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An Education to Value

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Class of 2019 Rosemary O'Brien, Samantha Finn, Michelle Wall and Adam Barnes were among the first students to have been conferred with Baccalaureate of Theology & Arts degrees, awarded jointly by St. Patrick's College Pontifical University in conjunction with Maynooth University.

A Vibrant and Dynamic Vision for the Future of St. Patrick's College

Archbishop Eamon Martin has described St Patrick's College Maynooth as "a unique place of learning" which can look forward to a strong and positive future. Dr Martin was addressing 250 graduates and their families, in his role as Chancellor of the Pontifical University, at the Annual Graduation Ceremony which was held in the Gunn Chapel on 9 November.

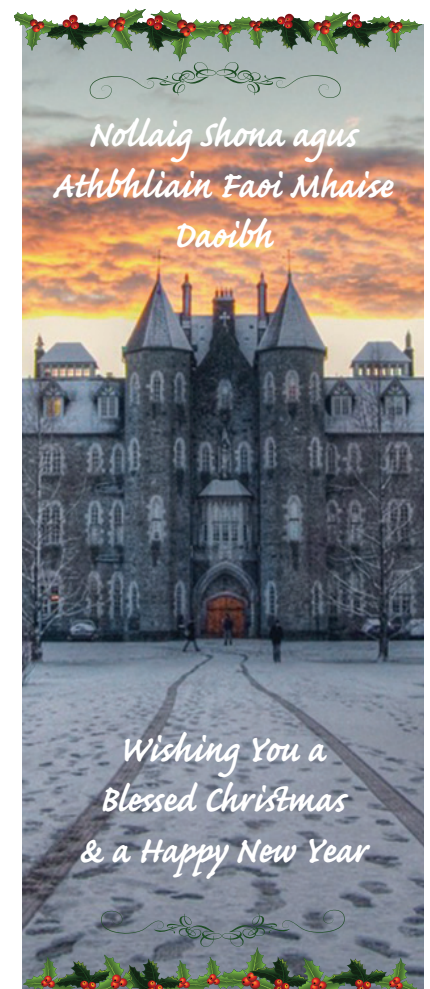
As the 225 anniversary of the College's foundation approaches, Archbishop Martin outlined his vision for St Patrick's future as; "a vibrant Pontifical University alongside a dynamic National Seminary and a Centre for Ongoing Formation, both linking ever more closely with Maynooth University."

Congratulating the class of 2019, Archbishop Eamon Martin noted that they were the first group of students to be conferred with Baccalaureate in Theology and Arts degrees, awarded in conjunction with Maynooth University.

Maynooth's potential for such exchange is unique according to Archbishop Martin. "Having three institutions; the National Seminary, Pontifical University and Maynooth University situated side by side on this historic campus, in one of most attractive and fastest developing towns in this country – the possibilities which all this offers for study, research, community building and dialogue are endless," he said

Having three distinctive yet dependent partners, each drawing inspiration and opportunity from the other, and adding value, to what each might achieve separately was what characterised the greatest strength of Maynooth, Archbishop Martin told his audience.

Prof Aidan Mulkeen, Vice-President & Registrar Maynooth University and Archbishop Eamon Martin congratulate Hannah Kerrigan who was conferred with a Baccalaureate of Theology & Arts



St. Patrick's College Pontifical University Conferring Ceremony 2019



The Gunn Chapel of St. Patrick's College plays host to one of the most spectacular conferring ceremonies in Ireland, with music provided by the College Choir. Among those officiating were (l-r) Rev Prof Tom Casey, Dean of Philosophy, Rev Prof Michael Mullaney, President SPCM, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Chancellor SPCM & Rev Prof Declan Marmion, Dean of Theology



Sr Margaret Callaghan (79) from Scotland was conferred with a Masters in Theology, specialising in Carmelite studies



L-R: Rev Prof Michael Mullaney, President, Rev Yusuf Bamai PhD, John Paul Leslie PhD, Colette Maloney PhD, Rev Dr Padraig Corkery, Lecturer, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Chancellor, Rev Michel Simo Temgo PhD, Rev Gobezyehu Yilma PhD & Prof Séamus O'Connell, Post Graduate Director



Savina Donohue, Diploma in Spirituality



Sean O'Rourke, Higher Diploma in Theological Studies with his parents Sean O'Rourke, Caroline Murphy and SPCM Chancellor Archbishop Eamon Martin



Joseph Mensah, Diploma Pastoral Theology, Jordan MacGabhann, H.Dip in Philosophy & Arts, Clement Narcher, Diploma Pastoral Theology



Mary Morissey, Higher Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy with Archbishop Eamon Martin and Rev Prof Michael Mullaney



Hannah Keelan, BATH & Rev Pius Faruna, Licentiate in Divinity

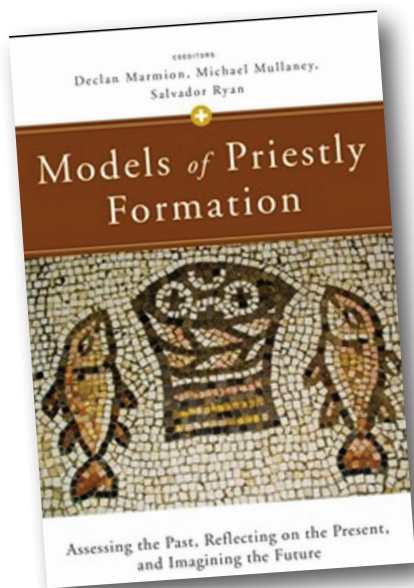


John Gerard Acton, Higher Diploma Pastoral Theology



It's over! Michaela Lyson White, Hannah Keating, Rachel Malone, BATH

Delivering an Education and Formation to Value



In February 2020, the National Seminary will have the honour of hosting the annual European Anglophone Rectors Conference (EAR). Seminary rectors from Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Malta and Scandinavia will gather in Maynooth to discuss and debate the challenges and opportunities facing seminaries across Europe.



Fr. Tomás Surlis
Rector of the National Seminary

The recent publication by Liturgical Press of a collection of thoughtful essays entitled; *'Models of Priestly Formation – Assessing the Past, Reflecting on the Present and Imagining the Future'*, will form a central part of the conference agenda.

Edited by three colleagues from St. Patrick's College Maynooth (SPCM), this publication is generating significant interest across the whole spectrum of English-speaking seminaries and houses of formation from Australia to the United States, as well as here in Europe.

The EAR conference will hear from members of SPCM's Faculty of Theology about how we ourselves are at the forefront of a process of assessment, reflection and imagining future models of priestly formation that will best serve the needs of the Irish Church in the immediate and longer term future.

As we celebrate the 225th anniversary of the National Seminary, together with the Pontifical University and our partner and neighbour, Maynooth University, it is rewarding to note that St Patrick's College continues the vital work of delivering an education and formation to value.

Meeting US friends of St. Patrick's College

In recent months, I have made two working trips to Florida, Philadelphia and New York. During these visits, I had the pleasure of sharing my experience of working with seminarians. I was both heartened and pleasantly surprised by the warmth and high regard in which St Patrick's College, Maynooth is held by those I met in the United States.

In Florida, I was told many times that it was priests from Maynooth and other Irish seminaries who had built the Church there and indeed many other parts of the US too.

Meeting friends and donors elsewhere on the East Coast was also a very encouraging experience. Again and again, they spoke of the importance of high-class priestly formation and how happy they are to support the work of this venerable institution, as well as how hopeful they are for its future.

May God continue to strengthen our communion with those priests and people, our brothers and sisters in the United States, who offer prayerful and financial support to the work of this college to form and educate missionary disciples who will go forth to bring Christ to the world.

225 Anniversary Celebrations Launched



Bishop Denis Nulty of Kildare and Leighlin officially launched the 225th anniversary celebrations for the foundation of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth (SPCM) at a Community Open Day on 3 October.

Bishop Nulty described SPCM as one of Ireland's most renowned educational institutions which had trained more than 11,000 priests for Irish dioceses since it opened its seminary doors in 1795.

Distinguished alumni - both religious and lay students - shared memories of their years at SPCM and described how the College had taught them to see the world in a different light.

"Working in RTE, the national broadcaster has given me a real sense of heritage, of culture and tradition which is like St Patrick's College, Maynooth. As a place which has fostered learning and faith formation, I think Ireland is a richer place because of its presence" said RTE News Correspondent Sinéad Hussey.

A number of other **"Maynooth Celebrates 225"** events will be held during the 2019/2020 academic year including lectures, concerts, conferences, alumni reunions and exhibitions.



www.maynoothcollege.ie/maynooth-celebrates-225



Professor Bradford Hinze
Fordham University

Fostering a climate of dialogue and honest debate

This year's Devlin Lecture was delivered by the renowned US theologian Professor Bradford Hinze of Fordham University, New York. Over 100 people heard Prof Hinze's reflections on the challenge of synodality, in what he described as a '*wounded and wounding Church*'.

'Synodality' means 'walking together.' It expresses the Church's nature as the People of God as 'companions on the journey' with a mission to proclaim the Gospel. For Pope Francis, a synodal Church is a Church which listens.

Acknowledging that Pope Francis had set the tone, Professor Hinze's message was one of optimism. He believes the search for truth is best undertaken together, fostered in a climate of dialogue and honest debate.

Prof Hinze cited the synodal approach adopted by the Diocese of Limerick in 2016 and the process of restorative justice espoused by Dr Marie Keenan as Irish examples of best practice, which should be followed by the global church.

Remembrance Sunday 10 November 2019



The Seminary Community gathered in the College Cemetery on Sunday 10 November, to pray for deceased benefactors, staff and students. The community was joined by relatives and friends of staff members who have died in recent years.

Addressing the challenges facing Religious Education teachers

Since 2013, the Pontifical University has been providing certification in Catholic Religious Education and Theological Studies for students following the Bachelor of Education and Professional Masters in Education courses from the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education at Maynooth University.

Student teachers undertake a programme of study in four theological subjects; Systematic Theology, Scripture, Moral Theology and Liturgy & Sacraments. They also have introductory and practical modules in Religious Education. The aim of the programme is both to form and inform, to assist in their education as student teachers, and to help them to become capable of responding to the many spiritual and religious opportunities and challenges facing pupils in classrooms today.

The subject of education and its provision is one of the great cultural and societal battlegrounds in Ireland today. At St. Patrick's College, we aim not only to foster an awareness of these issues and debates, but also to instil in student teachers an understanding of "the pearl beyond price" that is Catholic education and all the while rising to the challenges and needs of the questioning and questing child in Catholic schools today.

It is pleasing to note that over the past six years our students have been exemplary in their engagement with these issues. Incorporating theological subjects into teacher training programmes demonstrates the enriching collaboration we achieve through working closely with our Froebel partners at Maynooth University.



Rev Dr John-Paul Sheridan
Director of Education Programmes
Faculty of Theology

Maynooth Honours US Friends at National Events

Every autumn supporters of St. Patrick's College Maynooth gather in New York and Philadelphia to recognise and celebrate the mission of the College. A number of friends of SPCM are honoured each year and a priest or religious also receives a Faithful Servant Award.

This year's honourees were Sir Cyril Woods, Thomas Leonard and Sr Carol Jean Vale. Dr Tom Ledwith was awarded the Gold Medal of St Patrick in appreciation of almost 30 years service as Director of Maynooth Development in the US.



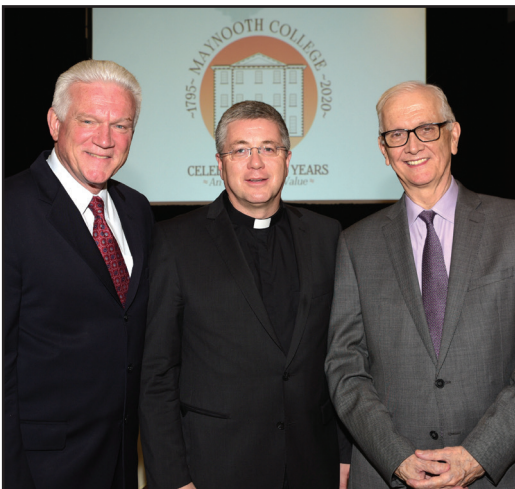
Sir Cyril Woods, who emigrated from Omagh to Canada in 1956 is an entrepreneur and philanthropist. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in Philosophy by the Pontifical University in recognition of his generosity to Maynooth and many other good causes in Canada, United States, Africa, Ireland and the Holy Land. Pictured with his wife, **Lady Lorna Woods** and SPCM President, Rev Prof Michael Mullaney.



NYC Chairman **Michael Higgins**, welcomes guests to the Annual Friends of Maynooth National Dinner in New York.



Thomas Leonard, Chairman of the law firm Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP has given distinguished service in the military and demonstrated generous civic and political leadership. In an inspirational speech, he and his wife **Kathleen** spoke of their greatest treasures: faith, family and friends as well as the long and deep relationship between Ireland, Maynooth and Philadelphia. Pictured with **Bishop Dermot Farrell** of Ossory.



Dr Tom Ledwith (right) who was awarded the **Gold Medal of St Patrick** is pictured with Fr Michael Mullaney and **Jim O'Connor** who has succeeded him as US Director of Development and Fundraising for SPCM.



Sr Carol Jean Vale SSJ has been President of Chestnut Hill College for over 25 years. After accepting her **Faithful Servant Award** from Fr Michael Mullaney, Sr Carol spoke eloquently on the value of delivering a Catholic Education at all levels.



The **Honourable Diane Welsh** and her husband **Richard**, Joint Chairpersons of the Annual Friends of Maynooth National Dinner in Philadelphia, pictured with SPCM President Fr Michael Mullaney.

INVITATION

US friends of Maynooth are invited to Ireland to join in celebrations marking the 225th anniversary of the College's formation.

A trip is being scheduled from **25 May – 1 June 2020** which will include visits to counties Wicklow and Cork before arriving in Maynooth for a gala dinner and attendance at Diaconate Sunday, which will be held in the College's magnificent Chapel.

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We would appreciate if you could indicate your intention to join us by 3 January 2020



Diaconate Sunday
Sara Kyne



Venite, adoremus Dominum Come, let us adore the Lord

As the Christmas season approaches, the choirs of Maynooth are busily preparing for their annual carol services. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the carols and the 225th anniversary of the institution itself.

According to Maynooth's Director of Sacred Music, Dr John O'Keeffe, the celebrations demonstrate the College's uniquely distinctive musical and spiritual heritage. "Their setting within the splendid College Chapel, to the accompaniment of brass ensemble, timpani and the College's newly-restored organ, provide a special moment of seasonal magic which never fails to capture the hearts and minds of those present," says Dr. O'Keeffe

To mark the golden anniversary of the carol services, St. Patrick's College and Maynooth University have commissioned specially-written pieces from two resident composers - Dr Edward Holden and Dr Ryan Molloy - which will be premiered at this year's services.

Calendar of Events

December 2019

- 12th **Maynooth College Plainchant Performance.**
College Chapel 1:00pm All welcome
- 15th **Maynooth Brass and Reed Band Christmas Concert.** Tickets available via Eventbrite.ie
- 16th - 18th **Christmas Carol Services.** By invitation only



February 2020

- 11th **Trinity College Dublin, Choral Evensong.**
College Chapel 6:00pm All welcome
- 16th **Maynooth College, Gala Concert.**
College Chapel Tickets available via Eventbrite.ie

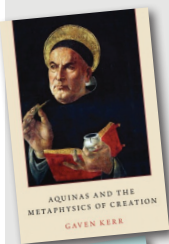


March 2020

- 1st **Bellarmino University Chorale and Maynooth Chamber Choir.** College Chapel 7:30pm
Tickets available via Eventbrite.ie
- 3rd - 31st **An tAthair Peadar Ó Laoighaire Exhibition.**
John Paul II Library
- 8th **Haydn's Creation.** College Chapel 4:00pm Tickets available from Maynooth University Music Department
- 10th **Annual Trocaire Lecture**
- 10th **Postgraduate Open Evening 4:00pm**
- 11th **Annual Corish Lecture, Professor David Morgan of Duke University 7:30pm** Renehan Hall,
All welcome, please indicate your attendance to specialvents@spcm.ie
- 12th **Patrons Day Celebrations.** Invitation only



Recent publications from SPCM



Aquinas and the Metaphysics of Creation Gaven Kerr

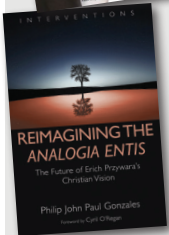
In this sequel to his 2015 book *Aquinas's Way to God: The Proof in De Ente et Essentia*, Gaven Kerr offers the first monograph in English on Aquinas's thinking on creation weaving through issues pertaining to the meaning of creation, how God acts as primary cause, and the ultimate goal of creation.

Pass it on! Ronan Drury



Through his teaching and as Editor of *The Furrow*, Ronan Drury had a profound influence on many generations of Irish priests. His personal warmth, ready wit, wisdom and good humour fill the pages of this book of selected writings from his 70 years at Maynooth.

Reimagining the Analogia Entis: The Future of Erich Przywara's Christian Vision Philip John Paul Gonzales



In 1932 German theologian and philosopher Erich Przywara penned his *Analogia Entis*, a vision of the analogy of being and a metaphysical exploration of the dynamic between God and creation. In this book Philip Gonzales calls readers to embrace the *Christian treasure of the Analogia Entis* and to reimagine what it offers Christians today.

April 2020

- Holy Week Ceremonies.** College Chapel All welcome
- 9th **Holy Thursday 7:30pm**
- 10th **The Lord's Passion, Good Friday 3:00pm**
- 11th **The Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday 10:00pm**
- 25th **Spring Open Day.** All welcome
- 24th **26th Maynooth Choral Festival.** For entry information please contact james.murphy@spcm.ie



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