

DEFINITORY NEWS

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Franciscan Province of Ireland

October 2012

The meeting was held in Merchants' Quay on 1—2 October. All members were present. Prayer and liturgies were led by Pat Younge, who also chaired the meeting. The timetable for the meeting was adjusted to accommodate the removal and funeral Mass of Columba Scanlon who died on 29 September.

Provincial Committees

Formation:

Time was spent preparing for the upcoming meeting of the Interprovincial Secretariat for Formation and Studies. This will take place in Merchants' Quay on the 20th and 21st October.

Jack O'Riordan has returned to Canterbury to continue his Philosophy studies. David Collins is attending the CPE course at the Mater Hospital and Feidhlim Ó Seasnáin has begun the degree course in Theology in Maynooth.

Ongoing Formation:

Kieran reported on the recent meeting of the Provincial Ongoing Formation Committee. The committee are hoping to invite a speaker to give us input on the Year of Faith at a seminar next February.

The review of the **Guardians' meeting** held on 10—12 September at All Hallows showed that it was a very satisfactory gathering and that Maranna Quinlivan's facilitation is appreciated by the guardians. A suggestion for future meetings is that the 'business section' on the last morning focus on one topic alone, e.g., property, rather than trying to cover all of them.

Lourdes Pilgrimage:

Hugh gave an account of the annual Franciscan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which took place last week. Pádraig Breheny did a fine job in his first year as Pilgrimage Director and had organised the event well. There were about 400 pilgrims and twelve friars.

Missions & Evangelisation:

The Definitory considered the request from the Custodial Council that Naison Manjovha and Onward Murape be ordained to the priesthood. The request was approved. Hugh will attend the ordinations on the 3rd December during his Canonical Visitation of the Custody.

Communications Board:

David Collins has resigned from membership of the Board because of his studies. His resignation was accepted and Cathal Duddy was appointed to replace him.

Gormanston—La Verna

The definitory considered an update on recent developments in Gormanston College. They also spent time evaluating the current Mission Statement of the College, which is up for review at this time. They made some recommendations to the College authorities regarding possible changes to reflect the current reality. The Gormanston fraternity are in the process of moving to their new home and it is hoped that they will be in residence by the end of the month.

Gateway into the Franciscan Gardens, Our Lady of the Snow, Prague, depicting scenes from the life of St. Francis



Sick & Infirm:

We remembered the sick friars especially those who have been ill or infirm over time: Alexis King, Matthew McDonald, Sebastian Tighe and Paschal Slevin and those who have been ill more recently: Jude O'Riordan, Pat Hudson, Larry Murphy and Ronald Bennett.

Deceased:

Columba Scanlon, ofm; Kevin Russell (brother of Tom and Myles); Bridie McGrath (sister-in-law of Francis McGrath)

On September 8, Mr. D Angel Rodriguez, the father of our Minister General, Br José Rodríguez Carballo, OFM died in Spain. To all those who sent message of sympathy Br. José writes...

I would like to thank all of you from the heart for your sympathy, closeness, and prayers at this time of grief over the death of my dear father. Please keep praying for his eternal rest, so that the Father of mercies may welcome him with tenderness in the heavenly homeland.

Your nearness has made me once again experience the warm and sincere embrace of the Brothers at this time of grief as well as the grace of belonging to this great family, the Order of Friars Minor.

Trusting in the Lord who told us that “whoever believes in the Son has eternal life” (jn 6, 40), we continue journeying through life towards the heavenly homeland.

Thank you very much from the heart.

Fraternally,

*Br. José Rodríguez Carballo, OFM,
Minister General OFM*

A.O.B:

The launch of the Ambrose O’Mahony permanent art exhibition in Marymount Hospice will take place on 23 November between 4pm and 5pm. The catalogue is ready and the invitations will be sent out shortly.

Next Meeting: Monday 19 November—Wednesday 21 November

Dates of meetings in 2013:

January 7—9 (in Cork)

February 25—27

April 15—17

May 27—29

July 8—10

Changes to Directory:

Post for Fr. Vincent Gallogley should be sent to...

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