine's Church Dungarvan

It was in every sense a proud and historic day for the beautiful and richly talented Friary Choir which was invited to perform a very special Mass composed by Michael Casey, transmitted live on RTE television last Sunday 15.04.2012.

A CD of the Mass, which was first performed in the Friary Church last June, was submitted to RTE and it was on the strength of that brilliant CD that the invitation was extended to the Choir for last Sunday's TV broadcast.

Recent weeks had been devoted very considerably to choir practises for this celebrated occasion, and it is wonderful recognition of the talents of this beautiful choir to have been chosen to "sing to the nation."

Our most heartfelt congratulations to Michael Casey, to his "sidekick" Peter Hayes, and to all of the members of this magnificent choir, on the honour that RTE bestowed on them last Sunday.

Of course, regular Friary Church goers are enthralled by the choir which traditionally performs at the 11.00am Sunday morning Mass, but it's enriching for them to have been so nationally honoured as they were last Sunday.

The Celebrant was Fr Flor O'Callaghan OSA, Dungarvan.

- from Dungarvan Diary, Munster Express, 20.04.2012

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

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