

Beloved Redemptorist

The Late Father Collier

The death occurred suddenly at the Convent of St. John of God, Waterford, on Sunday morning, of Rev James Collier, O.S.B., of Mount St Alphonse, Limerick. Deceased had arrived at Waterford from Galway the previous night to open a mission.

The late Father Collier was a brother of Most Rev Dr Collier, Bishop of Ossory, and also of Very Rev Daniel Collier, O.M.I. Dublin. He was born at Carrigrohane, County Kerry, in 1872 and received his early education at St. Kiernan's College, Kilkenny.

He entered the Redemptorist Novitiate at Liverpool where he was professed in 1894, and he completed his higher studies at Taigamouth, Devonshire. He was ordained in 1900.

For almost 40 years he had been engaged in the work of parochial missions, and he was very much in demand for Retreats to clergy and religious of both sexes. From 1913 to 1921 he held the post of Rector at St. Joseph's, Dundalk, and since 1930 he had been Consultant to the Very Rev Fr Provincial at Limerick.

The death of Father Collier has been a great loss to his congregation, and he will be keenly missed by the numerous people who had received his spiritual ministrations throughout Ireland.

St. Joseph's Church, Waterford, was filled to capacity on Monday morning when Most Rev Dr Collier, Bishop of Ossory, celebrated Requiem High Mass for the repose of the soul of his brother, Rev Fr. James Collier.

Following High Mass, which was presided over by Most Rev Dr Kinane, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, and also attended by Most Rev Dr Brauntton, Bishop of Ferns, the remains were removed by road to Limerick.

The funeral from Waterford to Limerick was of imposing dimensions, and included the Mayor and members of Kilkenny Corporation, preceded by mace and sword bearers; Mr P. J. Meagher, Waterford City Commissioner; Mr R. J. Farrell, Town Clerk, together with the ex Aldermen and Councillors of the dissolved Waterford Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Harbour Board and Workers' Council.

There were upwards of fifty clergymen in attendance.

Holeam Office and Requiem High Mass was celebrated at the Redemptorist Church, Mount St Alphonse, Limerick, this morning for the repose of deceased's soul before a very large congregation, after which the remains were borne in procession through the grounds, the interment subsequently taking place in the crypt beneath the High Altar.

Most Rev. Patrick Collier celebrated the Mass.

Canon Hannan, V.O., Newcastle West, presided.

Deacon, Rev P Bourke, O.S.B., sub deacon, Rev J Breen, O.S.B.; assistant priest, Rev A Moloney, O.S.B.; master of ceremonies, Rev J Bresil, O.C., St. John's; chanters, Rev W Harty, P.P., St. Mary's, and Rev P Thorubill, P.P., Adare.

Rev D Collier, O.M.I. (brother) was amongst the clergy present.