

Canon Curtin Dead

Passing of Venerable Priest

Loss to Limerick Diocese

The death of Very Rev Timothy Canon Curtin, P.P., Croom, which occurred on Monday evening, has evoked feelings of genuine regret not alone in the Diocese of his native Limerick, but far beyond its confines.

The deceased rev. gentleman had been ill for some time past, and his death was not unexpected.

Prayers for the grace of a happy death were offered up at Croom Church on Sunday and again on Monday.

A native of Tournafulla, Canon Curtin was born some 29 years ago, and was P.P. of Croom for some 30 years, whither he had been transferred from the pastoral charge of Cappa.

In his younger days he laboured as Curate in the parishes of Kilmallock, Effie and at Abbeyfeale, and it can at once be said of him that he earned the respect, confidence, esteem and affection of the people by his saintly disposition, his anxiety for the public weal, and by his great devotion to his sacred office.

The late Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, recognising Canon Curtin's many qualities, it was who called him to the Cathedral Chapter. Deceased was later to be honoured by our present revered Lord Bishop Most Rev Dr Keane when he was chosen to represent him on the County Limerick Vocational Education Committee.

His death will be an irreparable loss to the people of Croom, whom he loved ardently and sincerely. Some years ago he had the parish church re-built and renovated at great cost. In addition he had improvements carried out to other diocesan property committed to his charge, and, in short, it can be said without exaggeration that he never tired of working for the honour and glory of God. He was a most useful and practical member of the County Vocational Education Committee. His sound and thorough grasp of educational subjects were always placed at the disposal of the committee, and it was largely through his efforts that schemes for the building of schools in various centres were pushed forward with the minimum of delay. In order to secure a technical school for Croom he provided a site free of charge, and it is a matter for genuine regret, indeed, that he has not lived to see the completion of it.

The late Canon Curtin was educated in Rome, where he was ordained over fifty years ago.

Remains will be removed to the Parish Church this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock (old time). Solemn Requiem Mass tomorrow (Wednesday) at 11 o'clock (old time).