

# EUROPEAN PROVINCE UPDATE

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## *Book of Deceased 1872-1967 Artane Industrial School Completing the Memory*

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of February last a new memorial book was placed in the Oratory of the Resurrection in Artane. The book was created to honour those who died, for the sake of completing the memorial and to honour their memory. None of the names listed in the book appear on the memorial wall in the Oratory.

Some of the names are those of boys who had been in Artane Industrial School at the time of their death. Regrettably, these names were mistakenly and inadvertently omitted from the memorial wall in the Oratory.

Others whose names are recorded in the book had been in Artane Industrial School and died before their eighteenth birthday. Records show that they had been discharged or licensed to their parent or relative, to a hospital or other place of healing, or to employment.

The book contains an introduction by Br. Edmund Garvey, the list of names in alphabetical order and in chronological order by date of death. The list was compiled by Karen Johnson, archivist following research through all Artane Industrial school records and at the General Register Office. The final book was bound by Sandi Sexton Book Art.

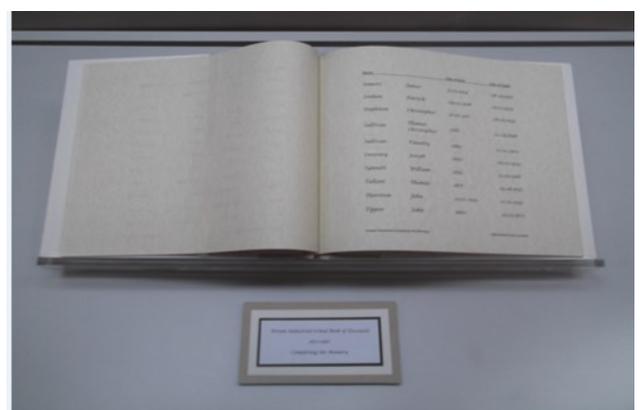
Architect John McCrossan, well known to many Brothers and a past pupil of Br. John Heneghan oversaw the placement of the book and display unit in the Oratory. Thank you to Br. John Ledwidge for his time and assistance throughout the installation process.

A second copy of the book is held in the sacristy in the Oratory in Artane. This more accessible copy can be made available to interested visitors who might wish to turn the pages of the book and view the cover and introduction.

A third copy may be viewed at the Province Centre Archives.

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## Documents from CLT

Two important documents were recently received from the members of the Congregation Leadership Team and distributed to the Brothers of the Province. They are: "Responding to the Call – A reflection from the Congregation Leadership Team on our new way of being Brother for the world today"; and "Nairobi Chapter Document, Pope Francis, Constitutions – What do these have in common?" All are invited to bring these statements to personal reflection, and to conversation in community and in groups gathered specifically to share on the content. We are grateful for the work of the CLT in producing this material even in the midst of a very busy travel schedule.



## Baldoyle

Work continues on the upgrading and extension of St. Patrick's Cowper Care Nursing Home in Baldoyle. The elderly residents have been wonderfully accepting of the changes that are emerging all around them. Visitors to the nursing home will immediately notice the impressive new entrance to the home. At the rear and less immediately noticeable are a number of new residences for sheltered accommodation. It is anticipated that all of the works will be completed by year's end and Open Days will be organised for viewing.

## Visitation

Visitation of communities in the Province is almost completed. The members of the Province Leadership Team are very appreciative of the warm welcome and hospitality in the communities. During this period of time, we have endeavoured to keep up to speed with other matters that need ongoing attention including child safeguarding, legal and property matters, financial affairs, meetings of different Trusts, care of the sick and infirm and attendance at funerals – to name some.

## ***Smaoineamh – 'A Thought'***

"Wisdom pervades and permeates all things... She is a breath of the power of God and a reflection of the eternal light, untarnished mirror of God's active power, image of his goodness...

She, who is one, can do all things, herself unchanging, she makes all things new."

Wisdom 7:24-26

## **Brother Elser Llanos**

We are very pleased to welcome Brother Elser Llanos from South America to the European Province. He arrived on March 24<sup>th</sup> and will be with us until next September. His arrival was delayed somewhat by difficulties in obtaining a visa for Ireland. During his stay he will attend the Course at *An Tairseach* in Wicklow. He will also attend other courses and workshops and gain some experience of the Life Centre in Cherry Orchard. All of this is part of his preparation for taking Perpetual Vows in the Congregation. We pray blessings on his stay among us. Elser will have his community base at Synge Street.

**Retreat with Brother Michael and Sister Brigit**

We welcome to the European Province Brother Michael Godfrey and Sister Brigit of the Presentation Sisters. They have come to us from their recent work on the Province Renewal Team in Africa. More recently, they have spent time in Findhorn, Scotland, as part of their sabbatical programme. They conducted a three-day retreat in Emmaus which by all accounts was wonderfully received by the participants. Later in April, they will facilitate the Province Leadership Team in their reflections. It is wonderful to have Brigit and Michael with us at this time.

**Synge Street Book**

A new book, "Never a Dull Moment," containing memories and reminiscences of the Synge Street Schools was launched by Mr. Gay Byrne in The Oak Room at the Dublin Mansion House. The Lord Mayor of Dublin welcomed the guests to his official residence and home. Among the guests were Mr. Liam Cosgrave, former Taoiseach (Prime Minister) who at ninety three years of age returned to acknowledge and honour the school and his education. Also present was Mr. Michael Woods, a former pupil, and a former Minister in the Irish Government. Gay Byrne acknowledged the education that was provided in the school – an education that might not otherwise have been available to many in the city of Dublin. Synge Street was a school that received pupils from many parts of Dublin and even the neighbouring county of Wicklow. Today, it educates young people of many faiths and from all over the world. The event was well hosted by Mr. Michael Minnock, Principal.

**The Lantern Centre**

The Province Leadership Team, as Trustees of The Lantern Centre, has recently appointed three new members of the board of Management for the Centre. They are Canon Sinnamon of the Church of Ireland; Sister Sheila Curran, Sister of Mercy, and recently appointed Coordinator of the IMU-CORI Justice and Advocacy Desk; and Brother Dominic Sassi. We are most grateful to these people for undertaking the role and responsibilities of management. They will be a great support to Brother Michael Murray who continues in his creative and co-ordinating role as Director of the Centre.

**ARBI Retreat**

ARBI Retreat will take place in Emmaus on June the 21st. to June 27th. The retreat director will be Fr. Adrian Farrelly O.P.. Brochure to follow.

**TST and Our Way into the Future**

Attached to this Update is a letter from the members of the Transition Support Team (TST). It brings very significant news from Zambia with which the two former Irish Provinces had very close associations in the past. We are most grateful to members of the TST for this news. It is also a timely reminder of the work of the TST as they map and plan the new beginnings for life and mission in the Congregation in Africa. All of this will involve quite major changes. We want to send a message of support and prayerful solidarity to the TST and to all of the Brothers who are reflecting on becoming part of this movement in the Congregation.





***Prayers please for the repose of  
the soul of***

***Mr Eugene McGrath***, younger brother of Br Adrian McGrath, who died on 19th February

***Mrs. Anne Casey***, mother of Br. John Casey, died on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

***Mrs. Annie Carroll*** (nee Bownes) at Castlerea, Co. Roscommon., a sister of Br. Edward Gerry Bownes, who died on 14th March.

***Mr. Michael Walsh***, brother of Br. Ciaran Walsh, who died in Australia on 18th March.

***Mrs. Rose O'Malley***, , sister of Br. Liam Moifeid, who died 19th March.

***Mr. Mossie Roche***, brother of Br. Liam de Roiste, passed away on 30th March 2015.

*A very happy  
Easter and season's  
greetings from  
Brothers and Staff  
at the Province  
Centre*