Oldest Priest in Limerick Diocese

Death of Dean Canty at Age of 96.

The death occurred on Saturday night of Right Rev M Canty, P P, Dean of Limerick, at Dromin, Co. Limerick. Dean Canty, who was 96 years of age, was the oldest priest in the Diocese of Limerick.

Despite his great age he was active until some days ago. He celebrated Mass on Christmas Day.

The funeral took place after High Mass at Dromin to-day.

Dean Canty was a member of a well-known County Limerick family, of farming stock, being son of the late Mr and Mrs William Canty, Gormanstowne, Kilmallock. He early displayed a calling for the priesthood, and while a young man proceeded to Rome, where he completed his studies, and was ordained in 1866. He returned as a young curate to Ireland in the troublesome periods of the country's history, and served as curate at Kilmeedy, Rathkeale, Dromin and Kilfinane, before being appointed P.P. of Ardpatrick, where he ministered with much success for seven years. Father D Quaid became seriously ill as Pastor of Dromin, and Father Canty was made Administrator and subsequently Parish Priest of Dromin and Athlacca. He was an zealous clergyman, and helped to build several schools in the parish.