

Death of Rev. Fr. Foley

Young Augustinian's Unexpected Passing

Regret in Limerick.

With feelings of the most sincere regret we record the death of Rev Father Maurice Benignus Foley, o.s.a., which took place at the Augustinian Priory, Limerick, most unexpectedly during the early hours of Monday.

Deceased rev. gentleman, who was only in his 26th year, was apparently in his usual good health on Sunday, having celebrated Mass, and in the evening officiated at Benediction as usual, so that his death created a profound shock to the highly-esteemed members of the Order in Limerick. He had a sudden seizure during the night, and passed away in a short time. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs F Foley, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, and was brother of Rev P. I. Foley, o.s.a., who was ordained last year, and who left yesterday morning for the Australian Mission. One of his sisters is the a Nun in Fernbank Convent, Waterford.

The late Father Foley, who was only 18 months on the Mission in Limerick, entered the Novitiate in 1927, and having read a distinguished theological course, was ordained at St Patrick's College Rome in 1934. For two years after he was a member of the community in Ballyhaunis Abbey, and following a Chapter of the Order he was transferred to Limerick, where during his brief Ministry he had installed himself as a warm favourite.

A young priest of splendid physique, the late Father Foley, acted as Sacristan and as Sub-Director of the Sacred Cincture attached to the Church. Possessed of a very charming personality and wonderful energy in the pursuit of the duties of his sacred calling, the erection of the proposed new church in Limerick was a project in which he took a keen and practical interest. The sympathy of the citizens, in which we wish to whole-heartedly join, will be extended to the bereaved parents and family, the Provincial of the Order, Very Rev Fr. Hennessy, the Prior and the other members of the Community in their loss.

The remains will be removed to the Church this evening, and after Requiem High Mass to morrow (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. the funeral will take place to the Augustinian Plot at Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.