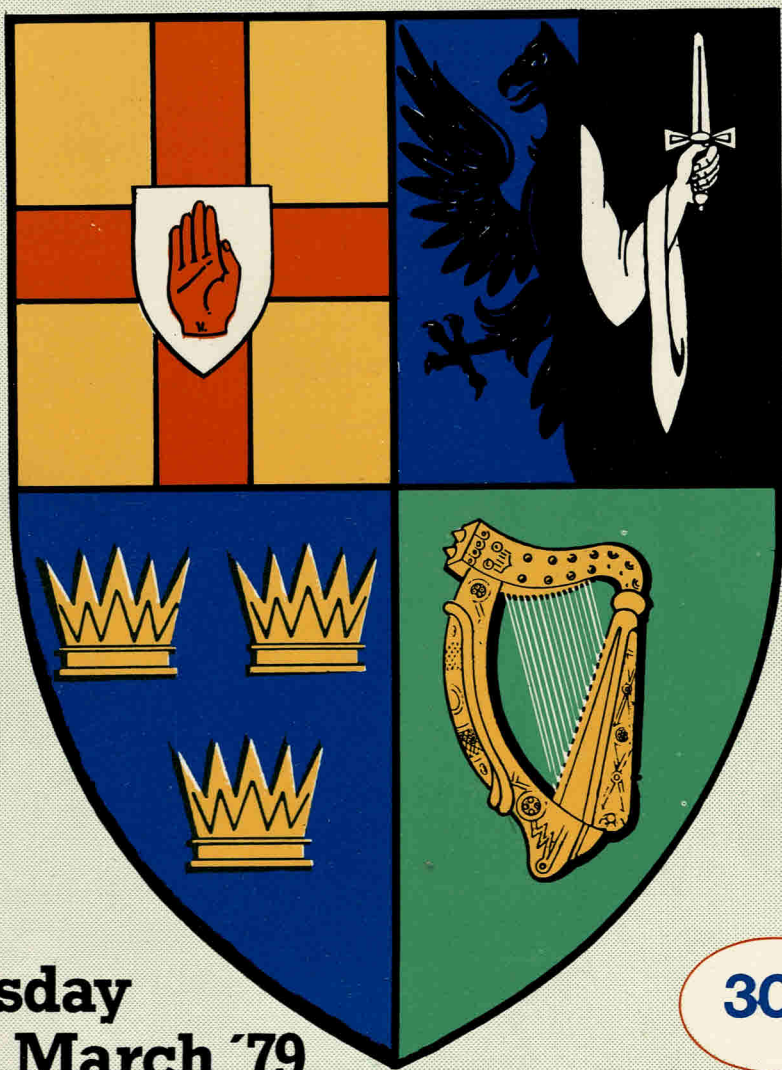


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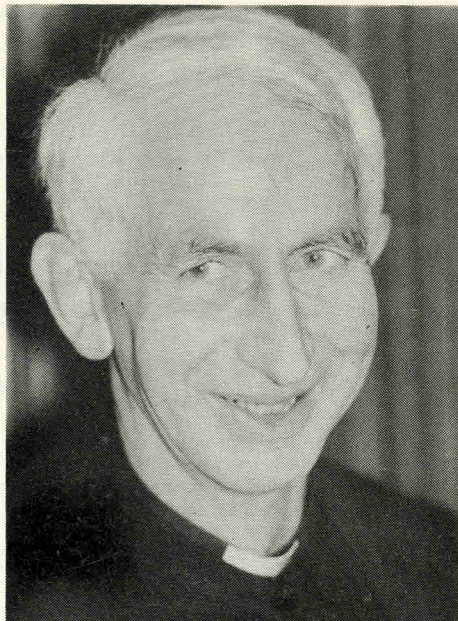
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Since its inception, the Irish Chaplaincy scheme has been of incalculable benefit to the Irish people living in this country and plays an important part, too, in the development of the Catholic Church. Community-building is essential, both to enable the true growth and development of individuals and for genuine Christian living. That is what is being fostered by the Irish Chaplains, and I gratefully acknowledge the debt we owe to them in so many dioceses.

Your attendance at this festival expresses your own personal interest in this vital work and your support for its continuance. Thank you for coming. I hope you will all have a most enjoyable evening.

God bless you all.

Please pray for me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Basil Hume." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The name "Basil" is written in a larger, more prominent script than "Hume". There is a long, horizontal flourish at the end of the signature.

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## THE IRISH CHAPLAINCY SCHEME IN BRITAIN

A brief outline of the history, objectives, methods used and advantages of The Scheme.

### HISTORY OF THE CHAPLAINCY SCHEME

The first Chaplains were sent in 1957. Later with the changes in the Building Trade, and as the Irish moved into digs, and began to settle down, the need for Area Chaplains arose. Then in 1964 the Archdiocese of Westminster, in consultation with the Irish Episcopal Commission for Emigrants identified three areas of need for the Irish Chaplains' ministry.

1. Lodging House areas spread throughout several parishes and needing an Area Chaplain to serve.
2. Specialised work e.g. Welfare, Housing, Employment, Hospitals needing specialist Chaplains, Youth at Risk, 'Down and Outs' etc.
3. Parishes with large Irish populations needing curate chaplains to serve.

At this stage the number of Irish Chaplains was increased to 50 and has been maintained between 40 and 50 since — at the moment we have 42 Priests, 5 Brothers and 8 Sisters.

### THE OBJECT OF THE CHAPLAINCY SCHEME

The object of the Scheme is to help those single boys and girls to integrate into their new environment, their new community. To help them to achieve integration, one has to use techniques which may appear to be ghettoish to some people but are not in effect. One has to gather them to integrate them. To define integration would be simple — people taking responsibility in their own community. It does not happen of itself, it has to be fostered. It is only the contented and secure person who has confidence in his own identity and who realises he has something to contribute, who can really give. So then to make people aware of their own potentiality an Irish chaplain may have to set up Irish clubs **not to divide but to give leadership** and to counteract the appeal of self-appointed cliques with no mandate to express the will and feelings of a community.

### METHODS USED

The first 6 to 8 weeks of the newly arrived are crucial and **personal contact** is vital to help them to cushion the cultural shock which they experience. Prejudices and barriers need to be removed. This can only be done by personal contact with them to "see them through this critical period". The Chaplain may contact them in boarding houses, hostels, dance halls, pubs, Irish social events and G.A.A. games. In general, going to places where they congregate and making himself known to them, organising special events for them, gathering them in order to integrate them. Through this personal approach with them, he may be able to secure

- a) Suitable accommodation
- b) Employment.
- c) To convince people to invest their money in Building Societies so that their long term objective may be to buy their own home or their short term objective to have money to go back to Ireland and purchase some property.
- d) The organising of parish re-unions which may appear to be fostering ghettoism but experience has proved that through these:
  - i) people lost to society have been found;
  - ii) many have come back to the Church;
  - iii) marriages are sorted out;
  - iv) the individual is brought back to the community.

### THE RESULT OF THE CHAPLAINCY SCHEME HAS BEEN:

1. An increase in the number of chaplains.
2. Rationalisation in the number of priests. A service of at least four years is asked for together with due notice of withdrawal.
3. A guaranteed supply is achieved. A diocese or a congregation is asked to guarantee continuity even if it has to borrow elsewhere.

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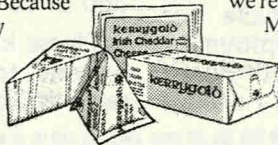
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By your support for tonight's "Show", the "Irish Chaplaincy Scheme in Britain" receives an influx of much needed funds. Indirectly this helps me as one of the chaplains, Fr. Pat McGrath is also an Irish Chaplain. Like me he is a St. Mungo employee. His generous service is focused on the 350 or so who dwell in the Hostel.

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He was founder member of the Dundalk Maytime Festival and P.R.O. for ten years for the Carroll's Theatre International and represented Ireland at the meetings of the International Amateur Theatre Association in France, Sweden, Monaco and Holland.

His interest is not alone in straight drama but in Variety, pantomime and he has acted as compere for every occasion, for concerts, Festival Queen competitions, dinners etc. Married with 5 children.

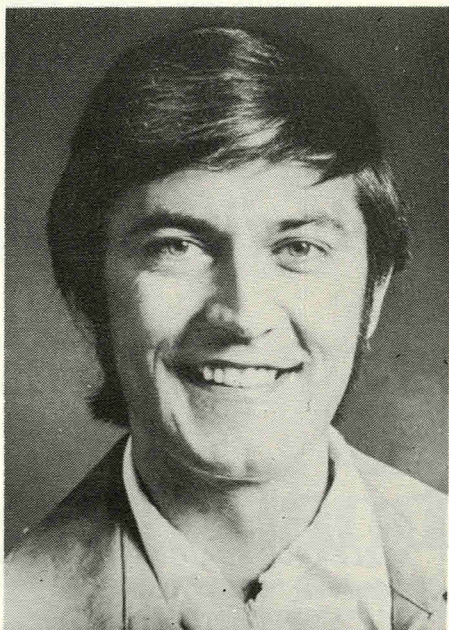
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## EILY O'GRADY

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Eily gave her first radio broadcast at the age of eight. She studied piano with Elizabeth Huban in Dublin, won many awards at the Dublin Feis Ceoil and then went to Rome for four years to study with Carlo Zecchi.

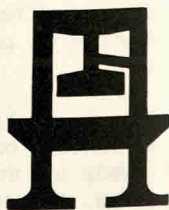
With her husband she has given many recitals in the United States, Canada and Europe. She appears frequently on Radio and Television and has performed in concert with the famous Boston Pops Orchestra & the U.S. Air Force Band in Washington.

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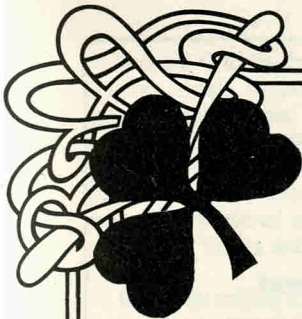


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Frank Patterson is one of Ireland's foremost International artists. Born in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, he made his first public appearance as a boy-soprano in his hometown. In 1962, he commenced vocal studies with Dr. Hans Waldemar Rosen, pursuing at the same time a course of acting at the National Academy of Theatre and Allied Arts in Dublin. Two years later, he won all the major vocal awards at the Dublin Feis Ceoil (Ireland's National Music Festival). Scholarships to London and Holland followed and he finally went to Paris, where he studied for four years with the famous French soprano, Janine Micheau. To help finance his studies during this period, he gave frequent concert, radio and television performances and it was a broadcast of Purcell Songs on B.B.C. (London) that first brought him to the attention of the Philips Record Company. While still a student in Paris, he signed a five year exclusive recording contract with them.

Now with eleven L.P.'s to his credit, he is much in demand throughout Europe for oratorio (his performances as the Evangelist in the Bach Passions have won particular praise), concert, recital, radio and television engagements and has already completed four coast-to-coast tours of the U.S.A. and Canada. He has sung with Colin Davis, Sir Charles Groves, Jean Fournet, Karl Richter and Paul Sacher, and has been soloist with many major orchestras including the London Symphony, Royal Philharmonic, Halle, Liverpool Philharmonic, Orchestre de Paris, Rotterdam Philharmonic, Basel Chamber Orchestra, Academy of St. Martin in the Fields and R.A.I. Symphony of Rome.

Next month, Frank gives a recital in the Sorbonne, Paris to celebrate the Bi-Centenary of Thomas Moore. Later this year, he returns to the Royal Albert Hall as soloist in one of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts.



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Deirdre O'Callaghan is one of Ireland's leading female singers. She has an international reputation as a folk-singer and interpreter of Irish music and song. Deirdre, who accompanies herself on her own Irish harp, recently returned from major international engagements in Brazil, the United States and Canada.

In the Brazilian capital of Rio, Deirdre represented Ireland at the prestigious Congress of American Travel Agents. She appeared on a number of major U.S. Television shows including the famous "Today" show in New York. In Canada, Deirdre was the special guest of Tommy Macken on six of his highly popular T.V. programmes.

Deirdre has made five long-playing records. The most recent of these is a collection of Irish and Scottish folk-songs called "Raglin Road". It is on the Dolphin label.

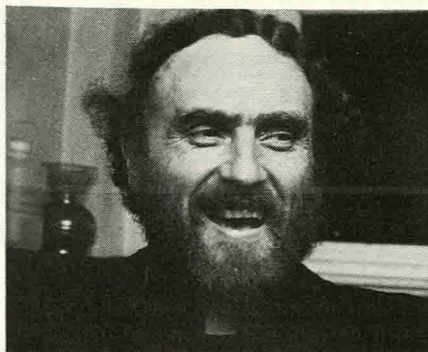
Deirdre is well known to radio listeners and T.V. viewers in Ireland and Britain. She has had her own Television series on BBC TV and Scottish TV as well as Telefis Eireann. Her overseas tours included Belgium, Holland, France and Germany. Deirdre's popularity in Ireland was highlighted by a personal invitation from the late President O Dalaigh to play at his inauguration ceremonies. She also made a special trip to New York in 1975 to entertain at a function to honour Princess Grace of Monaco.



## DEIRDRE O'CALLAGHAN

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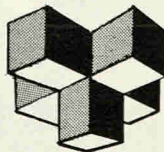
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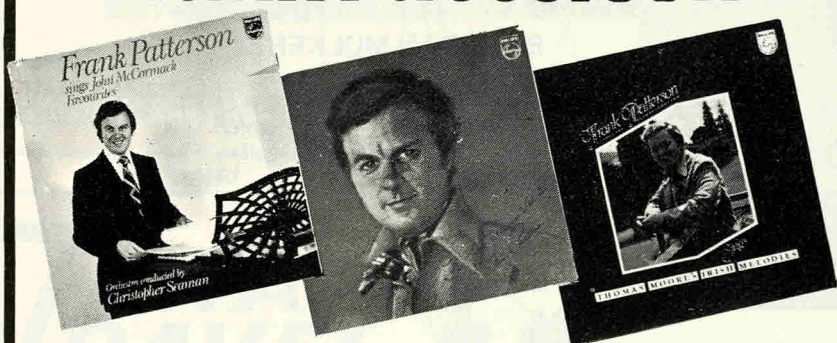
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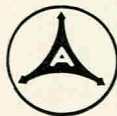
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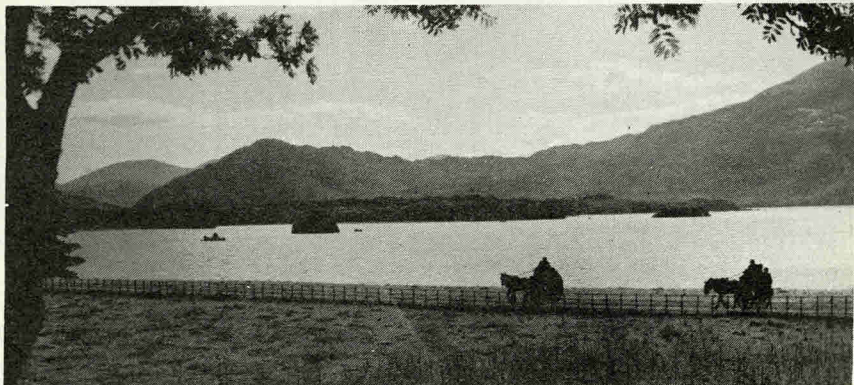


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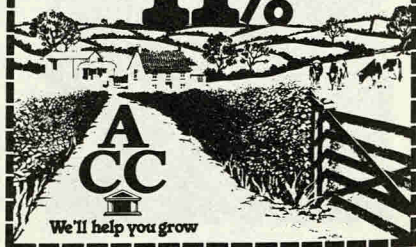
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On behalf of the Irish Chaplains I would like to thank very sincerely all those who contributed so generously towards our Souvenir Programme. To all of you who have come here this evening: to all those who sold tickets, arranged coaches and who helped in any way in making this occasion such a happy one, Thank You.

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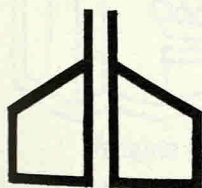
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