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TERCENTENARY OF IRISH DOMINICAN COMMUNITY IN LISBON

LISBON, Portugal. May 12th - Three hundred years ago on May 4th, 1659,

of Corpo Santo, the foundation stone was laid of the church and priory of the Irish Dominicans in Lisbon. The present Community celebrated this remarkable event on May 10th when the Irish Provincial, Fr Reginald Harrington

O.P. sang an evening Mass in the presence of the Bishop of Tiava, representing Cardinal Goncalves Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, Mgr Mario Prini, Charge d'Affaires at the Papal Nunciature, Mgr Canon James Sullivan, President of the English College Seminary in Lisbon and a very large number of ecclesiastical and lay friends of the community.

Previously the present Superior, Fr Raymond Dowdall O.P. had entertained to lunch at which the Provincial presided, Mgr Brihi, Mgr Sullivan, the Jesuit, Franciscan and Portuguese Dominican Provincials, Dr Theotónio Pereira, Minister of the Presidency and former Portuguese Ambassador in London, Mr Dalton Murray, Counsellor at the British Embassy, the Duke of Palmella, formerly Portuguese Ambassador in London and several others. Mr T.V. Commins, the Irish Charge d'Affaires who has just been appointed Ambassador to the Argentine, was on leave so could not attend.

At the toast Dr Theotónio Pereira recalled being taken to Corpo Santo as a small boy by his father and later when a student at Lisbon University, he used to attend the 7 o'clock Mass every day. Sev-

eral of the speakers recalled the splendid work done by the late Fr Paul O'Sullivan O.P. during and after the persecution of the church which broke out in Portugal after the proclamation of the Republic in 1910. He published four periodicals in Portuguese and wrote many doctrinal and devotional pamphlets in the same language so that the people could go on receiving at least some religious instruction. The Community of Irish Dominican Priests in Lisbon, Portugal, May 18th - Three hundred years ago on May 18th, 1600, Corpo Santo being a foreign foundation and then under the direct protection of the British Embassy, did not suffer and unlike most Dominicans in Lisbon, the present Community celebrated this remarkable event on May 10th when the Irish Provincial, Fr Michael Harrington apostolic work.

The Community has a long and interesting history. Dominican friars first came to Lisbon from Ireland early in the 17th century to escape the religious persecutions and to start a college for the education of their young students for the priesthood, who could no longer be trained in Ireland. After several changes of residence the Community

then under a remarkable Prior, Fr Dominic O'Daly O.P. was given the present site by Queen ~~Kennex~~ Luisa de Gusmao, whose name appears on the foundation stone. The college had room for fifty students and several were martyred on their return to Ireland as Dominican priests.

The great Lisbon earthquake of 1755 destroyed both church and priory and the present buildings were opened in 1770 by the Bishop of Ossory, Thomas Burgh, who wrote "Hibernia Dominicana", the source book for the history of the Dominicans in Ireland.

Most of the college buildings were sold in 1856 to pay for the erection of a new Dominican House of Studies at Tallaght near Dublin, Ireland as by then ecclesiastical students could be educated in their own country. But this sale left the community with few financial resources, though they still possess a quinta or farm near Lisbon.



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FIRST DIOCESE COUNCIL FOR THE CENTURY

BISHOP OF OPORTO SPEAKS AT HIS EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

OPORTO, Portugal. May 12th - The 11th anniversary of the episcopal consecration of Bishop Antonio Ferreira Gomes of Oporto was celebrated at the Senior Seminary. The Rector stressed the necessity of love and union with the bishop which was the same as love and union with the church.

The Bishop, who it will be recalled wrote to Dr Salazar, the Portuguese Prime Minister defending the rights of the labouring classes, said that with all the difficulties that beset us today, priests should have a very superior formation and he urged the seminarists to acquire a profound knowledge of the problems inherent in the apostolate and

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NEW SCHOOL FOR LA SALLE BROTHERS

ABRANTES, Portugal. May 12th - Bishop Agostinho de Moura of Portalegre laid the foundation stone of the huge new school here which will be in the care of the Christian Brothers. It is hoped that the school will be opened next year.

FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD FOR FOUR CENTURIES

OPORTO, Portugal. May 12th - The 12th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Antonio Ferreira Gomes of Oporto was celebrated at the Senior Seminary. The Rector stressed the necessity of love and union with the bishop which was the same as love and union with the church.

ANGRA DO HEROISMO, Azores Islands. May 12th - Bishop Afonso de Carvalho announced that he hopes to hold the 2nd diocesan synod in his diocese, four hundred years after the 1st synod. Religion The Bishop, who it will be recalled wrote to Calixtus, the Portuguese Prime Minister defending the rights of the labouring classes, the to added two complete records of the at the time of the residential election last year, said that with all first synod extant, one in the National Library in Lisbon and the other in the Public Library and Archives in Angra do Heroismo. There is no complete copy in the Cathedral archives.

ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD IN PORTUGAL



LISBON, Portugal. May 12th - Archbishop Henry O'Brien of Hartford and his Chancellor, Mgr. Vincent Hines are in Portugal for a few days. On arrival they called on Mgr. Avelino Goncalves, Editor of the clerical daily "Novidades" and have now gone on to Fatima for the celebrations on May 12th and 13th.

DEATH OF VICAR-GENERAL OF NOVA LISBOA.

NOVA LISBOA, Angola. May 10th - The death took place here of Fr Manuel Antonio de Sousa, Vicar-General of the diocese at the age of 53. On arriving at the missions in Angola in 1931 he founded a periodical "Missões de Angola e Congo" and restored the old confraternity of Our Lady of Africa. Fr Manuel de Sousa had been director of the Seminary at Malange and on the foundation of the diocese of Nova Lisboa in 1941 was transferred here and later became Vicar-General. He was a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit.

EPISCOPAL REUNION IN AFRICA ENDS.

LUANDA, Angola. May 9th - No statement has yet been issued on the termination of the reunion of all the bishops in Portuguese Africa, who have been meeting for four days in this city. At the close the Governor-General and his wife gave a dinner party to all the prelates to which the heads of Catholic Action were also invited. Most of the bishops then flew to Lisbon for the inauguration of the Monument of

RELIGIOUS INFORMATION CENTER FORMED BY PORTUGUESE BISHOPS

LISBON, Portugal. May 12th - It has now been stated that the Portuguese bishops decided at their meeting in January, to form an information and investigation organisation so that pastoral and apostolic activities may have a foundation based on fact. Sociological and religious statistics will therefore be collected under the directorship of Fr. Manuel Franco Falcao.

OLD PEOPLES HOME IN LUANDA.

LUANDA, Angola. May 12th - The Women's Confraternities of St Vincent de Paul in this city are opening an old ladies home in Lobito. It is to be named "The Mother of God Home".

4,000 MORE CATECHISTS NEEDED IN LISBON

LISBON, Portugal. May 12th - A General Meeting of the chief organisers of the Catechism classes in each Lisbon parish and those of the suburbs was held recently in Lisbon. The Bishop of Febrina, Msgr Antonio de Campos presided and urged the necessity of ever greater collaboration with the families of the children. The Diocesan Secretary announced a holiday camp for Catechists and that another National Catechist Week would take place in October. He said that in Lisbon alone there are 2,000 Catechists of whom 500 have joined in the last year. But 6,000 Catechists are needed to instruct the 60,000 children in the city.

FATIMA NOVENA FOR FOSTER DULLES



FATIMA, Portugal. May 12th - A Novena of prayer through the intercession of Blessed Manoel Alvares Pereira, the Holy Constable of Portugal, is now being said daily in the basilica at Fatima, for Mr Foster Dulles.

BISHOPS RETREAT AT FATIMA

FATIMA, Portugal. May 11th - The Annual Retreat of the Portuguese Episcopacy ended today at the sanctuary of Fatima. The preacher was Fr Zaballa of Bilbao, a member of the preachers of retreats in Spain. 32 bishops were present and several are staying on for the ceremonies of May 12th and 13th.

WORK STARTED ON RAISING OF FR THOMAS MCGLYNN'S STATUE TO BASILICA FACADE.

FATIMA, Portugal. May 11th - The work of raising the 12 ton Italian marble statue of Our Lady of Fatima by Fr Thomas McGlynn O.P. into the central niche on the facade of the basilica, has already begun. As will be recalled this statue executed under the direct advice of Sister Lucia, the only survivor of the three Fatima children, was given to the sanctuary by American Catholics. For the past year it has stood on a plinth at the foot of the basilica steps as the basilica facade was not considered strong enough to bear the great weight. Presumably the facade will now be strengthened.

BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

FATIMA, Portugal. May 12th - The 20th Annual British Pilgrimage to Fatima was led this year by the Irish Dominican Fathers of Corpo Santo who alternate with the priests of the English College Seminary. Some 150 Americans, Irish and British Catholic residents of Portugal took part and spent the night in the hospices on either side of the sanctuary. These included over 50 children, pupils at the American and British schools.

After the final Benediction in the morning, Bishop Pereira Venancio of Leiria unveiled a plaque recording that the altar of the Annunciation in the left transept of the basilica was the gift of British and Irish Catholics who contributed over £1,000. In his speech the bishop recalled how interested the late bishop was in these pilgrimages and afterwards at lunch he gave a memento to one of the organisers, Mr E. Norton and a pilgrim, Mrs E. Watson, who had ^{both} been on every pilgrimage since the first one in July 1940.

PERMANENT SCOUT CAMP FOR FATIMA?

FATIMA, Portugal. May 12th - It is proposed to form a permanent camping site for scouts at Fatima, so that any scout coming to the shrine could either put up his tent there or use one of the ~~new~~ buildings which will be erected there. Scouts are always in evidence at the big pilgrimages helping to direct the crowds and are of the greatest use. 50 members of the Portuguese National Scouting Council have just met at the shrine and announced that an international scout meeting will be held in Lisbon next year.