CARDINAL Ó FIAICH
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1 Selected cuttings and sections from the following newspapers - Belfast/Derry 1969.

*The Belfast Telegraph* 14 August 1969

*The Belfast Telegraph* 15 August 1969
3 Diverse newspaper cuttings from the following newspapers - Political and general interest.

*The Irish Independent* 22 November 1976
*The Irish Press* 22 November 1976
*The Irish Press* 19 March 1977
*The Irish Press* 19 March 1977
*The Irish Times* 17 November 1976
*The Irish Times* 24 November 1976
*The Irish Times* 25 November 1976
*The Irish Times* 26 November 1977
*The Sunday Independent* 21 November 1976
*The West Australian* 31 January 1977  Cartoon

Clipping on possible successor to Cardinal Conway dated 27/5/77 in hand of Tomás Ó Fiaich.

Undated articles:

Delegation of protest to Argentinian Embassy in Dublin re rev. Patrick Rice.
“Irish abortion figures revealed”
“Promises, promises, promises” Man bites dog by Donal Foley
“Humanisim: a danger to humanity” Desmond Rushe
“Authority as a form of service” Dean Charles Gray-Stack
“Na nuachtáin is Eirí Amach 1916” Nollaoig Ó Gadhra
“Church must support authorities, say bishops”
No. of short books reviews

4 *The whole works of Sir James Ware concerning Ireland*, Harris edition, Vol.1, Dublin 1739. Title page and one leaf of preface. **Badly worn.**

5 Annotated proofs of articles for *Seanchas Ard Mhacha* 1977 as follows:
Proof of “Tomaltach Ua Conchobair Coarb of Patrick” by A. Gwynn.
Proof of “Chronicle for 1976”

Typed notes from ‘An Grá sa Nuafhiliochta’ by Damien Ó Muiri, *Leachtai Cholm Cille.* VI.

6 Three University diplomas and one certificate of Tomás Ó Fiaich ( Fee). Further documents and papers concerning his career, ordination cards, etc.

7 Two certified copies of the birth certificate of Thomas James Fee, Anamar, 3rd
November, 1923.


9 Letters and correspondence of Cardinal O'Fiaich in the seventies.

10 O'Neill genealogies and family history. The archbishops of Armagh. The Staff of Jesus. This bundle contains printed, typed and MS material dealing with the above subjects.

11 Correspondence dia ga agus notai as Ma Nuad féin.

12 Literary notes and letters that concern items in the 11 numbers above, texts also for publication - drafts, lectures, articles, etc.

13 Reports in type from the National University Examiners on work lodged for degrees. (Dublin).

14 Historical and archaeological off prints, including two copies of review of ‘L’ancienne Université de Louvain’ by F Claey (five items). Review by Cardinal O’Fiaich.

15 a Photocopy of hymns in Irish from unidentified collection.
b Photocopy of hymns in Irish from another source (unidentified collection).
c Two sheets of writing paper with addresses.
d Small envelope with notes in pencil.
e Restaurant bill (Cardinal Ó Fiaich).
f Account of 30 September 1976: (Prof. T. Ó Fiaich, Maynooth).

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1 Cuttings re Cardinal Ó Fiaich of around 80s-90s from diverse Irish papers, mainly of political interest.

2 A rare book of old Irish poetry by ‘Aoidh Mhic Domhnail, an File’. Beautiful Irish script. An album containing also genealogical, and historical matters of the North and a vocabulary. Dates mentioned: 1798, 1852

3 Early notes on Irish poets, mainly of the North, gathered by the Cardinal in early years.

4 [Photos of the Cardinal and his guests (including the Pope) - now taken into photograph collection, see PIC ].

5 Buncóip den leabhar ‘Imeachta na nIarlaí’ le pictiúir a mbaineann leis.

6 Notes made when a student by Cardinal Ó Fiaich of the Old Irish Glosses. Includes references to Thurneysen’s ‘Handbuch des Alt-Irischen Grammatik’. A large copybook.


8 a Photocopy of front page of a journal, ‘Flag of Ireland’, Dublin, 12 February 1870.
c Science notebook of Annie Carragher. Session 1904-5, Training College of Our Lady of Mercy, Carysfourt Park, Blackrock, Dublin (← Family).

9 a Irish Civil Service Exercise Book: Written on cover ‘The Pale’. It contains notes and poetry in Irish and ‘My search for the Pale Boundary’ in English. MS.
b Exercise book containing notes on ‘Gaeilge Oirghialla’ in Irish and English, plus some loose material on Irish poetry, etc.
Notes in exercise book from Mary Harressy, last native speaker from Crossmaglen. MS.


Press reactions to Cardinal’s stand in Dublin in November 1989 (speaking on the Mater Hospital’s internal radio service) (Cuttings made by himself).

Thesis on Young Irelanders (author not identified - loose in volume at chapter 3(8) an envelope to this effect). Also within are photocopies of pages 2-3 of article on Muintir na Tuaithe by unknown author.

Part of the ‘Capuchin Annual’ commemorating the 1916 Rising and its aftermath. Loose pages, no date. Illustrations of interest.

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Concerns Irish people of note such as O’Daly family.
b Exercise Book with entry entitled ‘History of Ireland’ (excerpt) especially ‘Teach Duinn’. Anon. Handwritten.
c Exercise Book in Cardinal’s handwriting. Diverse subjects, some in Irish in pencil.
e Loose notes on early Irish churches in diocese of Armagh in Cardinal’s writing and others.
f Copy book with extensive extracts from classical authors on pre-historic Ireland and early Christian Ireland. In handwriting, anon. Pages full.

19 Cnuasach pháipéiri eagsúla
a Letter to Cardinal from his brother, 10.11.71 with Cardinal’s later jottings on Italian journey at back.
b Repeatedly used, worn, diary pages used by Cardinal at home and abroad. Commencing 1974 including visit to Salzburg, Austria.
c Notes on envelope concerning ‘Home for sale in Bessbrook…..’ ‘put a bid on it….’ etc. (Handwriting of Cardinal).
d Maynooth College Library-slip on books taken on loan by Cardinal, 13.3.62 - 9.10.71 (Two pages attached).
e Letters to Cardinal 16.1.72 presenting a genealogical register (copied) of family Chichester-Clarke. It is signed Diarmuid and written in Irish, as answer to query - (D.Ó Doibhlin. is dócha).
f Card from Co. Louth Archaeological and Historical Society to Cardinal 20.11.74, signed Diarmuid Mac Iomhair, concerning ‘Hearth Money Rolls’ publications.
g Correspondence between Pádraic Ó Tailliúir (bookseller, Dublin), Rev. Father Patrick Campbell and ‘Sean’ concerning book requested. Note added by Cardinal 31.1.82
h Note for Cardinal from secretary (not named) of 26.8.88 concerning clerical matters, intern.
i Foxrock Parish coloured calendar for 1982 published with help of E.E.C. Pictures show continental monastic links.
j Magazine of ‘Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Ard Mhacha, 1985-6 (?). Corrections of names of players in Cardinal’s hand, pages centre!
k Report on major matters of concern for Bishop’s Office, Down and Connor Diocese, 1.8.89. Four pages of print (first lacking), marginal notes and lining in hand of Cardinal Ó Fiaich. A volume on Ardee antiquities (old, no date, anon)

20 Bacon’s Excelsior Map of Ireland, a bound volume. —Convolute of old papers - many extracts - concerning Parish of Ardee; historical and ecclesiastical notes on period Reformation to Cromwell. Calendar of Christ Church Deeds 1174-1684. Clinton family papers. A letter from George Norman to Stubbs, July 18th 1892. (bound, old writing pad).

21 Correspondence in sacerdotal affairs of Co. Louth: ‘From Kieran to Slane’, from Sister Langstid to Dr. Dixon (c. 1864-7). Further from ‘Slane to Tierney’ (1868-9), ‘Hanratty to Dixon (1864) and from Campbell and Murphy to Dixon, 1863 (typed etc.) —The Christmas issue of ‘CONCERN’. —The Bangladesh newspaper (Irish Relief Agency), no date. —Calendar of ‘St. Patrick’s Missionaries, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

22 Correction of original Irish Verse by Pádraig Ó Miléadha, photocopies, bound. Essay on old Irish Grammar, c.1935-44.

23 Notebook, with entries in Cardinal’s hand, of 18th,19th and early 20th century literati. Note-book full of excerpts of the learned by Padraic O’Domhnaill to underline his

24 The Cardinal’s notes on M. Lefèvre’s ‘Sciences Auxiliares de l’Histoire’ with additional material re Irish personalities and events, M.Sc. 1950-51, - proofs with corrections by Cardinal Ó Fiaich of a list of plays written in Irish. —The Donaghmore Franciscans. The history of their Friary. On the front cover the name E. Ó Doibhlin is written, MS, mid 20th. century. A ‘Grammar School Exercise Book’ is used. [N.B. on page 12 we are given the assurance that Friar Phellem O’Neill, of the princely branch of Glasdroman, is not identical with the adversary of Blessed Oliver Plunkett] The MS contains also letters written by Archbishop Richard O’Reilly to his Vicar General Dr. Conwell of Dungannon 1797-1817.

25 Two of Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s schoolbooks. History 1944 and later, 1948-9, as a student.

26 Páipéirí Éagsúla:
Letter of welcome to Rev. Canon P. Grealy, on his return to Parish of Burrishoole, Nov. 1900 - with list of subscriptions.
Article by Nollaig Ó Gadhra sent to Cardinal Ó Fiaich (no date).
Two copies of Fr. Denis Faul’s article on the Murrays’ hanging in Dublin (Defence Committee, N. Ireland).
Note on Skinner’s road map of Co. Louth (anon). — Attorney General’s report in the Evening Mail (typed copy) by J. Rafferty. (It concerns the case of a man making pikes in the crypt of the Cathedral -a lot of fuss about nothing).
A patriotic poem/song, hand-written, anon.
Lists of Parish Priests and curates of Beragh, Clonfeacle, Magherafelt. Typewritten copies of 1842-1956. MSS.
Letter in Latin from Fr. Cavanagh, OSF. Friary, Drogheda, 11.11.1856.
Royal Zoological Society of Ireland’s Balloting Paper,1936. A lot more notes, letters and jottings added.

27 Photographic copies of a hand-written letter from Roger Casement, dated 8. April 1905. There are four copies of pages one and four and two copies of pages two and three of his letter.

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1 The Letters of Rev. Eugene Conwell from Maynooth (typed, bound).
2 Financial matters. Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s bank account, his passbook, etc.; -his certificate of registration as subscriber to V.H.I.; -insurance papers; -Warrant from Irish Permanent Building Society; –£40. Dividend warrant from Irish Catholic Church Property, Insurance Co. Ltd; –vaccination certificate; –receipts from C. O’Neill and Fr. H.Dougan; -loose silver change in envelope, etc.
3 Film rolls; -micro films and negatives; -a small diary for 1975; -first drivers licence1956; -bank cheques of ’50s and ’60s.
4 a, b, c all related to financial matters - Munster and Leinster bank accounts, lodgements, counterfoils, cheques, 1950-1976, etc. Letters relating to bonuses paid to professors in Maynooth and letters to and lists of subscribers to Cumann na Sagart 1969-70. Some cheques -open. Balance Sheets, P.O. for 12 shillings up to year 1976,
every kind of transaction, from 1950 onwards stored.

5 A further two ‘Manuscript books’ of Padraic Ó Domhnaill, basically on the theme of Teach Duinn -questioning the location (not Smerwick but Erris)! Also a larger album or scrapbook. It is filled by him with poetry, hymns, songs in Irish, carefully hand-written. A piece by Father O’Grawney is supplemented by a photograph of the poet. Rare!

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c. Brochure; Programme for celebrations 1840-1990, Armagh Cathedral.
g. Brochure; St. Patrick’s College Armagh Development Scheme, February 11th. 1971 (Cardinal Conway), many pictures.
h. Typed sheets, attached (44 pp) on ‘The Classical Tradition in Irish Popular Education’. Not signed, nor dated.
i. Three brochures of Magh Nuad’s official opening of The John Paul II Library, 7.10.1984.
k. ‘A Festival of Flowers’ brochure, Armagh, March 1990. (commemoration of 150 years of the Cathedral).

2 Papers presented to the Cardinal Archbishop of Armagh by Abbot of Downside, concerning relics of St. Oliver Plunkett - also his last letters from prison. Bound.

3 a ‘Hidden Ulster’ correspondence O’Snodaigh-Cussen. Miscellany of notes, cards, loose pages, letters from friends of earlier date, including Tom Sheebin, and Louis O’Kane, on receipt of the annual Seanchas Ard Mhacha Journal.
b. Ordination card of Micheál Ó Dochartaigh i nGaeilge, 1972.
c. Mahatma Gandhi centenary card (UNESCO, 1969)
d. An old letter sent to Father J Ó Cuinn, Dundalk, with writings in Irish from U.S.A. (a priest?) connected with the Rising in Dublin and ‘Fight of the Four Courts’ 1922.
e. Postcard to Seosamh Ó Doláin, Ardia, Jan. 11th. 1922, in Irish - with comments on side in handwriting of Cardinal - “probably from Eamon Curtis?”
f. Copy of a letter from the Cardinal with attached congratulatory letter from Fr.Pol Ó Suírlís, California, re appointment of Tomás Ó Fiaich as Uachtarán i Ma Nuad, 1974.
g. Card of congratulations from James and Mary Lamb, ‘Welcome to Armagh’ (no date).
h. Coloured print from ‘Weekly Freeman Press’, April 1894 -a caricature of John Redmond.-notes (anon) in Irish in ink on back.
i. Documentation card for student Ó Fiaich issued in Brussels -no date visible.
j. Letter to ‘Father Tom’ from a doctor Eamon Martin, Dublin, giving advice on treatment for his father’s ailments. Note on back by Cardinal.
k. Typed copy of fifth annual report of ‘An Réalt’, section Réalt Bride, Dublin. Mention of ”our Spiritual Director, An tAthair Ó Fiaich’ with gratitude. Two sheets pinned together -no date or signature. Heading: ‘Praesidium: Sanctoir an Spioraid
Naoimh’.

1 Notebook with varied entries and different subjects and periods in hand of Cardinal. Drafts for a sermon or homily.

m Sheets, attached, in print, of the ‘Organisations internationales Catholique’, 1970.

4 a School Reports, diverse from the years 1910-1915. University classes with students’ names. Six bundles.

b Copies, print, St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth. (BA degree examinations in Greek, 1926).

c Pass lists, Certificate Examinations 1938, Secondary Schools (Ministry of Education, N. Ireland) in ink at head of pamphlet report, ‘Fee, Anamar, 29th. August 1938’—Loose pages in ink.—Two admission cards, Junior and Senior, for examination, St. Patrick’s College, Armagh for years 1938 and 1840 respectively.

d Typed list, eight pages for post-graduate Course in Diplomatic History with titles noted. No date.


b Methodist Mission pamphlet, 1974.

c Newsletter, Canon Law Society, 1984 (Corrigenda)

6 Testimonials - as collected and arranged by Cardinal himself.

7 Thesis of John P. Gallagher.

8 Diverse souvenirs, photos, pamphlets from abroad (mixed).

9 Miscellany. Notices of ecclesiastical meetings, or of literary interest. Notebooks of early date, from foreign visits, etc.

10 Würzburg Expedition, 1989:
   a). preparation
   b). execution, lectures, celebrations
Travel brochures. Research for ‘Gaelscrínte i gCéin’, personal visits abroad to gather information in:

1. Alba (Scotland)
2. Italy
3. Brittany
4. France
5. Holland (Netherlands)
6. Belgium
7. France (2)
8. Germany
9. Loreto
10. Britain
11. Germany (2)
12. Italy (2)
13. Greece
14. Austria and Switzerland
15. University Delegation in Germany, 1975
16. Conference in Trier, Germany, 1976
17. Correspondence to Germany in search of information, etc. for future publications re the Early Irish Mission and other activities abroad.

Yellow folder inscribed Cill Chomhairle, Haggardstown, and St. Fursey. Contents:- a notebook containing life of St. Fursa from the Book of Aichill, Brussels (MS 2324-40) with five photographs of the Vita. Also in folder, loose papers hand-written, relating mainly to the Kiernans of Philipstown and to the death of Rev. M. Marmion P.P.

Loch Léin - Volume containing the five numbers issued of the first series of this journal. A typographical reproduction made in Killarney, 1902 by Seán Ua Cuimléain (Rev. John Quinlan?) Bound. Unique!

Eamonn Ó Doibhlin’s copy of the Armagh Depositions on the rebellion of 1641 made from the Trinity College MS copy for the library and museum of Armagh, 29. 8.1955.

Folder inscribed ‘Sagairt Ardmachá’. Miscellaneous papers and documents, mainly in MS relating to a history of the priests of Armagh. Included a letter from Fr. L. Murray and one addressed to him from D.L. Hurley.

Papers re the Casement Diaries. Envelope addressed to an tAthair T. Ó Fiaich containing three letters from Captain P. Dolan. First a photocopy of a letter addressed to Christopher Hollis, and then a photocopy of one addressed to Fr. Fee from Captain P. Dolan himself. Notes and a further letter commencing ‘Dear Sir’ signed Roger McHugh (?). These papers all relate to the case of the Diaries of Roger Casement.

Newspaper cuttings re Casement’s execution recorded at the time; also re the Fenian Rising and that of 1916. —A school history of Ireland, Part 1 by Charles Preston (printed copy).

Antiquarians of note corresponding with each other in the first two decades of 20th.
century on common interests of ancient history, mythology and archaeological
research, especially topics surrounding the Danes Cast, Dorsey Camp, Black Pig
Valley - introduced are The Ó Catháin, Rev. James Quinn, Margaret Dobbs of
Cushendall and Westropp (folio) (versus Orpen on ‘motes’). Also a few letters and
jottings dated between 1905-1915 and rubbings. A diagram, -S. Armagh/Louth
(anon).

8 Collection of articles or talks by Kieran Clendenning on local history in and around
Lurgan. Probably appearing in the newspaper Lurgan Mail, They may have been
offered for publication to SA. This is a scrutiny of the family history of the planters
Caulfield and Brownlow in the region, their estates, households, and various
activities. Mentioned is George Russell (AE) born in Lurgan. Reading of typescript
hampered by orthographic faults. The compilation ends with the story of the ancient
bell of Ballnabrack. Bound Copy.

9 Copybook notes, inscription ‘Clonfeacle’. Apparently the ‘Returns’ of Squire
Moneypenny, 1766-7, for various Armagh Districts. —Extracts from documents re
the Commissariat of the army of William III in Ireland. —Several sheets in a folder
marked ‘Jacobite Wars’ and a copy book with diverse extracts of Irish affairs in the
17th. and 18th. century period. Officer’s list of the Irish Brigade.

10 A heap of letters to Cardinal Ó Fiaich in his later Maynooth period and considered by
himself worth keeping,- including bank counterfoils 1977.

11 Diary for 1972 and two small notebooks with pencilled entries in Irish, including
verse. Hand of T. Ó F.

12 A variety of notes by Cardinal Ó Fiaich and letters to him in the fifties of local
historical bearing placed in a snapfile. Also a folder with title ‘Mass Rocks and Mass
Sites’ containing a letter on such places in the vicinity of Newbridge, and a typed list
of Penal Day Mass Sites known in the Archdiocese of Armagh.

13 A papal document in print: PaulusVI. Pont. Max......re Thomas Fee, nostrum Prelatum

14 Politics in N. Ireland during the years 1978-81, various typescripts and photocopies
on prison conditions then, especially in year 1980. Discussion with Atkins and
statement of Cardinal Ó Fiaich on the condition of the prisoners.

15 A gathering of old copybooks large and small, for notes, drafts, excerpts, mostly in
pencil, not clear whose writing it is. The topics are many, of S.E. Ulster, and
historical, in the main Dundalk and Ardee, with lists of parishes, deeds of trust -
tenants and their rents from 1703 onwards, copied out in pencil; as well as Acts of
Settlement and lands forfeited in Co. Louth. Much correspondence from before First
World War, as the letter from Major General Stubbs,1906. —Dundalk Breweries
accounts, 1683. —Hearth Money Rolls, -lists (excerpts copied at random from letters
often show that a ‘Mr. Dolan’is a guiding force). Also from the Carew MSS. and the
O.S. Survey, 1835. (This addressee is Joseph J. Dolan of Ardee).

16 A selection of letters from various periods (three envelopes): Not personal.

a 1971, Business motives, students’ queries, University affairs, notes and drafts for
lectures, etc.

b 1965, Official subjects and involvements. A batch of instructive letters from Muiris
Ó Droighneáin, Béal Feirste.

c Some older letters and papers conserved, spanning the two world wars, before and
after. —Efforts to rally support for salvaging the Franciscan Friary of Bonamargy
(Ballycastle), cuttings and letter from initiator H.C.Lawlor, Belfast, 1931. —Typed
article by Fr. Brendan Jennings, Louvain, on Henry O Mellan O.F.M. who left us a
Diary of the Wars of 1641.—Letter from E.P. Donnelly on the Old Cemetery, Armagh in search of his family burial plot and ancestors interred there on Sandy Hill; of 1961. - A negative response to the query from Br. Kee, Parochial House, Armagh (no visible response from Cardinal Ó Fiaich). —Other small items include two questionnaires from An Coimisiún Béaloideasa Éireann, 1943 and a minute booklet with patriotic verse and two ancient letters (in folio). Pages taken from ‘Feasta’ Journal, Jan. 1959 with an article on contemporary men of stature in Ireland and sculptures made of their heads. Also a filled in Form Iontrála 1965-66 of a Comórtas Glór na nGael, to which the fee of £1. is twice attached in a Bank of England note and Postal Order (Irish) neither of which has been cashed. (in folio).

Six large size pages of ‘Henry Boswell’s Antiquities, 1785’, descriptions and views of castles in Louth either demolished or occupied by planters. There are six such pictures (copper engravings) of ‘Killingcool’, Derver, Hanestoun (tower), Mill Town, Carlingford and Multifarnham Abbey in Westmeath. Plates in very good condition. Of the same period, also perfectly preserved, are engravings of the three castles of Carlingford, Castletown and Beldungan Castle and Church (in envelope apart). All these copper prints are authentic and therefore valuable; especially, from an antiquarian viewpoint, the three last mentioned, being samples of ‘first impression’ engravings, that is before the writing beneath the picture was inserted in print (?) -The state of decay shown in the latter view of Carlingford Castle is not so far advanced as that in the Boswell edition, proving that it may be older (the artist working at an earlier date). Note: it would be worth framing the three loose items!


This is a collection of mainly legal documents of 18th-19th centuries re Co. Louth landed properties (some in Monaghan). They consist of copies of Statute Rolls, Fiants of Tudor Monarchs and wills and testaments, Inquisition Post Mortem Reports, indentures, transcripts, also in Latin of T.C.D. MS J. 15 page 127. A list of Absentees down to 1782; a Bond of Indemnity of 1810; a Memorandum of Agreement, 1834, of marriage 1834, and other affairs. Letters of research interest re settlers and their families prompted by Fr. L. Murray and other activities by Joseph T. Dolan are reflected in Conservation of Antiquities, caused by the Louth Co. Council’s assurance in a letter of 1926 that the Board of Works would take over the Guardianship of St. Mochta’s House. The preservation of the ‘Plunket Cross’ (diagram) and a pillar at Ardpattern (?) is perhaps inspired by a detailed description of Church and House of Ardpattern supplied by H.G. Leask in 1934 (typed copy). The Irish News Daily of Belfast, dated Oct. 23rd. 1976 may give the date of this, the Cardinal’s selection. Its head story is the Resignation of President Cearbhall Ó Dalaigh.

High Court of Justice in Ireland, Chancery Division, Master of the Rolls. A Brief for Counsel on behalf of dependent, John Taaffe, Plaintiff, and John Byrne, Defendant, 1907.


Draft Dundalk papers: Notes and extracts, historical, religious and legal such as the Roden Memorial, on the Image of Our Lady and Prince O’Neill, with the Dundalk Register
lists and corporation accounts for the era 1755-1759. Some fragments, copybooks with minutes of the Gaelic League’s Dundalk branch, 1899, 1906-7-8.


25 Diploma received from Louvain, 20th. June 1952.


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1 German language papers re
   b. Article on Matt Talbot.
   c. Article on Communications Centre, Dublin 1970.
   d. Article on P. Pearse.

Papers religious and political, many confidential, re Maynooth/Armagh of the ‘80s.

2 a Unssorted correspondence of parishes of Armagh, Tyrone, in 19th century. A few of which are since typed.
   b St. Finian of Dromin, correspondence - Dolan\Parton, beginning of 20th century.

3 a Calendar Rolls, 17th. century Plantations in Louth and Drogheda. Ó Neill’s report, etc. in wars of 1641-44. Early Patents of 14th. and 15th. century in extracts. (copies).
   b Letters Dolan/McNeill re Ardee and historical surroundings, early 20th. century, unsorted! Further, Primate Dowdall, last Prior of St. John’s; Justiciary Rolls (notes on).
   c MS book ‘Deeds of Dawson’s Demesne’ (Lands of Ardee), J. Murray 1821 (signed)
   d Emigrants in Philadelphia. Letters to Ireland on property matters.

4 a Correspondence with Cardinal Ó Fiaich (old date) re Fochairt.
   b General Stubbs, Kildare Archaeological Society, article 1901. Also MS containing ‘Three Lives of St. Brigit’, for IRSAI, 1906, referred to in this context.
   c Add. ‘Prayers of St. Bridget’ An old tattered booklet with Mass Card Picture of ‘Naomh Bríghid’.

5 Reports on ‘Re-constructing of the Sanctuary area, Cathedral of Armagh’, competitions, illustrated - no signature or dates.

6 Diverse photographs, not all include T. Ó Fiaich himself, but his circle of interest
through the years - civic and ecclesiastical dignitaries. Negatives. Rare photographs; French Generals Foche and Weygand, Armistice 1918 (?)  
7 Correspondence from Germany concerning research, references to visits, pilgrimages (Austria, 1988-9) with press cuttings. Address of Munich Cardinals at funeral of Minister President of Bavaria F.J. Strauss (a copy).  
8 Pamphlets re Italy showing itinerary and objects of study.  
9 Brochures from Germany brought home from various visits. Press cuttings from Hohenstadt 1966.  
10 Research, correspondence and reflections on visits to German sites of Irish ecclesiastical interest, mainly 1960’s and 1980’s - Wendelin, Koloman, Oilibhéar, Alto and Nun’s Island, Chiemsee. Some press material added.  
11 Religious material from France. Part of French lexicon re ‘Down and Connor’.  
12 Notes on modern history, eccl. political matters (early) from Maynooth in hand of Cardinal Ó Fiaich.  
13 Irish press cuttings, historical, literary. Three bundles contain:  
a. McNeill’s opposition to the Easter Week Rising  
b. Roger Casement, his case, his Irish interment etc.  
c. Commentary on aftermath of Rising, 1916, Civil War etc. Literary notabilities.  
-Sorted!  

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1 Papers re Coláiste Pádraig, Maynooth in 1980s. Reports to Trustees and Applications for professorships and lectureships.  
2 Papers re Armagh, Ulster Universities (applications, recommendations, etc.) in 1980, typed, in case, also some addressed to Maynooth. Not complete.  
3 Further correspondence, drafts, diverse papers, many confidential. Comments in ink on margin in hand of Tomás Ó Fiaich. Addenda, a few press cuttings.  
5 Lists and reports on schools in the Archdiocese.  
6 Three bound, typed reports on meetings of Executive Committee 1982 and 1984 for ‘Project Recommendations’ and a Chaplain’s Report from St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth for the year 1981-82.  
7 Patrician booklets  
a. Symposium of 1961 held in St. Patrick’s Hall, Armagh.  
d. Loose notes, personal.  
f. Cutting from Irish Independent 1973 on death or wounding of James Bryson etc., in gun battle in Belfast.  
8 a Photos, historical, antiquarian interest, especially local Armagh diocesan district.  
b. Abbey of Fore - Cross found in Relic.
c Five photos of Choir, Cathedral of Armagh, prior to Vatican 11; Press photographs showing same condition at Patrician Ceremony 1961 (with cuttings).
9 ‘Domnach Mór (Tír Eogain) encased letter, three pages with notes on back concerning parishes (addenda of T Ó Fiaich).
10 Confirmation papers - to Crossmaglen 1990
11 A.I. Bank Counterfoils.
13 Oliver Plunkett. Diverse publications on case.

**B 9**
1 a ‘Trocaire’, bound copy, typed, of memorandum 1983 (Board of Trustees Meeting)
   b Maynooth papers of the decade 1970, including queries; correspondence in general, etc.
2 Maynooth papers of the decades 1960 (b) and 1980 including correspondence. Political History courses.
3 Further Maynooth correspondence of the 1970s, sorted:
   a Correspondence, queries, drafts, business matters.
   b Finance.
   c References, recommendations, programmes, proposals and letters.
4 Miscellany of pamphlets of local historical interest and topography of the diocese, also some literary extracts, reprints - often signed by the authors as a donation. Lists of churches, reliquaries, wells etc. see envelope! Also of old literary items, and the MS ‘Ardmacha’ of R. Ó Foghladha. A hand-written list of place-names, English and Irish, of T. Ó Fiaich é féin.
5 Cuttings re the vindication of Roger Casement from Irish papers in the 1960s.
6 Ordnance Survey Maps (oddments)
   Sheet 47, Counties Armagh, Down and Tyrone; scale 1 inch to 1 mile
   Sheet 5, Galway and Mayo; quarter inch map.
   Sheet 4, Omagh, 1 inch to 1 mile (+2)
   Genealogical and Historical Map of Ireland.
   Dublin 840-1540 (medieval growth).
   Ecclesiastical Map of Ireland, 1859 (two soiled copies).
7 a ‘Cumann an Sagart’ matters.
   b ‘Gaeilscrinte’ agus a leirmheas.
   c The Language - Freedom campaign. Cuttings pro and contra. Personal stand in defence of Irish (in writ)
8 Papers of the Catholic Historic Committee, 1950-60.

**B 10**
1 Ardee, Louth, general, historical, mainly from collections of Lorcán O Muireadhaigh.
   a Local research a)Two OS diagrams.
   b Moore - Hatch case (correspondence).
   c Cuttings from papers of early 20s on poets of region.
   d Sorted papers on Louth, Landed Families - wills, pedigrees, land tenures etc. made by Cardinal Ó Fiaich also.
2 Collection (L.O.Muireadhaigh ?) under title ‘Conwell File’ concerning both priests, Edward and Eugene and their Derry family.
3 a Brochures, Postcards of major importance in field of Early Irish Mission.
b St. Virgil Festival Salzburg 1984. Lectures, programmes etc. Hallein and prospectus of Irish Festival there.


Two poems of Philip Larkin in Spanish.
Hand-written historical extracts from old manuscripts (three).
Letters to ‘Athair Tom’ in Irish from S. Ó Coinne and T Ó Raifeartaigh (two).
Article on Croziers by Cormac McConnell.
Three pamphlets on Irish Church in Europe.
‘Some pages of Franciscan history’ 1905(?), P. Robinson.
William Crolly, Research, Genealogy of.
Some notes by Cardinal O Fiaich on Shane O Neill - and some jottings by him on lecture or sermon preparations (?)
Some undefinable scraps in an old envelope. Also undeciphered Letter of Thomas Chalmers, 1802 from St. Andrews.
A letter from L. O’Mearáin, Muineacháin 1936 to his friend Tomás in Irish.
A little printed sketch on ‘Atherdee Commons’

7 Patrician Year publications 1962.
Pictures of ceremonies in 1961, assorted and edited, together with those of artefacts etc. of Patrician associations, by Cardinal Ó Fiaich (Rev. T. Fee) in Maynooth.

8 a Patrician papers, diverse, with letters of Ó Coinne and Hackett.
Two papers of the Cardinal on subject, undated.
b Iceland - articles and notes to prepare a visit there.

9 a Miscellany concerning peoples of the Archdiocese, notably of Louth (also Westmeath) -Taafés, O’Kellys. Schonberg’s dispatches from Dundalk, etc.
b Irish Bishops, Protestant and Catholic Succession - 12th century to present day (from handbook of British Chronology) Kirby papers, Rome.
c Emigrant family McSherry, research from USA
d Some hand-written notes on Early Irish Church.
B 11

1 Miscellany of older research on places and personalities of Archdiocese. Much of which
Early photos (bad reproductions) of devotional objects from penal times, mostly
Dundalk. Correspondence also from Curator Patterson, County Museum, Armagh to
T Ó F. Maynooth 1955.
Photostat of favour accorded by Pope Pius IX, 1855 to ‘Prince of Tirconnell’
Maximillian C.L. O Donell (Austrian branch) with comments on back by Canon
Mooney.
Seanchas gathered of parish of Termon MacGuirk (Tyrone) in exercise book by
Mairéad ‘ní Chaoindealbhain - including Colmcille’sDé Díoltas Bell. Hand-written.
List of Cloygher Bishops from T. Walsh, New York 1854, typed, from St. MacCartan
(454) down to Ch. McNally (1843). List added to by T Ó Fiaich (in ink).
Typed list of churches ‘In Use Today’ in Omagh, 1955, submitted by Father Cooney
to Mr. Patterson, Museum, Armagh.
Letter from executor of ‘Father Duffy’s Will’ in N.Y. to ‘Mr. Lennon’ from John
B. Kelly (?).
Letter from P.Ó Gallchobhair in Irish to Tomás Ó Fiaich in 1955 re Cloygher Bishops;
his preference to their listed names as deciphered by T Ó Fiaich and published in
Archive Hib.II 167, - a list of P.P.s of diocese by T. Ó Fiaich, jotted down in
Maynooth. Also jottings on references given in Gaelscrínte, second edition, with
visits, dated. On back of these four pages some notes (part of article?) on the Ó
Neills of Carron and Anagad, Dorsey - who claim is on vault of Creggan.
Indistinct pencil notes concerning local ‘rebels’ and popish......in vicinity with some
lore and pedigrees of S.Armagh(?)
Correspondence L. O. Murray/Paul Walsh on Sliabh Fuaid, 1932 and excerpt from
Metrical Dinnshenchas.
Aspects of Place-Names of Fermanagh and Monaghan from N. Morley’s lecture1982.
Research on Archbishop Fitzralph by Dean of Lichfield, in correspondence with
Father Lorcán Ó Murray. PRIA of 1937 (Vol. XLIV, sec. C.1) on subject by Aubrey
Gwynn (letter also of year 1934).
A folder of papers put together by Cardinal Ó Fiaich on Henry Conwell with research
by Fr. L. Murray and proofs of article (?) or book on subject’s letters now published.
2 Kilmalkedar Church ruins, 1870 drawn by A. Hill with (faded) photographs. Letter of
P. McCarthaig and cheque.
3 Historical persons and scenes of Irish history in print, sorted by T. Ó F. in Maynooth.
Paper clippings on Archbishop Mannix, Séamus O Grianna and Theresa Neumann.
4 a Summary of historic monuments of Drogheda.
b Roll of merchant’s receipts from Drogheda, 1288-1300 (?). Another copy in pencil,
and letter re research Ardee of year 1929 - presumably from England.
Paper cutting on St. Mary’s Church, Drogheda from Dublin Penny Journal 1833.
Roll of receipt (ink) appears to have been copied in year around 1921 in Ardee.
c Five sheets of photostat copies from book of Corporation affairs of Drogheda, 1759,
re time of King James 11 - a transcript of same in pencil - in case.
d Educational papers in green folio, partly on palaeographic subjects (old). Then new
problems of drinking amongst school children
5 Miscellany of papers. Copies of Ó Neill documents. Press cuttings from Italian visit
to Bergamo. Article published in Capuchin Magazine on ‘Early Monastic Life in Ireland’ by Tomás Ó Fiaich etc.

6 Legal documents, mainly Land Transactions.

7 Legal documents re Mounthill, Ballynahaghy.

8 Photographs of diverse topics and genealogical subjects (excerpts) (see envelope!).


10 a Itinerary of Monsignor James Murray of New York Archdiocese on a visit to Ireland, 1987. Subject: Irish Emigrants in U.S.A.
   b Article (text of lecture?) by Dr. Kerry Muir, 9.9.86, ‘File Name Lann Lua’.
   c Article by Kim McCon, ‘Clones and her neighbours in the early period’
   f Typed copy of ‘Plean Gnómhaíochta don Ghaeilge’ 1983-6 (Bord naGaeilge\Comhdháil).
   g Quotations from interview in The Irish Press. 16. 1. 78 stating Cardinal Ó Fiaich views on divorce (three copies).
   h Pamphlet ‘Building Bridges in a divided community’. No date. Period - Cardinal Daly.
   i Brochure ‘Irish Field Monuments’; pamphlet on Ulster souterrains, with compliments of Victor M. Buckley, Office of Public Works, Dublin.

11 a Diverse photostats - some not identified. MSS. Latin documents; the Armagh disturbances leading up to ’98; part of old Ulster map; clock with name O’Reilly; two old maps of the Baronies of Loghinsholin and Strabane. Relief papers, etc.Cuttings,
   b A work of T Ó Fiaich on ‘Oliver Plunkett and Antrim’ (MS. and type)

**B 12**

1 Folder noted by Cardinal Ó Fiaich ‘ESB. Nov.-Dec. 1980’ containing photocopies, newspaper cuttings, a printed copy of House of Commons Parliamentary Debate, 10. 12. 1980 - material relating to allegations that Cardinal Ó Fiaich was involved in a cross border electricity deal. Rough notes on his reply, and letter re ESB. —Brochure for Border Region Co. Armagh by D. P. O’Hanlon in view of Tourist Development, with large map. —Rinnafarset ownership registered (photostat) in Co. Donegal Land Registry. —A few Maynooth papers, letters, circulars and some pamphlets in a folder marked ‘personal notes, Hierarchy’ in Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s hand. Congratulations on his Ordination as Archbishop. His welcome address in Cullyhanna (draft, hand-written) and one addressed to him (anon). -Several cuttings, various notes and jottings. -The card issued by St. Peter’s Parish, Drogheda on occasion of the Pope’s visit, 30.9.1979.

2 A miscellany of later papers:
   b ‘Stair Athiúil’ (breathcha sios ag T Ó Fiaich)
   c Seanchas Le Chuid Michéal Mac Ruairi ‘Le Linn M’ Oíge’. Photocoíp. Curtha in eagar ag P. Og Ó Conaire mar leabhar.
   e Notes, typed, on ‘Life of St. Malachy’.
   f Notes, hand of Cardinal on Ó Longáin.
   g Letter, typed, to Dr. Higgins, 1828, transcript from archives Ardagh Diocese.
   h Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s notes on history of the Ó Quinns of Tyrone (typed copy).
   i Notes of Cardinal on visit to St. Gallen (1987) as chief concelebrant in Cathedral -
and description of the Gallus Kapelle. These appear to be inscribed in Gaelscrinte II together with their notices re. Columbán in Bregenz and the Bretagne (Vannes).

3 Episcopal Ordination Programme of Rev. Tomás Ó Fiaich.
Parish Year Books from Loughmore, Ballymascanlon, etc.
Photocopies of Irish historical MSS with English translations (National Library Dublin 1978)
Papers of clerical, cultural and historical interest, varied times and interests. ??(two envelopes).

4 Material on St. Brendan and St. Gall (partly in German from Austrian County Library in Bregenz - typed copies)

5 a (From memorabilia B 6.)
A hand-written account from Irish viewpoint of the ‘Invasion of Louth’ (1641) and acts of violence against Protestant settlers. Their compensation claims in details from Ardee after the rebellion. Lists of rebels supplied. Apparently Chapter XIX of some work -(possibly the Cardinal’s writing at an early stage).

b Cardinal Conway’s Indian visit in photographs.

6 Lists of publications from Publishing firms and various editors lists.

7. Scotland - Iona - Northumbria, in mainly historical or cultural pamphlets.

8 a German press cuttings on Irish Church affairs.
   b Church Guides from Bregenz, Balse, Reichersberg (3), Hohenstadt, Irschenberg, Biessendorf.
   d Stained glass windows, figure of St. Patrick from the Parish Church of St. Patrice-sur-Loire, France.


B 13 A-O

A 1 Sheet (Patent Roll) of James I -copy from the Irish Commission’s Calendar, Dublin, printed.
   2 ‘The Irish College, Paris’, its links with the Villa at Accueil and Cachan graveyard, a printed article by Liam Devlin, Belfast 1984.

B 1 Complete photocopy of the book: ‘S.Pietro in Montorio’ by Primo Luigi Vannicelli; Rome 1971, with notice in Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s hand, ‘cf. page 48’ - where the tombs of ‘Le tre tombe Irelandese’ is mentioned (Ó Neill, Ó Donovan(!) and Eugenio Mattel’).
   2 Collection made of a work on St. John Chrysostom, reviews and letters to Monsignor D’Alton in appreciation of his book on the saint.
      ‘Selections from .....’ in year 1940 (when Cardinal Dalton was president of St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth).
      From Monsignor Dalton’s correspondence 1936-41 letters addressed to him as president of Coláiste Padraig, Maynooth, of which some concern a Mission to China - one of 1908(?)
   3 Three addresses to Archbishop Seán Mac Uaid, Dublin, two Latin one Irish, typed, no date.
2 Sermon or address undated, in print and in MS hand-writing of Cardinal Dalton.
3 ditto, MS only, no title, no date or signature.
4 Letter to ‘The Lord Bishop ‘ John D’Alton 1945 - who was as Bishop of Meath residing in Mullingar. Many receipts for gifts of money. A few date from 1943 and 1946.
5 Letters of special interest are: (a) From the Taoiseach Éamon De Valera of 11. 6. 1945. (b) From Shane Leslie, of Dec.2 1945 with memorial card for Cardinal MacRory, 13.10.1945 [of his own design and execution (Leslie) showing the Cardinal on his deathbed.
DALTON Papers cont. including income tax
Personal matters of the same, covering the war years, including 1945.
A letter to the Bishop of Meath, D’Alton,24. 9. 45., from the ambulance corps of the Military Order of St. John and of Malta, with a typed perusal of the history of the order (eight pages).
Also invitation from the new President of Ireland, Seán Ó Ceallaighi in handwriting, dated 16.Bealtaine.1946 and hand-written condolences of Éamon De Valera, 1941 on death of sister of Cardinal Dalton.

D a In Box marked D’ALTON PAPERS are also two bundles of letters of earliest times - from 1st. to 4th. decade of 20th century.
Also gathered in envelopes and marked by Cardinal Dalton the ‘Arundel Papers’ (1941). ‘The Selections from St. John Chrysostom’ and ‘Dr. Michael Ryan (1942 - a legacy). And another bundle ‘Arundel Prints....Stained Glass Windows, St. Mary’s Oratory’. Included in box is an Address on occasion of conferring Hon. Degree on Dr. Coffey (no date, typed copy in Latin). Added to these private papers are some photography, cuttings, cheques. And put apart what would seem to be the most essential items: Birth Certificate (1882); docs. from the Curia Romana, one from Tuam Archdiocese and one from Dublin Archdiocese. Certificate for permission to visit antiquities of Egypt, 1921 and one confirming award of Degree of D. Litt. in Dublin. Add. Several private photographs of Cardinal Dalton with text.

b 1. A four-act Drama in Irish by Alastar Ó Mearáin entitled ‘Beo nó bás i dTuisceart na

E An old album of year 1908, used as a scrapbook for jottings (in pencil) of poems and songs, some are ticked off, some are not. Further, the book is used for cuttings from the ‘Irish Column’ of the Dundalk Examiner. Some of year 1910. Seanchas, then in English articles of the Dundalk Gaelic League (historical, patriotic). Various dates of Journal -1913, 1919. A great deal of cuttings have been removed and the album is in a bad state of dilapidation. No signatures except on slip of Publishing Firm receipt ‘Mr. Hollywood’ and P.E.Larkin’.

Copy of Central Council Meeting 1971 with all attending committee members and
provincial delegates named.


4. Letter from Office of Lyndon B. Johnson, USA, signed by secretary to Mr. Robert Smyth, Cambridge, England of March 19th. 1971, together with the latter’s correspondence with the Chief Rabbi in London and the Secretary General of United Nations.... the subject is not clear. (copies)

5. Cardinal Conway’s report on Activities of Catholic Women’s Federation 1966-1970. His reaction, when preaching in Tyrone, to the murder of three British soldiers and on an RTE interview (no date, no details). These are newspaper cuttings, recopied (two).

6. Advertisement by VERITAS Publications for three ‘Outlook’ talks on RTE to be published by them on a regular basis. No date but probably 1971.

G Press cuttings, Irish Papers of mainly 1977, considered of importance by Cardinal Ó Fiaich. Papers, research, letters and notes (a selection) on the Tories and Raparees, made in 1958 -especially the fate of Cathal Mór and others executed in Dundalk 1718. Two photostats of proceedings and their dying speeches. Many additional notes and a hand-written article by Cardinal Ó Fiaich on the subject, - a copy of secret meetings of ‘popish priests’ in Antrim around year 1669, also in Derry. Interesting notes, incomplete, on Johnston of the Fews.

Birth pangs and growing pains of the Seanchas magazine! With notes and some interesting letters - from Helen Roe, T. Ó Raifeartaigh, James Carney and others. Topographical lists from Inquisition papers. The selection of these papers is made personally by Cardinal Ó Fiaich.

H The Drogheda Argus newspaper 20. 5. 1854, faded, with article headed ‘Synod of Drogheda’ (needing conservation!).

I Printers ‘Guide Book’; Collection of pictures taken in churches mainly in W. Germany of statues of St. Patrick - for publication in Armagh for centenary celebrations of the patron saint’s death and called ‘A Pictorial Record’.


L A rare ‘Book of Hours’ (Horae), early print from late 15th. century in opinion of Pádraic Ó Táillíúr, Dublin - whose accompanying letters on subject are included in
package sent apparently from Cambridge England, in possession of Father Sean Quinn until then. - A legacy of Dean Quinn; the Quinn in question P.P. in Termonfechin is alive in receipt of last letters, 1996 - that date back to 1983! Much a mystery! The book can be treated as a rare ‘incipubula’!

M Naomh Brigid- in. and external material.

N Press cuttings of Cardinal (the best of an assortment, all fading) from English and Irish papers, 1984-6, and 1988-9.

O Cardinal Daly in the media - his predecessor’s choice of cuttings of the Belfast bishopric period mainly, photographs, etc.

**FILING CABINET**

FC 1


2. Folded Maps: Baronies are taken from Petty’s Surveys, the colours and figurations are clear and well preserved. (well worth framing for display). Within folds of same file a very curious sketch of coastal stretch from Dundalk up to Donegal with Irish Septs. in situ and attempts to anglicise names involved by sound. This map is now put in cover of its own, being pasted of old on tattered paper, together with various old sketches of Louth, S.Armagh and one (two) of Sliabh Brea with overleaf description of site where Oliver Plunkett hid from soldiers held up by ‘Féar Gorta’! -this is a paper perhaps of Lorcán Ó Muirí, whose correspondence with Aodh de Blacam on topographical problems is shown in two letters from latter, dated 1932. These letters together with a coloured sketch of region north of Dundalk, and three hand-executed route-maps of Dublin to Derry and Letterkenney, Dundalk to Kells, Dublin to Newry, Dundalk and further north, preserved by pasting on thick paper are lodged separately - they seem to have a later connection, cf. Ravensdale - de Blacam’s acquisition.

3. In file with Wren’s map are inserted ‘Names of Drogheda taken from Rauell’s map, 1749’ with description of the same (reverse). Also a note on Wren’s map in R.I.A. by same, signed JRG in 1907. Script in handwriting of Cardinal Ó Fiaich, which could be text of R.T.E. lecture delivered on the subject of the O Neills of Glass Drummond and the crypt discovery in Creggan graveyard.

4 History of the Parish of Creggan in 17th. and 18. centuries by Rev. Laurence P.Murray PP. This much used, much battered book, ed. 1940, belonged to ‘Pádraig Ó Fiaich’ (signed) and needs restoring. It is a reprint of article in the Co. Louth Arch. Soc. Journal.

5 Various MS versions of the ‘Tochmarc Beothola’ (RIA; Eg) with translation by B. O’Looney and excerpt on dynasty involved in tale by Prof. J Byrne. (Photocopies).

6 Files of 19th. century disturbances:
   a. Glassdrummond shooting 1816.
   b. Bryan Grant and Neil Quinn execution 1854. Also Valuation of Creggan Parish (part) 18
Files of 20th century disturbances in region:
c. Border fight at Cullaville. Id, 1921.
d. Creggan Ambush. Id, 1921.
f. Co. Louth in Easter Week 1916. MS, ink.
g. History of Dundalk until 1921. Typed, also recited by Joe Farrell, 1986.

Further Testimonies of 19th century disturbances:
a. The murder of George McFarland, hand written reports, 1837.
b. Killing of Patrick Marmion, 1838. (copies of original documentary reports)
   [These photostats together with a hand-written report on Trial of John Car and Pat
   McCusker, with paper cutting from Belfast Newsletter of 22. 3. 1816, are in the above
   envelope of ‘Local Disturbances’]
7 Primate Kieran Research Papers, -pursued by descendants and also by Fathers
   Lorcán O Muiri and T. OFiaich (when still in Maynooth).
8 Irish Press Cuttings re demise and funeral of Cardinal Conway. 1977. This is
   Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s own selection and file - which includes question of successor to
   Conway.
9. The Ó Fiaich - Ó Neill File:
   ‘The Chieftainship of Clannaboy after Niall More’
   A study of various claims with particular reference to the O Neills of Lisbon. A typed
   survey around year 1983 made perhaps at request of Cardinal Ó Fiaich, whose queries
   are attached: ‘For Belgrove’. Also many pursuits made by the Cardinal in questions
   of holdings etc. Drumsill for instance - and their fortunes under various owners.
   Convolute of diverse papers on the Ó Neills.
   Such research can be most useful if followed up, as well ordered, with references
   provided, so that future scholars may consult the contents easily. [Among them
   reference to ‘Blessed Arthur Ó Neill - check whether that in folder ‘Thios Staighre’
   (B) - S. Pietro in Montorio and combine if the case! -a Trinitarian Martyr ] (much
   here stems from research work of M. Kerney Walsh), note press cutting of 14.2.1959
   with detailed account of registering problems re microfilms from Portugal, etc.
10. Last item in file is perfect copy of ‘The Ó Neills of the Fews’ by Tomás Ó Fiaich
    (uncut).

**F C 2**
1. In cover, titled by Cardinal Ó Fiaich ‘Assembly of 130 men in Drumbally
   and raids for arms, 1st. March 1838’, contains 31 photostats, MSS.
   Two blocks of ‘Statements’ by Edmond and John J. O’Brien, Limerick/Dublin both
   born in last decade of 19th century.
2. Letter from U.S.A. (Texas) asking for details from writer of the ‘History of the O’Fee
   family’. Attached is Cardinal’s reply, 11. 6. 1970. —A convolute of letters during
   the period 1967-1971 to ‘Rev. Fr. O’Fee in his Maynooth period; separately bound
   are bills, receipts etc. of period and the Prospectus of ‘New University of Ulster’,
   of Michael N. O’Connor, (no date, typed copy, copious). —Copy of L. Bieler’s
   Commentary on Patrician Texts (typed).
3. Legacy of Aunt Mary Ann Fee, died 1956, and letters and telegrams of condolence on
death of Padraig Fee, father, in Anamar 1964.


5. Letters addressed to Seosaimhin Ní Mhiurí, pen friend from 1964-90; added, two responses from herself, bound. (added now).

6. Various papers gathered from notes of Cardinal Ó Fiaich during his research of Ulster families, etc.: The Ó Coinne of Tír Eoghain. Typed appendix to work on the Ó Neills; Reproduction, very faint, of three pictures in connection with the Ó Neills; jottings, diverse; postcard of Crossmaglen Fair Day (1970, not posted).
Draft in German with corrections for lecture (?), not dated.
Three early copies of Treimhseachain An Tultach of years 1953 and 1955.

7 a The ‘Nelson File’ - seemingly complete, with preliminaries, notes, letters and a hand-written introduction by Cardinal Ó Fiaich, then in Maynooth - as requested by P.R. Office, Belfast. The work of Rev. Simon Nelson (obit. 1836) is titled ‘History of the Parish of Creggan’.

b Varias of music notes, hymns, songs. Genealogy of the Quinns, notes from historical sources, the Rights of the Ó Neill, Jurisdiction, Coinage etc. —A printed article: Fianna Fáil and the Irish Language and its publication, Irish Press, 26.5.76. —‘The Rising in Mullaghbawn’ by Colin Johnston Robb - an article in the Irish News. Typed copy, no date. —A hymn (organ copy) ‘Ceád Moladh le Josef’ with scales in ink in the hand of Cardinal Ó Fiaich.

8. Foinsí bailithe ag T.de Bhaldraithe, Msgr. Eric MacFhinn Pól Ó hUiginn. Several copies and notes on Ó hUiginn, ‘An Sionnach i gCraiceann na Caorach’ 1992 by Tomás Ó Fiaich (hand-written), also lectures or articles by the Cardinal: ‘Brian Kiernan’s Lease’ and ‘Saint Oliver Plunkett and the Diocese of Raphoe’, typecripts, not bound, no date. Drafts, footnotes on the Cardinal’s article ‘Patrick Lavelle’, originally a lecture given in Castlebar 1974. —Notes by the Cardinal also on Gavin Duffy’s Papers from the Nat. Library and other sources (Dr. Corish’s Cards).

A talk given in Rann na Feirste, no title, typecripts copies.


11. ‘Eaglaisigh agus Fíníní (1967), his lecture for the Oireachtas of that year, with draft copy, proofs and printed excerpts on subject. Typed script.


13 a A batch of Ó Neill research papers, mixed, mainly focused on the Creggan branch. Photos, newspaper cuttings, many reproductions of the visit to the vault in 1973. Genealogical tables. Escape to The Isles after Culloden of an Ó Neill with Bonnie
Prince Charlie.


14 ‘Na hAmhráin Ghrá’, three copies of the article written for Léachtai C. Cille publication.


17a Creggan Parish Tithe Records, 1828, (continuation).

b Varia - Maynooth Correspondence of the late 60s-early 70s. Historical notes, copies of records etc. —A rare copy of ‘Antrim and Down in ’98’.

18 These carefully ordered and preserved papers deal with local history - the Land of Art Mac Cumhaigh and the Creggan and form, in part, information accorded ‘Dear Henry’ through letters to him from (in one batch, ink) ‘L. P. Murray in Dundalk (Rev. Lórcan\ Larry\ Ó Muireadhaigh) and include much topographical notes on Co. Louth as well. These letters date from the first two decades of the 20th. century, but are copies. The collection has pictures of Father Murray and Tom Kindlon taken in 1927.

The 2nd. cnuasach is a hand-written documentation of Cardinal Ó Fiaich entitled ‘Lorcán Ó Muireadargh in a mhac léinn i Má Nuad’. Added to these are dates in Life of L.O.M. and of his main works. This summary dates from around 1975. A long letter to ‘Father Fee’, 1974, from Mgr. Richard McCullen of Kells, critical of L.O.M. (‘turbulent and intolerant’) in Maynooth.

A long hand-written thesis by some alumnus in the college with a few corrections by his professor, T.Ó F. entitled ‘Gnéithe Sceal a bheatha’, concerning Lorcán Ó Muirí, incomplete, no name.

Several letters to Fr. Ó Muiri, two about his contribution to the Catholic Encyclopedia, 1933, all private or referring to honours accorded him in later years.

A long letter about ‘Annie Murray’ from D. Mac Grianna, (she is in Dublin Castle, gafa!)

Student’s aiste ar ‘Fearn nUighe’ (stair áitiúil) anon.

A small faded notebook, pencil writing (L. Ó Muirí?), private matter.

Early attempts made to give factory employment in Irish speaking areas and communities.

Sean leabhrán le béaloideas breacha sios ag Máire ní Shioradáin chomh maith le hamhráin.

This part is a not unimportant batch of letters to Fr. Lorcán Ó Muirí is of the 1930s giving us insight into the intensity of his dedication to land, language and people and into the obstacles he was constantly faced with in such a variety of fields of interest. It is however of a private and confidential nature and commands respect. Such as the request of Rev. Seán Ó Cuinne that old prayers should be gathered and published with the good offices of his friend Lorcán. (He writes from the Parochial House, Armagh - no date). It is advisable for the present to leave this legacy in its paper cover marked by Cardinal Ó Fiaich ‘An tAthair L. Ó Muireadhaigh, Éágsúla. (no file to be seen)

19 Under the file ‘Art Mac Cumagh’ Cardinal Ó Fiaich has amassed all his research

20 File ‘Creggan’

21 File ‘Clipéid’
Papers re the Encyclopaedia and the Youth Encyclopaedia ‘Ciclipéid na hOige’ in the 1970s. Meetings under P. de Barra. Corrections on lists by T Ó Fiaich. No apparent order, pages missing.

22 File ‘Timetables’ ‘70s, Maynooth.

23 File ‘Columban’
Notes on Columbanus the Younger. In connection with the booklet on Columbán published by Veritas, which see... Professor Bieler’s reaction to J. W. Smit attacks (Lavonus, 1972) which also see. Buncóip, lamhscríbhinn de ‘Columbanus in his own words’ (1974).

24 File ‘Ranganna’ 1970-71
Class lists, Maynooth. Report on Studies and Kalendarium.

25 File on ‘Maynooth as Independent University’
All papers gathered on subject. Meetings and discussions related to merger with National University, Dublin.

26 File ‘Holy Land’

27 File ‘Priests’ Senate’
Agenda for meetings and their minutes, 1970 - Summer Schools, retreats, Religious education.

Programme 1974-75 and 1971-72 Curriculum, Lecturers’ List for College, as that of National University of Ireland: Session 1968-69.

File ‘Kalendarium’

F C 3

File ‘Seanchas Ard Mhacha I’

Papers re story of the Journal and its contents. Also notices from Co. Louth Arch. and Hist. Soc., mainly from the seventies, with material on Oliver Plunkett Celebrations. in Lamspringe in Germany where the saint’s relics were preserved.- Craighavon Hist. Soc. publications, also of Irish Hist. Soc. Sessions in Dublin and of ‘Éigse Fhearmhnaí.- Booklists of P.R.O. of N.Ireland. — Summary of papers read to the Irish Historical Society, Dublin in 1973, many of insight (Ch. Doherty for one). Much in these papers of the Seanchas Soc. reflects the verve and dedication of its Hon. Secretary/Treasurer Fr. Réamonn Ó Muirí in Armagh. — Memorial Fund Subscription leaflet for F.G.F. Paterson, Armagh Co. Museum, obit 1971 (with photos in folder). — Letters from Helen Roe. (material apart for PIC Collection.)

File ‘Seanchas Ard Mhacha II’


Correspondence Rev. Réamonn Ó Muirí in wrapper (with photos of cailís repaired) 1971-1975.

File ‘Cardinal’
A miscellany of first class Irish poetry in English, much translated from Irish. Several copies typed (in envelope). —A summary made by Cardinal Ó Fiaich on his predecessor’s speech at Paray-le-Monial, France, 1974 on subject of family values.

Correspondence, diverse:

File ‘Litreacha ón Ghearmáin’
Early correspondence, re visits of period, esp. with Cardinal Conway, that left lasting impressions especially on Familie Eberle, Munich. Also on the Hoteliers from Hohenstadt (Patri Funk and family) with beautiful postcard view of Pilgrim Church and Castle. —Letter from Benno von Bundschuh. —Pamphlet ‘Oilithreacht na nGael, 1960 (Irish speaking) to German language peoples of Europe, 1960. Under the patronage of Cardinal D’Alton and direction of Cumann na Sagart. Proceedings of the journey described in full, -Kilian, Feargal and Gall noted. Some further cards from France. All in this envelope.

File ‘Litreacha Éagsúla’
A miscellany of letters to Maynooth to ‘Father Ó Fiaich’, some of which outstanding, informative and worth recording. All this in the seventies but some earlier (1966 ar aghaigh). Two photostat copies of letters.

File ‘Filiocht’
Irish songs, selection with descriptions in hand of T. Ó Fiaich, numbered and ordered neatly by himself. Beside his notes on the poet in question are often the ‘meadaracht’ of song written out; sources are given. (A second selection is made on typewriter beginning with ‘Mairgneach fá Chaisleán an Ghlasdromáin:’). Despite this the pages need readjustment and putting in order. Notes extra. —Some music scores provided by Liam Ó Caithusa (?)

File ‘Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies’
Its Institutional Act, 1940. A summary typed, marked ‘For information’ in 1973. A similar report with membership list and one directed to An Roinn Oideachais’ 1972. All signed L.Ó R. (Ó Raifeartaigh?)

File ‘Eolas Staire’

Report and Recommendations on Archives by Irish Committee of Historical Sciences. A typed copy.—File Soc. for Archives.

File ‘Messages of Congratulation’
These papers concern election of T.Ó Fiaich as president, 1974. A brown envelope, contents marked ‘Press cuttings and photos’ (photocopies needed!) otherwise telegrams by the dozen, letter, cards from personalities in Irish life, especially those active in Irish Language organisations. Set apart those with the Cardinal’s answer attached (by himself).

File ‘Professors of History’

File ‘St. Fiacre á Meaux’
Programmes of Celebrations 1970, a pageant on Sept 5. in the Chapitre de Meaux and a picture of a Fiaker (coach). —Letter to ‘Father Ó Fiaich’ from Kilkenny Arch. Soc, in 1970 re visit from Meaux, including Bishop and Mayor, asking for assistance - and

**File ‘Patrician’**
Letters re the Patrician Year. Demands of co-operation of Cardinal in the ‘Written Souvenir’ for the laity (in brown envelope labelled Fennell - Brady). Two other letters of early 1961 concerning the publication.

**File ‘MacThiarnaín’**

**File ‘Historical Enquiries’**

**File ‘Ceirnin’** (Re Ulster in the media)
Blessed Oliver Radio talks by Cardinal Ó Fiaich: 1. The Path from Rome. 2. On the Great North Road. 3. The Journey to Tyburn - and beyond (in brown envelope). Two copies, typed of ‘Ulster Heritage, Part II, Ulster of the Saints and Scholars’. Notes in Cardinal’s hand on Art MacCumhaigh, and on 17th.C. Plantations for ‘talks’ such as ‘Ireland, Dublin and you’. Ideas for ceirníní recordings (Ulster History) ‘The Gap in the North’ and ‘The Red Hand’ - these are proposals for programme series for Radio/Telefís on both RTE and BBC, NI. He also proposes the suitable scholars for its execution. —Programme of Ulster Football Finals, 1971, Casement Park, Belfast.

**File ‘Blessed Oliver’**
Letter from Cardinal Conway, 1975 re celebration for the Canonization. —Programme for official pilgrimage to Rome for event. —A typed, bound

Letter from L. (Rev. Lorcán) Murray, Dundalk urging that pressure be put on Canonization, 1937.—Bonifatius Magazine for German Catholics, of Jan. 1976 with article and pictures of Saint Oliver Plunkett and Lamspringe Monastery. —Homage to the saint by Helena Concannon in article. —A small pile of notes, letters, etc. on subject, with some drafts in hand of T. Ó Fiaich but of no apparent great importance,- except an article (typed) entitled ‘Approximate places associated with O. Plunkett’.

File ‘Irish Catholic Historical Committee’
Papers, Editor’s and secretary’s reports, minutes, throughout the years late sixties-mid seventies. A few with comments in ink by Cardinal Ó Fiaich.

File ‘Society for Archives’
Minutes of Board meetings, reports, etc. 1970-73.
File ‘New History of Ireland’ (RIA)

File ‘Coimisiún Logainmneacha’

F C 3 concludes with a mass of not classified historical material, first of Co. Louth, Ardee. Mostly old, indistinct writings (with pencil). All effort has been made to separate in alphabetical order, but this cannot be pursued at present. Letters often from the twenties; Irish chieftains’ coat of arms (in folio with letter). Here is merely an attempt to keep subjects treated together in groups for further interpretation and assortment. —This is all now in File ‘Lorcán Ó Muirí’ A disturbed file containing:
a Maynooth correspondence mainly from the late sixties early seventies period. Many loose pages, some lost parts of letters, some foreign. —Photographs of Fortescue family.

Of special interest are the texts (now apart in blue wrapper with Fortescue portraits):

1. Traditions of Geaoróid (an) Iarla (anon)
2. The Black Pig (Rev. Lorcán Ó Muirí ?)
3. Patrick Fleming (H. Gratton Flood)
**FILE ‘Ó FIAICH’ (Fee)**

Genealogical tables from 1813 and further notes and layout in hand of Cardinal Ó Fiaich.

Document: Will of Annie Fee + 28.9.32. registered in Armagh, 24.1.32. (Mother).
—A poem in Irish, no name or date, but ‘Manchester postmark’, dar le T. Ó Fiaich,
—Letter to the Cardinal from Luai Ó Murchú 1986 as Ciarrai, attached a sheet of handwriting (copy). It concerns local lore re the Mac Mahon family and that of Ó Maicín, with note beneath in hand of the Cardinal, ‘Seamus Macken and Hugh Cooney’.
—An account of Fr. Francis Caraher of Lower Creggan, expelled from Maynooth. Notes beneath by the Cardinal on the case (in folio).
—Caraher (his mother’s maiden name) in a long list of pedigrees (five pages), where those of Tullyvallen branch are marked in ink (third page).

More genealogical details in type on Family Fee; also excerpts from Census of Ireland 1911 of Cullyhanna and Upper Fews family return report.

Letter from Fr. Gerard Rowan, Michigan U.S.A., no date, to ‘Father Tom’ in which his visit to the O’Fees of Co. Leitrim is stated, (to whom he is related, see back page).

Notes on ‘FEE’ taken down by Cardinal Ó Fiaich from the Irish Telephone Directory (ink, hand-written page).
—A pedigree chart, filled in with names: Carragher, Mallon, Campbell, Deary, etc.
—Two fading press cuttings, to be copied.

Nine pages (typed copies) of Pedigrees of Fees received 1981 in Boston area U.S.A. from Hugh Smith. A loose hand-written copy of a line of the Fee clan, eight brothers and sisters - no reference.

**FILE ‘TEASTAS I LITRÍOCHT NA GAELGE’**

Notice of the same, semineáir 1972-3 in Maynooth, Col. Phádraig. Circulars for participants with details filled in, professors and students names as well as themes.
—A page of the TBC.

**FILE ‘LANGUAGE MOVEMENT ABROAD’**

—Copy of Canadian publications 1969 on subject of language problems in schools in Quebec (two instalments, suggesting that the English language will disappear). Further excerpts of same category sent from Irish-American Cultural Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota U.S.A., such as ‘The language issue in Quebec’... with translations and reprints of selected items from Quebec press, 1968.
—A paper cutting on the then Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.
—A brochure on Education re Bilingualism from Canada (Royal Commission Report).
File ‘Iarchonnachta 1985’

File ‘Athbheochan na Gaeilge’
File ‘Seanmióiri Chumann na Sagart’
Homily notes, Communion reflection, services in Irish and English for various dates.
Veritas ‘commercial’ newsletter. —Letters from the Communications Centre, Liturgical calendar for Cumann na Sagart 1972.

File ‘Duais an Chraoibhín’
Letter from Tarlach O Raifeartaigh, 1973 inviting Breandán O Buachalla to become a committee member. Copy. —Card from M. ni Mhuiríosa, 1969 to Prof. Tomás Ó Fiaich in Maynooth. —Conditions of the institution of the Prize-giving ‘Duais an Chraoibhín set down by advocate/attorney in Dublin in 1937. Copy of script (Irish). A letter of M. ni Mhuiríosa on the choice of writers, eligible for the prize to Prof. Ó Fiaich in Maynooth, 1969. Suggests donating a medal also.

File ‘Téacs an Aifrinn’
Liturgical text, 1969, re ‘Historical Tallaght’ the Culdees and Maolruain. Lessons for the Pilgrimage Mass in this context. There are a few dozen of these copies in the file, nothing else.

File ‘Aifrinn etc. i nGaeilge’
le linn Aifrinn - copies of drafts in development and their reactions in letters, some in hand of Cardinal Ó Fiaich, question of honorarium (Gill and MacMillan).


File ‘Rann na Feirste’
Two items: Cuntas Airgid of Coláiste Bride, - copy, with Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s notes in ink. —The cost of reparations for the various collages, copy in ink, as above.

File ‘Cumann na Sagart’
Copies of Oilithreacht na nGael 1960 to German-speaking countries.

File ‘Paidrín’
Two copies of leaflet ‘Pray the Rosary’. A piece of translation (in ink). Another copy before edition of the Páidrín Páríteach in brown envelope marked ‘Booklet on the Rosary’, together with a sample put together as Cardinal Ó Fiaich himself envisaged the booklet to appear, the text pasted into pages - (a ‘proof’ for the editor?).

File ‘Cainteanna le Daoine Éagsúla’
Suggestions made by Prof. J.M. Kelly UCD on language revival, 1967. —Lecture on ‘Ireland in the next 50 years’ given to Cork branch of ‘Tuairim’, 1966 by Tom O’Higgins. —‘An Bhaile mór agus an Ghaeilge’ lecture(?) given by Liam Ó Sé, 1965. —Textbook in Irish of ‘Meamram’ of 1968, no name, no details; with an English summary at the rear of the treatise full of information about language problems in schools, etc.
Suggestions for strengthening the effort for language survival by Brian Ó Baoill, 1968.

File ‘An Tuaisceart’
Three pictured pamphlets of Fr. Denis Faul on prison brutality in Long Kesh (two of each); one leaflet for distribution on ‘Repression of the Irish Minority in N.I.’ and one on Whitelaw’s violation of Article 2 of Human Rights Convention, of a combined protest of 65 Belfast priests (1972) and of injuries inflicted on prisoners in Cage 8, Long Kesh. A political ‘challenge’ to Lord Widgery’s Report on Bloody Sunday (1972). A copy of the recording of a meeting in Cork, 1972 on subject of British army repression of Northern civilian population, to be held by the Assoc. for Human Rights in the North. Several presscuttings on subject. A brochure: ‘Crisis in N. Ireland’, 1971 issued by the National Council for Civil Liberties in London. Part of a typed copy of conditions in Six Counties, no name or date. Telephone message, no date, no address, for an t’Atha Tomás Ó Fiaich from Pádraig MacSuibhne in Irish imploring him to ‘do something’ in all urgency in protest of measures projected by T.D. Ó Maille and especially in case of Seán MacStiofáin. —Press cuttings to be dealt with separately (in folder). —Two typed copies of press releases, 1971 in German, with accounts of atrocities committed in British custody in the North (three of each) in brown paper envelope marked for distribution in handwriting of Cardinal Ó Fiaich. These same reports on arrests, interrogation and treatment in English circulars, typed copies, 1971, and many more testimonies besides, issued by Association of Legal Justice. —Letter from Minority Rights Assoc., Derry, no date, with application form.

A pamphlet ‘The Lash’ by William Carr, in praise of Cardinal Newman. —‘Achainí’ go P.E.N. (writers’ organisation) by Criostór Ó Floinn. No date, typed copy to members, bilingual report to the 1971 international congress meeting in Ireland on the Special Powers Act inflicted on journalist Séamus Ó Tuathail and demanding a formal protest on his behalf. —Letter of thanks to ‘Father Tomás’ from Minority Rights Association for subscription of £3. (1971). This with Resolutions passed at their meeting. —More press releases in copies, 1971, several of which in French. —A handwritten testimony and lawyer’s report of arrest and treatment of William Anthony Shannon, Belfast. —More printed circulars issued by Fr. Denis Faul, Dungannon on maltreatment of prisoners, etc. —Paper of Rev. F. Park, London, 1972 prepared for Synod of the Church of England, sent to ‘dear Tom’ asking for his comments. —Letter of D. Ó hAgáin, Press Officer, Long Kesh, no date, to be discussed at meeting of Cumann na Sagart in Maynooth on 6.11.1971. The letter is addressed to Rev. Pádraig Ó Fiaich. —Suggestions on title of booklet in French about ‘The Irish Question’ (by whom?). The case of William A. Shannon (above) is subject of the booklet, a text copy is added. —Perhaps the suggestions are by Jean Vizern, Dublin, whose letter to ‘dear Tom’ is added, 4.12.71. This is in an envelope apart. —Telegram re Seán MacStiofáin from Dublin Central Branch of Association for Legal Justice, asking Fr. Thomas Fee, Cumann na Sagart, Maynooth.

File ‘Glór na nGael’
Letter (photostat) from Secretary of President 1969 accepting in his name the donating of trophies and prizes of Glór na nGael on 10. April inst. —Bills from printers. —Comortas details for 1963, typed circular also for 1964. —Letter (typed copy) from Tomás Ó Fiaich, Uachtarán re Leabhar Aifrinn don Phobal and New Liturgy Hymn Book. —Letter to ....? from Oileán Cléire, 1969, re Comortas de chuid Glór na nGael from Tomás Ó M.....? Programme of events for such an occasion in 1969, -expenses noted! —Present of £100 to the Comortas 1968 from Cumann Luthchleas Gael announced. Note from secretary Roinn na Gaeltachta on Deontas 1969/70 granted to Cumann na Sagart. Letter to Ath. Oírmh. Tomás Ó Fiaich from Glor na nGael secretary 1969 confirming success of the event etc. —Note from Roinn na Gaeltachta 1969 announcing a donation of money for the Comórtas of year 1969/70. Also the announcement of the Comórtas of that year from Glór na nGael and their results in prize distributions around the country. The same reply from Roinn na Gaeltachta re year 1970/71, and another letter asking for details. Some press cuttings (to be sorted). —Press releases Irish and English. —Some arrangements made for prizes given in the Gaeltacht regions with suggestions put to Cardinal Ó Fiaich for future programmes. Lodgement £1000 for Glor na nGael 1970/71 in bank, 1970, also a pile of bills. ‘Cuntas Airgid’ requested from Roinn na Gaeltachta and a lot of sums for years 1970 and 1971 in this respect, no doubt. —The letters concerning financial support from Roinn na Gaeltachta are now grouped together and the ensuing correspondence with running costs etc. beside. First mentioned as project is a part missing letter of 1963 from Maynooth on occasion of death of Seán Ó Riada, letter of praise for the address and sermon of Tomás ÓFiaich, 17.1.1972, from Riobard Mac Góráin. —A programme (with design) for contest 1969 under patronage of
President de Valera. — ‘Ceistiúchán’ with answers sent out for the Comórtas of year 1966, and other items of discussion or made public on circulars 1973 and 1971 (two) also 1974. Programme of year 1972, Caisleán an Bharraigh. — A batch of papers, not yet separated, most of which are money matters, bills, etc. a lot of little account, most of it financial. — Tuairiscí na Moltoírí le comorátha 1972 agus na Torthá. — Publication 1973 for events in Connemara. — ‘Forbairt agus Éigse’, circular from the Comhdáil, also for Doire Beag. — Some letters of thanks, two from Seosaimhin in Athlúin, (prónaideach). — A long curriculum vitae of a Gaelgeóiri from Athlone (name cut out of typed document). — Tuairiscí na Moltoírí 1973/74 the last in file but Comórtas 1977/79 is entered with names. Of March 1978 is an account publicised by the Comhdháil conference of events on the 100th. meeting of Cumann na Sagart. — In a special wrapper are papers gathered by Cardinal Ó Fiaich concerning the Comórtas results (1970/71 competition) with adjudicators’ reports and details of 1972 competition etc.

The fullness of this file is expression of an enormous effort, energy and activity throughout a successful period of growth in the organisation.

**File ‘An Comhdháil’**


File ‘Comhchoiste an tSuitheantais’
Notice dated 1965 to every branch, firstly concerning the distribution of the Fáinne and financial problems connected with it, asking ‘Lucht na Fainne’ to keep the Faith, etc.

Notes of Cardinal Ó Fiaich on invitation to assembly of sub committee together with a report on the proceedings (same year). — Paper re An Fainne Nua, 1969, put before the Cardinal in Maynooth, asking for his opinion/approval. — Report on meeting re ‘An Fáinne Nua’ in 1967, likewise on that of year 1968 (chairman Fr. Tomás Ó Fiaich) and this report in pamphlet form with financial part. — The same stack of papers for year 1969 again. — Forms to fill in (empty) and ‘Clár Oibre’ with notes in ink on page by T.Ó Fiaich headed ‘Caint an Chathaoirigh’ also on rear of (yellow) financial report page. — Map of Ireland showing distribution of the Fáinne Oír 1965-1969; - another one attached to yearly report for 1970 (four). Survey of the enterprise, no date.

Some very smart drawings by T.Ó Fiaich on the plan for the coming year (pages 69-70) (who is also in the chair for meeting year 1969) for which much evidence is provided in reports, plans, etc. which need not be specifically counted. Reports on year 1970 show An tAthair T. Ó Fiaich again chairman at the yearly meeting. The resolution for a special Fáinne for native speakers of Irish planned for 1971, notes by Cardinal Ó Fiaich on papers. — A circular of An Réalt for pilgrimage to Loch Dearg. Papers re yearly meeting 1972 (same chairman). A draft for the subcommittee and further papers, no date. Also internal matters put forward to T. Ó Fiaich in letter signed Riobard Mac Góráin. For this year a pamphlet-formed group of papers again but without the map of Ireland on front. 1973 report plus plan, 1974. Ath. T. Ó Fiaich no longer in chair. Report on plan. Report 74-75. — Letter from Cardinal, Maynooth 30.6.75 excusing himself from attendance due to visit to France in July 1975, attached to report on meeting. Financial report for year 1976-77 and meeting announced for June 1976.

File ‘Fíli Uladh’

Brochure of Seminar organised by the Servite Priory, Benburb for 1970 on local history, culture and heritage. Speakers mainly from Queen’s University Belfast.

Press cutting: interview with Airey Neave.

New Period (NP)
Unless otherwise stated this collection of papers is Cardinal Ó Fiaich's personal selection. It reflects mainly his private interests, preoccupations, hopes and schemes in the latter part of his life, that he was closely committed to and wished to hold in memory. Topics, events have here been roughly sorted and numbered.

### N P  1

1. Dialann, 1974 (bound, sparse entries!) Citations, Reflections, political. MS.
2. Dissertations (author's name lacking) on Land Values and Ownership, Co. Tipperary.
3. Sermons, addresses, drafts for speeches etc., as in the bundle arranged by Cardinal Ó Fiaich é féin.
4. Modern education - Sex Education, Group Dynamics etc. Courses for Priests.
5. Commemorations, national.
6. Auction Lists, Book Lists, serial publications R.I.A.
7. Clippings from miscellaneous periodicals.
10. The Irish Army.
12. Typescript of Canon Claggerton's, unpublished MS (two vols.) from Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh.
15. Correspondence between Philip McKenna and J.T. Dolan, 1928 and James Daly P.P. and J. Dolan (re Taaffes) 1929. The notes on queries 'anno 1736'
   Information from James Lennon, Drogheda to Mr. Hughes on St Peter's Church in Drogheda and other churches in parish. No date.
   Two letters to the Pope (copies) from Manus Quinn and Patrick Tyrell in year 1983 (?) in Latin.
18. An article in type named 'The Primacy of the Irish Church'
20. Extracts from works of P. Pearse in type-script, corrected. Some in drama form. (For Ciclipéid na Óige - cf. 36 arís →)
   Parliamentary debate of House of Lords, 1836 on the oppression of Irish clergy.
   Pamphlet of Louth Archdiocese Society on Stickillen (Tig Cillín) Church, Ardee.
   Plight of prisoners, 1983.
‘Silent too long’ 1981.

24 Research on Irish High Crosses and Round Towers and photographic material.
25 Theatre programmes and matter.
26 Miscellany of faded pages, hand-written, re landed gentry of Ardee/Drogheda district. (Brabazon Moore, Taaffe, etc.). Perhaps a collection of Thomas Dolan, Ardee (cf. 15)?
27 Historical document (copy) of Frank Aikin’s adjutant John McCoy on activities 1919-1923 in South Armagh and Dundalk area. Eye witness account.
28 Bealoidheas - some written by John Hannon and Cait Ní Mhordha (1907) and songs gathered by Colm Ó Lochlainn, etc. Some in print, some in pencil. Would need attention....
29 ‘Annaghmakerrig’, = Tyrone Guthrie Centre. Photocopies of a diary? - a present from U.S.A. ?
30 ‘An Cumann Logainmneacha’, [1975-77]
An Coimisún Logainmneacha, 1954 - (agus T Ó F, mar chomhla in áit Shéain Ó Coinne as sin amach).
31 ‘Pictiúir daite d’Éirinn’ (prints)
32 Liturgical and biblical translations into Irish. Correspondence and proposals.
33 Cardinal Logue.
34 Dánta Diaga. Other liturgical material.
35 Magazine ‘Our Ireland’ 1961 (welcome to the Papal Legate).
36 Collection ‘Scribhn an Phiarsaigh’ - Much of this is similar to no. 20a. A correction made of Pearse’s Scothscéalta for Pádraig de Barra (Cícipéid na hOige) (see letter).
37 Maynooth College papers, div.
38 Statement Account between Henry G.S. Alexander and Joshua W.M. Bond for year ending 1905
39 Irish texts for the Mass Liturgy.

N P 2
1 The project of Cardinal Ó Fiaich as editor of Seanchas Ard Mhacha Journal to acquire information on religious Foundations in the Archdiocese for publication. His intermediary Fr. Louis O’Kane C.C. Bessbrook. — The letters received in reaction to the circular of early 1959. Responses.
2 Varia. Louis O’Kane’s papers. Old postcards of traditional interest from visits in Ulster to Redmond MacGrath, Dundalk - (see back of P-C of his shop!) in 1959. Also memorial cards of Cardinal O’Donnell and a faded photo of Archbishop MacGettigan 1927 and clergy. See →4 for results of Circular (O’Kane papers).
3 ‘Roman Archives — McGurk’. Extensive research (hand-written pages yet to be sorted and assessed) which accumulated in the essay ‘Brian McGurk, Dean of Armagh’ of which a copy and introduction and draft are provided. Further are papers from ‘Archivo’ permitting Cardinal Ó Fiaich to acquire certain microfilms in year
1985. With this an amount of Photostats of documents of historical interest for Ireland (dated 1684-99, Vol. 5....)

4 Result from query (circular) on Religious Houses in Archdiocese Armagh, presented by Fr. Raymond Murray to the Cardinal in 1974 as part of the papers of the late Fr. L. O’Kane (letter and list). References to tape recordings and some shorthand. - :Listed by Fr. Murray under 3. ‘Varia’ are included here the printed appeal of the new Convent of Mercy in Bessbrook, (pictures of sites) with typed copy of document inserted in new church altar, 1953. Also included here the mentioned poem (Hymn) in praise of Blessed Oliver Plunkett. Furthermore a bundle of press cuttings on death of Cardinal O’Donnell, and a bundle of papers; ‘Ordo’ diary of Archbishop McGettigan, marked 1871, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1879, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1878.

5 Statements and press cuttings (of Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s choice) as well as attacks in letters on violence escalating in the Six Counties in the late seventies. Also some church matters: theological discourse on mixed marriages, on divorce etc. (see → 7).

6 Transcripts of Radio Interviews, diverse news cuttings, - attacks mainly on the stand of Cardinal Ó Fiaich in the early 80s. His notes and jottings on the subject of violence.

a-b Also interviews of Bishop C. Daly, 1984 and of John Hume, R.T.E. 1984. FAX from Gerry Adams to Bishop C. Daly.

7 Records of Conferences, debates, instructions on the modern church approach to divorce.


8 Personal selection of papers of Fifties and Sixties. Some family schoolbooks. Glór na nGael finances plus two cheques.

9 Varia. Maynooth correspondence over wide period.

Notes on Heraldry (MS. Ó Fiaich)
Notes on Palaeography (MS. Ó Fiaich)


11 Three scrapbooks ‘Tomas Ó Fiaich, Archbishop of Armagh’ 1977

12 Scrapbook ‘Monsignor Ó Fiaich Profile and Tributes’ 1979.

Earlier press cuttings of own choice (Maynooth).

13 School copy books of Tomas Ó Fiaich from Coláiste Pádraig, Armagh.


15 Correspondence of year 1974 marked ‘pearsanta’.

16 Research on Airghialla (Notes, Genealogies, etc. —early).

17 More correspondence re Archivium Hibernicum.

18 Correspondence marked ‘pearsanta’ of year 1975. Neatly ordered’

19 Correspondence marked ‘pearsanta’ of year 1976. Go slachtmhar neata!

20 Letters of recommendation appending to the application of Cardinal Ó Fiaich for the Lectureship in Modern History at St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth 1953 (two). —A letter from an tUachtarán de Valera, 27.2.1960.


22 R.T.E reaction to ‘Bloody Sunday’ 1972.

Prisoners, political. Reports. Correspondence 1973 ar aghaidh.

23 Letters of thanks of year 1976, sorted and entitled by the Cardinal: ‘Buíochas’.
General correspondence Maynooth 1972 including bills, invoices, etc.
Correspondence: Fadhbanna na Gaeilge i rith 1976 agus i 1977, le Gaeltacht na Mí mar ábhar sagaírt le Gaeilge.
Funeral Service of Éamonn de Valera. The sermon of Monsignor Ó Fiaich in letters of appreciation (3 copies in Irish with English translation of text) One criticism.
Daily national newspapers on Dev’s funeral, Sept. 3rd 1975.

N P 3
1 a Correspondence Maynooth early sixties in literary matters and those of Irish Language publications. Put in folio apart are letters from Brian O hUiginn, Máirtín Ó Cadhain, Paul Grosjean and Éamonn de Valera (1959). Also correspondence with Seán de Fréine.
1 b Varia, less vital papers (letters and jottings) of the early Seventies.
Notes on the Armagh Parishes. (MSS).
2 Administration of the History Dept. Maynooth. 1970-77, Correspondence.
3 Tutorials, Staff correspondence History Dept. Maynooth 1972-73. Some lists, notes in their concern.
4 ‘Leabhar Urnaí an Cheathrú Rua’ 1963, a type-written copy, bound.
6 Pilgrimage to Tallaght, 1974.
Address or article written for the Patrician Year concerning the cult of St. Patrick in S.W.Germany. A typed copy.
7 Topography. In search of ‘Cuaílle Ciannachta’, etc. 1947.
History of the Cianachta, Loughsholin, Strabane.
Interest shown in the work by T.Ó F. 1953 of the author Dr. Seánums Ó Ceallaigh with notes. OS map.
8 Copy of the Index ‘Nominum Propriorum’ to the Patrician Text in the Book of Armagh with corrections made at the wish of author Ludig Bieler (cf. letter, 7.11.77 supplied),— very weak carbon copy!
‘St. Patrick....Our Patron’ Typed MS of Fr. Ciaran Needham D.D. (U.S.A.) 1963 (?).
No comment from Maynooth.
9 Six large exercise books with cuttings, submitted by Pádraig M’Carthaigh, Freshford together with five small exercise books with text (Irish) of missionary efforts in Uganda. Sad letter of author on his inability to get it published. Reaction from Maynooth not in evidence.
10 a ‘The Armagh Register’ (MS copybook) by Enrí Ó Hanlúin, not before 1939 - a compilation of the successors of St. Patrick down to Cardinal Dalton. Accompanying letter dated 1955 with addenda and a note of thanks (1956) to the Editor of Seanchas Ard Mhacha Fr. Tomás Ó Fiaich for his encouragement in re-publication of the work.
10 b A typed copy of ‘The Christian Missions to Ireland’ by Liam de Paor. Not bound or dated.
10 c Typed MS of work of Aodh Mac Domhnaill File (+1867) from various sources. Not bound or signed.
11 a Letters from Nollaig Ó Muraile (1985, 1987, 1988) with much information on cultural

b Obituary of Sr. Mary Teresa Agnes Jesus Brady, Carmelite of Belfast, +1989
c MS ‘Sources of Irish History’ by Emmet Sweeney with note to ‘Your Eminence’ requesting his opinion. Loose copy, no date (Derry).

12 MS ‘The Mighty Wave - The Rev. John Murphy of Boulavogue, 1753-1798’ by Nicholas Furlong, submitted in year 1979 for ‘general reaction’ of Cardinal Ó Fiaich to his historical work, which he has trouble finding a publisher for. To the text is added notes and a bibliography. An unbound copy of 232 pages in text.

13 a Political disturbances in S. Armagh in the early 20s. Eye-witness reports marked ‘confidential’ in eight statements (one defect) and one report copied from note book of prisoner on ship SS Argenta. It contains lists of fellow internees in various ‘cages’ on prison ship; also ballads about the case and an account of the ‘Life of an Internee on board SS Argenta’ in Belfast Lough, 40 men in a ‘cage’. —Letter from Belfast jail from ‘Brendan’ to ‘Tom’ (50s?).
b MS ‘The Sower’ by George McLean (USA) 1965, copy, bound.

14 Newspaper cuttings on Armagh and St. Patrick of very early period (paper dilapidated) of study of subject by the Cardinal. i.e. Eoin Mac Neill’s article in instalments of ‘The Standard’, Spring 1932, on Primacy of Armagh entitled ‘How Archdeacon Kerr Reads :History Upside Down’ and other headings. [These articles by Prof. MacNeill should be photocopied without delay].

15 Éigse Uladh. -Copies of poems of Art Beanaid ëile (pencil). —Some very good photostats of Irish poems in the British Museum. —Letters of Seán de Rís on subject. —Notes, snatches of verse gathered concerning the old poets especially of the Oilghíalla region, Armagh and Louth. —Photocopies from ‘An t-Ultaigh’ (dán). Photostats of Irish Verse of Pádraig O Maoilaodha, 1933. Earliest studies of the local poets in S.E Ulster in copybooks (pencil!) of Anamar and other very old copies of Irish poetry made by the family, especially of Art Mac Cumhaigh file.

16 Organisation of diverse Irish Language Groups in 60s and 70s to further the Movement through the medium of Gaeltacht Summer Schools and cultural events —celebrations, commemorations, music, drama at local level throughout the country. Earlier efforts through Craobh Bhríde de Réalt (bunú 1942, BÁC)

17 Church problems with the mass media in the 70s and 80s.

18 MSS of Irish Language plays ‘Eoghan Ruadh O Neill’ le Pádraig O hUallachain (?) and ‘Glór-Réim Phádraig’ (Anon.).
Music scores for piano, a waltz called ‘The Pride of Érin’.

19 Co. Louth Wills and Leases (from Plowden’s Historical Review) incl. Taaffe, O’Reilly, Russell, McKenna. Plus notes and a few letters on local historical sites. Some copper and steel engravings of historical monuments in Co. Louth -of value, being originals.

20 S.Armagh and Louth disturbances in the 1780s, Peep O’Day boys, etc. (notes on a ‘School Jotter’) - unfortunately much Searchas written in pencil. —Historical notes on the Moore Family and on Kilmore and Mullivilly in 1837 (typed copies). A further batch of old letters, queries of early 20th cent. Another list of wells. All
carefully collected by Cardinal Ó Fiaich, they include much local lore, old photographs, one of Cuchullan’s Mound, Dun Dealgan, also of the skull of ‘Robert King of the Scots’. —Sketches of Killanny Fort in 1749, of Irish College ‘Brige Oméith’, and both sides of Monasterboice High Cross. —Further letters, queries and some collected letters to/from Major General Stubbs, ca. 1902 —Dundalk Examiner installments ca. 1920 with much local lore (paper fading!).

21 Miscellany of antiquities, ancient crosses of Co. Louth (printed reproductions), also of maps of S.E. Ulster. Survey of the Wells of Armagh. Copy from E. MacLysaght of the explanation of the name Dalton (crest).


23 A selection made by the Cardinal of memorable commemorations, Jubilees, Ordinations, Church restorations etc. throughout the years.


25 Prints of photographs (many undefined) mostly of clerical interest, with some maps of Armagh localities, yet to be sorted. Some United Irishmen in portrait.

26 Modern missions abroad. Pamphlets.


28 Seanchus Ard Mhacha Journal in its birth pangs (1954) and the vigour of its early years (1957-58) with bills, proofs and correspondence with writers → SA. from Vol. 9/1 (1978) the contribution of Seosamh Ó Dufaigh: ‘Tomás Ó Fiaich, Scolaire’, offprint. Includes in Appendix complete(?) list of extra-curricular addresses and lectures as well as all works published before 2nd. Oct.1977. As such the index is invaluable for students.


30 a A row of essays submitted to the Gael-Linn competition in the North. Some were published by Gael-Linn in Dublin, 1974 as the work of ‘Meánscoláire sna Sé Contaethe’ in 1974 with the help of Fr. Ó Fiaich, who gave his criticism and choice of the articles (in Irish) with corrections, and edited the booklet for Gael-Linn. Two letters from Brian Ó Baoill to this effect and the Cardinal’s draft of Cover Page etc.

b Gael-Linn N.I. Competitions, copies and proofs of booklets published by them resulting from these, lasting eight years from 1966 onwards. First adjudicated by Proinsias MacCana and Fr. T. Ó Fiaich together, then by the latter alone. Some correspondence concerning editions.

31 a A bundle of age-worn, badly preserved yet in readable ink reporting legal court proceedings of years 1758-1765 (64 pages, some half size). They refer to the ‘Borough of Atherdee, Louth’ and among names of plaintiffs, defendants and lawyers we find Blackwell, Marmion, Hatch, Hamilton, Shekleton etc. MS originals.

b Further legal documents of same court and borough and in same condition, dated from
1766 to 1772 (42 pages, small/large).

32 An assortment of hand-written notes of Cardinal Ó Fiaich representing a summary of conditions in Louth parishes after the Inquisition of 1619 and the parcelling out of property to so-called Adventurers. - A little pocketbook inventory to serve as memorandum.


Seanchas Ard Macha

Papers re Journal ‘Seanchas Ard Mhacha’ of the Archdiocese (1954—)
Correspondence, mainly carbon copies of typed letters. Research in view of publication - much of scholarly interest and valuable lore of locality.

1 a Collection of years 1952-1962. Letters include those from Kathleen Hughes, C.J. Robbs, P. Grosjean (in Folios). Copies of historical documents and responses re ‘Wild Geese in Nantes; Fr. Ó Quigley (martyr); Naomh Monina, Killeavy; Naomh Pélerin of Auxerre, where his church stood (St. Germain’s precursor). Also in folio Bennett’s Irish Catechism, 1845, etc. (copy).

b Questionnaire, Christmas 1954 re church ruins in Diocese. Responses received. — Some press cuttings, sorted, of period.

2 Period 1964-1966. Includes photos and prints with notes on Old Franciscan Friary of Drombean, near Donaghmore. Also a very rare postcard photo of St.Olcan’s Church ruin and well on N. bank of Lough Neagh.

3 Year 1974. Correspondence etc. Also of year 1975.

4 Ditto of year 1976.


6 a Texts, 1971. Talks and articles for SA of Fr. Eamon Ó Doibhlin entitled ‘The Deanery of Tullyhogue’ and ‘Ó Neill’s Own Countrie’.

b Several copies with deviations and correction.

c ‘Ceart Uí Néill’- a discussion and translation of the Document (three copies). (ca. 1342).

d Naomh Moninne, Killeavy.
NP 4

1 Students’ applications, testimonies, recommendations c. 1970.

   A collection of envelopes from letters addressed to Dr./Primate/Archbishop Dixon, in Armagh and Drogheda. On one reads ‘Most important for the election of 1865’ — Five such envelopes, stamped, years 1856, 1858 and 1859, are attached together with string and have a scribbled note attached saying: ‘Envelopes of letters written from Cardinal Cullen to Dixon’. (In envelope apart).

3 Three groups of local research papers filed by Cardinal Ó Fiaich:
   b ‘Ard Treá’. Letters from Owen M’Ele noy (?) of Moneymore, on subject of the Quinns Dated 1927 and 1930 (three), addressed to Fr. Lorcan Murray (cf. NP.4.3).
   A letter of information from Fr. L. Murray on Culdee background of church of Derrybocus, now Church Hill, with its two saints (patron Aedhán). More information on the Killyman area from Patrick Tohall, 1952 and again from Fr. Murray (Penal Convert Rolls). A long article on ‘A Century of Penal Day History’, paged, intended for SA (?) with notes by the Cardinal. Letter from Friar Canice of Franciscan Friary Dublin on Dungannon Friary. Letter to Dean Quinn, 1929, from Inspector of Taxes re. Sexton’s House. Repudiation of claim by Dean on reverse of page to any payment of rent!

4 Management Committees of Catholic schools in N.I. part of the Archdiocese in the 1990s. A bound copy.


6 Guides to International Archives, Libraries, P.Rec. offices etc. of interest to the Cardinal through the years, his notes attached.

7 Varia, Clerics’ lists of Armagh priests persecuted, also of Louth, listed in 1704 and others. — Irish Franciscan Province Chapter Bills. Notes gathered for his (T. Ó F’s) article ‘Who succeeded Blessed Oliver’ written in 1956 for the Irish Theological
Quarterly.
The ancient parish of Clonfeacle and its priests. Penal Day priests in Leslie’s ‘Armagh’ and ‘Kilsaran’, taken down mainly from the 1692 visitation and 1766 reports. —
List of subscribers to the translation of the ‘Imitation of Christ’ from the French, Dublin 1798. lists of Armagh priests from MSS in Killiney Friary (Franciscan - Dominican Dispute Appeal). Extracts from Rent Rolls 1703 by Fr. Leslie (1939 proofs).


9 Alarm in the Church on the problems of alcohol, drugs and Aids in the ‘80s. The Cardinal’s collection of the campaign against moral abuses with many press cuttings and his drafts for addresses etc. show his deep concern.


11 Part of the Cromer Register, found in1932. Note from the printer from T Ó Fiaich in 1934. Further Varia of old documents of Armagh interest such as part of the McKenna pedigree of 18th C., the will of Robert Forbes of Coole, Co. Louth. 18th.C. (a copy) and notes of Co. Louth P.P. Nicholas Lawless. Sliabh na gCloch, Galtra, Tobar na Gall and Rooskey explained. Letters from the archaeologist (?) T. O’Drisceol, 1939, to Fr. L. Murray.


13 Vatican Papers. References to Irish Affairs in the Vatican Library Archives, excerpts of which were made by Cardinal Ó Fiaich, also from the Propaganda Archives. His prime aim was scrutiny of the 17th.C. period with weight on the case of Oliver Plunkett’s Primacy. The volumes under research, of which his copies are made are from following MSS:
Scritture Referite nei Congressi Irlanda (SRC) (vols. 4,5,7).
Lettere (from 1669-1694 with gap)
Calendar of Scritture Referite and Acta
(Complete. Copied from Dr. Corish’s Calendar. Transcripts of these documents of Armagh interest are in Dublin)
Acta della S.C.de Propaganda Fide
(Vols. 1,14-18, 20-23, 25)
Catalogue of Nunziatura di Fiandra
(Diverse letters. Microfilms in Nat. Library in Dublin?)
Catalogue of Barberini Latini
There are additions to these excerpts in typescript and in another hand, also notes taken down from these Archive registers in the Cardinal’s hand, as well as some excellent Photostats made there, the provenance of each marked on the back.


Copy of De Mirabilibus Sacrae Scripturae S.Augustini.


Teastas le dearbhú gur cabhraigh an tAth. Tomás Ó Fiaich le pobal Cléire. Eisithe ag Comharchumann Cléire Teo.


16 In Folders: Irish Language Features, 1976-77.

Meamnar na Comhdhlá chuig na nEaspaig 1977.

Comhchoiste an tSuaitheantís.

An Fáinne Nua.

Conradh na Gaeilge.

‘Memoranda’ (typed texts) copies

Aspects of the present language situation in N.I.
The Irish Language in the Liturgy
White Paper on the Restoration of Irish
Principle Voluntary Gaelic Organisations, 1965
Restoration of the Language (with a few letters and cuttings)

17 Comhdháil Papers, 1954.

18 Exercise Books pencilled with notes, extracts and Irish language, Lore.

Massereene MSS I. Contained and copied from bundles One to Seven.

Massereene MSS II. Letters, patents, tithes, petitions Bundle 8. News of forfeited
lands after rebellions and wars of 17th.C.

3 The Fottrell Papers. A Dominican Provincial in Ireland. F. was arrested in Toombridge, 1739, and these very extensive and informative papers of his Order taken from him.

Also a copied letter of Charles Bingham, 1681.

4 Songs and seanchas in Irish, mostly oral tradition. Some gravestone mementos.

Cardinal Ó Fiaich File of his assortment of the Dixon correspondence with Rome 1858-67, Primate Dixon’s agent in Rome being Dr. Kirby of the Irish College, where these copies were made for Cardinal Ó Fiaich in 1956 (from microfilm supplied by Rev. M. Toal) - see note of Cardinal on file!

Added is a folder of the Cardinal’s personal arrangement headed ‘Items of interest in Continental Archives and Libraries’. It contains his own extensive list ‘England and Scotland’ and an (out-dated) circular from the Swiss Stiftsbibliothek, St. Gallen, as well as copies made of the Amhráin diaga of Seosamh and Micheál Óg Ó Longáin in honour of a Cork bishop who died in 1810. (Also in R.I.A. under MSS 23.G.25 and 24.L 22). Further in folder are some Latin extracts from a document concerning the legal position of Armagh as capital, ‘...Contra pretentiones senioris suffragenei,...’ etc. A copy signed Seosamh Ó Mairtín. No date.

20 An (early) typescript copy of a ‘Life of St. Malachy’ with references added in the Cardinal’s hand. Fifty-two schedules of Armagh parishes (cum schools) not earlier than 1987 - computer copies, - probably for projected ‘Diocesan Directory’. With them a letter to this effect from Rev. Sweeney and a copy of the Cardinal’s appointment of Management Board Members for the National School, Upper Creggan, Co. Louth.


22 a Applications for Professorships and Lectureships at St. Patrick’s College, Magh Nuad, 1983.


Letters from the Dept. of the Taeoseach giving encouragement and support to the Language Revival, 1963, 1964, 1965 —Seán Lemass to Fr. Ó Fiaich in Maynooth, with the Taoiseach’s first mention of the intention of issuing a White Paper (letter of 11.3.64 in English). These letters are in folio.

24 Language controversy continued:

A survey made by a British firm ‘Irish Marketing Surveys’ sent around by the Comhdháil Náisiúnta, Feb. 1967 with a note by An Cornéal Eoghan Ó Néill advising its study (with many reserves). Attached a letter (draft) written by Cardinal Ó Fiaich a few days later to the Taeoseach with a copy of this ‘public opinion poll’ and his reaction to it. The draft was written on the back pages of a typed copy of an article by Fr. Cainneach Ó Maonaigh on the State of the Church in Ireland, 1169-1534 which we will register elsewhere.

Excerpts from a publication of John Macnamara, Edinburgh University Press, 1966
on the Language Revival problem.
The Redemptorist Journal ‘Record’, May 1966. The editorial refers to disputes arising from the April number (see press cuttings within). Also included is the draft of Cardinal Ó Fiaich expressing his strong disapproval of the same April number and giving his reasons.
The bundle of letters represent the general reactions to the activities of the Coimisiún um Athbhheochan na Gaeilge for the year 1963 when Cardinal Ó Fiaich was ‘Cathaoirleach’.

26 Correspondence between Comhlacht and R.T.E., 1962-4.

29 a Transcript of a Minute Book of the Corporation of Ardee, 1961-1987 made by Joseph Dolan in 1897. Bound MS
b Materials for the history of parishes in the Archdiocese from Fleming’s Calendar with additions from Ó Mellan’s Journal and calendar of Franciscan MSS. Entries from 1390-1731. Incomplete. Bound MS. Anon. .
30 a A transcript made from medieval registers - excerpts from documents (letters) dealing mainly with affairs of the Pale, with particular focus on the primacy of the Archdiocese of Armagh. The period ranges from 1275 to1403 and includes items from Exchequer and Treasurers’ Rolls, papal letters, mandates, grants and commands ‘by the King’s writ’ - notably John and his father Henry II - addressed to his Norman colonists in Ireland (seldom peaceful subjects, we learn). The transcriber leaves no date for his work nor his name. Unbound MS.
b Scrapbook of historical notes titled ‘Local History’ compiled c.1960 by Rev. M. Mac Ruairi, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, resulting from personal research, as can be seen from letters from P.R.O. Dublin glued to the back of cover and loose papers at rear. Some material is also glued to the pages of information gathered. Also a letter from the author signed M. Mac Ruairi to a friend ‘Eamon’ dated1970 (?) (in folio) Bound MS.
31 A collection of addresses made to Cardinal MacRory. These are clothed in elaborate brochures, hand painted and bound in silk ribbons and the wording of the welcome are equally profuse in prose and verse. Some refer to his return home to Armagh as Archbishop and Primate in 1928, others to his elevation as Cardinal in1930. From Armagh the students of St. Patrick’s College offer their praise in Irish and English, while the Convent of Mercy in Dungannon conveys its delight that a son of the ‘Land of Ó Neill’ should have been chosen. From them is also added an elaborate ‘Centenary Souvenir’ of Mother C. McAuley, foundress of the congregation, welcoming the prelates to the celebration.
For the musical part of liturgy in Armagh cathedral an ornate programme is presented, presumably for the celebrations in 1930. St. Patrick’s choir figures
predominately and the pope, Pius XI gets a song. These items deserve exhibiting.

32 Papers from various sources re the Rebellion of 1641, in extracts. They contain depositions offered by Protestant eyewitnesses and letters confirming their testimony by Chichester, 1643, in Belfast. Lurid accounts of their sufferings; the despoiling and robbing the English of their corn by Ó Neill, followed by massacres. The Maguires of Enniskillen and other Irish nobles figure in the pages while the burning of Armagh and the Fort of Charlemont are frequently referred to. Cardinal Ó Fiaich adds a note to the first and last pages on three priests of Charlemont and sums up the 154 Deponents for Co. Armagh in these accounts. Bound MS copy, no date or name. A series of typescript articles on the Irish political scene after World War One by Francis J. Costello, U.S.A. (Seminar Paper, Boston College). They include:

a An Introduction
   ‘Not the Finest Hour: Britain seeks a truce in Ireland, 1921’

b King George V’s speech at Stormont, 1921. Prelude to the Truce.

c Lloyd George and Ireland, 1919-1921.

d The Irish Representatives to the Anglo-Irish Conference, 1921.

e A Policy looked in Stalemate.
Copies, not bound.

33 Cardinal Cathal Daly’s episcopal rise to power seen in press releases, homilies and news cuttings:

a His transfer from the Diocese of Arda gh and Clonmacnoise to that of Down and Connor. His Installation and Addresses, (1982)

b Leave-taking as Bishop of Down and Connor with Masses celebrated in Belfast as Archbishop-elev of Armagh, 1990.


34 Two Volumes of ‘Index Contents’ dated 1845 and 1855 and signed by Eugene Ó Curry. Valuable MSS. Poor covering.


a Seanchas queries of Fr. Ó Fiaich in Maynooth 1959. A Lenten Pastoral, 1961. Letters from the Poor Clares with the ‘Story of the Irish Poor Clares’ in folder.


36 Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s papers re the 100 yr. celebrations in commemoration of Rev. Lorcán Ó Muireadhaithe, at which he presided and lectured in 1983. They contain a programme of events, texts of his lectures in type and three drafts he made. Also the publication of Éigse Óirghialla, 1983 ‘Father Larry Murray, by Liam Mac an tSagairt’ in pamphlet form.

To these has been added - found elsewhere - our photographs of Fr. Ó Murray, two of which were taken at his deathbed (in folio).

37 Rev. Louis Ó Kane Papers. His note book, serving the collector of subscriptions for the ‘Ulster Defence Alliance’ Dublin in 1923. Stated is the declared aim of the committee, relief of the Six County prisoners and also those on the Argenta - as well as those suffering persecution in the North. —Lists of subscribers sign following pages. Donnadh MacConUladh (Denis Mc Cullough) acts as Vice-Chairman, and his letters to Fr. O’Kane have been added here by Cardinal Ó Fiaich at a later date, plus photograph. Further photos of Fr. O’Kane are included. A further Subscription Journal of 1942-43 called the ‘Shilling Fund’ has no statement added as to its objective. O’Kane Papers of the period 1967-71 show beside letters many political interests: Beside cuttings and pamphlets a photograph of the Memorial Cross at Toomebridge erected in memory of the patriot Roddy McCorley, hung there after the 18th.C. battle of Antrim. Also the torn poster of Ian Paisley once glued to Fr. O’Kane’s Parish Church door in Co. Tyrone and hence removed. A cutting shows the Toomebridge Cross, blown up later.

(These papers have been sorted and re-filed by Cardinal Ó Fiaich).

38 ‘Irish Monks on the Continent’ by Tomás Ó Fiaich. Originally written for the Dublin Institute of Catholic Sociology in 1959( of which here two scripts in print with some drafts are added) later given to Prof. J.Mackey for inclusion in his own work of same title (?) Of this a computer printout is provided (without introduction).

39 Public response to the publication of ‘Columbanus in His Own Words’ (Veritas, 1974), together with the Cardinal’s book copy (corrected). Also the text of his booklet for the Irish Cultural Relations Committee (MS 1966). Also copy in typescript, bound. Earlier drafts (MS) on topic. —Notes to map - elsewhere! prepared by H.G. Leask (Pamphlet).


NP 5

1 Two typescript articles, not dated. T.Ó F?

   a Aodh Rua
   b Mealláin. With the latter a response to the wish of ‘Innui’ editor, Pádraig de Barra, with lists of names from ‘Cín Lae Uí Mheallaín, submitted with letter from Ordnance Survey Office, Dublin in 1973.

2 a Maolísú Ua Brolcháin. Subject of study for insert in College Magazine, Maynooth 1971 - under surveillance of Fr. T Ó Fiaich.
   b His draft of a lecture given to Cumann Aodáin, - no further details, - in copybook.
   c His draft for a lecture on Primate Michael Ó Rathallaigh (18th.C.), no date. MS, loose.
   d Notebooks with historical studies, T Ó F. Maynooth.
   e Memoirs of Knock in the early 19th.C. - a copy revised and typed from the MS by Nollaig Ó Muraile, 1989.
f Extract from the Book of Lecan with a long list of holy Irish Bishops (from pre-Patrician times) made by D. MacFirbise for James Ware. Typed copy

g An old will showing the customs in 1626 in Tir Connail re the rights and duties of the Gallóghlaigh and McSuibhne tribes under Ó Domhnaill. Original MS in Cambridge University Library. Typed copy.

3 Students’ affairs aired in Maynooth in the 70s. Their ‘Maynews’ briefings, Calendar and pamphlet of the Students Union, Council paper and an Annual Review. A report on ‘Irish Culture’

4 The Draft of the Education Reform Order N.I. 1989, to Secretary of State. The Bishops’ concern for the rights of the Catholic Community and schooling if its children put forward by Cardinal Ó Fiaich for the Draft Submission, asking for extension of closing date till at least 31.12.89. Objections and claims for amendments.

5 a Papers of St. Patrick’s College Maynooth in the 80s. Trustees’ meetings and their reports. Applications from candidates for chairs, etc.


c A questionnaire on the importance of the Language Revival for Maynooth Students, 1968.

d Pamphlet promoting the ‘Campá Oibre’ of Cumann na Sagart, 1968. (2).

e Three ‘News from Home’ bulletins sent to Cardinal Ó Fiaich by Solicitor Edward Hall, 1975, with mention of a ‘Pax Romana’ Soc. visit to Maynooth.

6 School examinations on Religion in the Archdiocese, June 1975, Papers attached.

7 Contents of a torn file found between Cardinal Conway’s papers. Papers relate to Maynooth in the Seventies in Cardinal Ó Fiaich’s retrospective - much official matter but also cultural and bibliographical correspondence. Personal letters here sorted.

8 Drafts for lectures, talks, addresses, homilies - and a sermon, 1953-1976. Much public relations material.

9 Some remaining Dalton papers: this passes for the VII Centenary of the University of Padova in 1922, with the Programme of Celebrations.

a The typed copy of the panegyric preached by Fr. O’Callaghan, Bishop of Clogher on his death, as 110th. successor of St. Patrick in the primacy, and L’Osservatore Romano’s account of the funeral of Cardinal Dalton, Feb.1963. The cheque book of Cardinal Dalton’s ‘Armagh Diocesan Benefit Society’ to assist old and invalid priests.

b A miscellany of papers on the case and trial of St. Oliver Plunkett, gathered by T. Ó F.

10 A miscellany of (scattered) Ó Neill papers and photostats and prints on that historical field of research.


12 A miscellany of papers gathered and now classified as such: Early Language Revival projects and problems 1966-1976 The poets of Ulster - lectures, notes, cuttings. Clerical subjects, diverse.


14 The Louvain class notes of the student Tomás Ó Fiaich 1950-51. French, English and Irish MSS/typed material, mainly historical subjects of his first year at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belguim.
To disturb this box of memorabilia should be avoided as an intrusion into the private sphere of this great primate and piety forbids it. Any item desired for exhibition or publicity purposes should be restored immediately - such as documentary evidence of his stay in Louvain, his registration and residential permit for Belgium, his Student’s card from the Catholic University (1950-) and an early Irish passport in the Cardinal’s name. Among the souvenirs is also the Cardinal’s Member’s ticket for the year 1946 from the Irish Anti-Partition League, a card on which Wolf Tone is portrayed.


An article on the Crossmaglen Rangers. A Croke Park programme, 19.4.70. (anon) for Senior Football Final and other pamphlets. Photograph of a proud team with the Cardinal holding the trophy (no date or names) (in Folio - should be enlarged and framed). For three Club badges/passes of Cardinal Ó Fiaich see NP 5/Box of Souvenirs.


‘Lords of Roughan’: The Ó Quinns of Ulster. Two volumes of historical research proffered to Cardinal Ó Fiaich in 1987 by the author Joseph R. Quinn, U.S.A.

Original 18th.C. documents re ‘Atherdee’ Co. Louth, Corporation Papers. (Perhaps taken by Cardinal Ó Fiaich for research purposes from Fr. Lorcán Ó Muiri’s papers in his possession).

An old hard-cover folder with testimonies given apparently to Fr. O’Kane and hence typed of Ulstermen associated with the National Volunteers and Sinn Féin in the period 1906-1922. These statements given later from memory, reveal the activities, training and prison experiences of these Volunteers. On the cover six such witnesses are named in typescript, to which Cardinal Ó Fiaich has added three, in ink. In the folder are however only five statements, only four of which correspond with names that are listed

An original sheet of the Proclamation of High Treason re the Trial of Henry and John Sheares, July 12th. 1798. (In dire need of restoration).

A pictorial description of the newly founded Mellifont Abbey, showing its abbatial succession - A photostat in bad condition.

The residue of the Cardinal’s papers, - scraps and loose pieces put into a miscellany, in no way sorted as yet.

Box of personal belongings of Cardinal Ó Fiaich - documents and objects of a private nature cherished and preserved. These include notebooks, two passports issued in Dublin 1960 and 1980, also a ‘Passeport Diplomatique’ of 1980 (his having declined accepting a British passport). Two vaccination certificates, a pamphlet of listed recommendations for his application for the lectureship in Modern History at St. Patrick’s College Maynooth. The Cardinal’s Mass Intention Book with Mass cards. His own copy of ‘Gaelscrínte i gCéin’ with corrections, addendum and Letters of Appraisal. An envelope with cards printed for the occasion of his ordination to the
Priesthood, Wexford/Cullyhanna. Further, in folios, a portrait of the Cardinal at around the age of three with his elder brother, and his first literary venture ‘A life of St. Columba’. Also portraits in memoriam of Michael Collins and Ó Donnabháin Rossa. G.A.A. Club badge and other items of religious significance. Also private an old leather wallet with notes and, to conclude, a pouch for a pipe and a packet of tobacco!

24 The funeral of Tomás Ó Fiaich 15. May 1990. a) The Obsequies, b) Condolences, Thanks, c) The Media (an immediate gathering of papers from the Press, not cut or sorted).


26 Press cuttings after May 8th 1990. Minor appreciations to follow. A photo of an Irish Novice of the Convent in Austria that covers the place of St. Koloman’s martyrdom, taken in the year 1991. She holds in her hand the memorial card of the Cardinal.