

**Papers of Br Alphonsus M. Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers
(FSP/SG/AMD)**

110016403
FSP/SG/AMD/001
16 April 1888

Circular letter from Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers, Patrician Monastery, Mountrath, Queen's County (Laois), to members of the congregation. Refers to a recent occasion at Mountrath [his election as Superior General]. Mentions the approbation of the congregation by the Holy See and writes of the necessity of Brothers 'being very circumspect in our conduct, for a new interest attaches to us.' Also states that no changes in the 'existing order of things' in houses are to occur before the midsummer holidays.

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110016404
FSP/SG/AMD/002
20 April 1888

Letter from Br James Fitzpatrick, Patrician Monastery, Galway, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Writes that this is a great epoch for Br Alphonsus, as Superior General, and for the congregation at large. Writes that he likes 'Br Thomas' who is getting on well in Galway. Sends greetings to members of the community in Mountrath.

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110016405
FSP/SG/AMD/003
After 21 July 1888

Copy of letter from Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, Irish College, Rome, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Congratulates Br Alphonsus on being chosen as Superior General. Approves of the Sydney community being united into the congregation. Writes favourably about work being done by Br Ignatius [Price] and hopes that at least one or two more Brothers can be sent [to Australia]. Writes that it is necessary to employ lay teachers at present, which is an expense and lowers the prestige of the school. Comments that the school buildings at Redfern are as fine as any in Dublin, and with a staff of Brothers, opines that there will soon be 500 children. Also states that there is scope in the district for the establishment of a high school.

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110016406
FSP/SG/AMD/004
25 July 1888

Letter from Joseph P. Byrne, Bishop of Bathurst, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers, Patrician Monastery, Mountrath, Queen's County (Laois). Congratulates Br Alphonsus on his election as first Superior General of the congregation. Requests Br Alphonsus to send five further Brothers, if possible, to his diocese as soon as their training in Ireland is complete. Refers to the agreement of members of the Australian hierarchy to the congregations' Constitutions and mentions certain conditions put in place by these bishops.

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110016407
FSP/SG/AMD/005
5 February 1889

Letter from Joseph P. Byrne, Bishop of Bathurst, Australia, to [Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General], Patrician Brothers, Patrician Monastery, Mountrath, Queen's County (Laois). Writes that he is disappointed that the new Brothers are not ready to travel to Australia. The schools run by the Brothers currently in his diocese have improved but have a way to go before they are first class. Writer waives all objections to the congregation's new Constitutions / Rule but expects Br Alphonsus to respect his 'vested rights,' that is, that if Brothers are transferred they will be replaced by a Brother of equal or superior ability. Comments that the Australian states spend lavishly on primary education and Catholic schools must 'go one better' if they are to compete successfully.

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110016408
FSP/SG/AMD/006
12 June 1889

[Copy of] letter from Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Writes that he is delighted that an excellent site for a college and novitiate has been acquired in the Parramatta area. Cardinal Moran proposes to donate £100 towards construction.

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110016409
FSP/SG/AMD/007
17 July 1891

Letter from James Lynch, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, Tullow, County Carlow, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Writes that it was decided at a [Diocesan] Council meeting to give permission to Br Alphonsus to collect amongst former pupils of the Patrician Brothers in the diocese for the works of the congregation. Encloses (not present) a cheque for £10 as a contribution.

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110016410
FSP/SG/AMD/008
7 November 1892

Letter from Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, to Br Alphonsus M. Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers, Patrician Monastery, Mountrath, Queen's County (Laois). States that he has written to the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda [Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Rome], an attestation regarding the Patrician Brothers. The chief complaint relates to the levity with which members of the Patrician Brothers have left the Institute for secular life. He comments that the whole tendency of the colonies is in the direction of 'such ideas of liberty' and recommends that Brothers not be admitted to permanent vows until their vocation is tested by many years' experience.

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110016411
FSP/SG/AMD/009
20 June 1893

Letter from Joseph P. Byrne, Bishop of Bathurst, Australia, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers, Patrician Monastery, Mountrath, Queen's County (Laois). Writes of the collapse of banks. Refuses to pay Br Alphonsus' claim of £50 as he believes that the congregation has already been paid what it bargained for, and that his diocese has not got value for its money. Bishop Byrne writes, 'Dubbo school is closed. Orange has only two Brothers left, and Bathurst is the only school you have fully supplied with Teachers. Half our Brothers are gone. This is not, perhaps your fault, but it is our loss.' Hopes that Br Alphonsus will make restitution when the congregation grows 'rich and strong.'

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110016412
FSP/SG/AMD/010
28 June 1893

Letter from J. Bardou, Bishop of Coimbatore, India, to [Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers], acknowledging letter dated 14 April [1893]. He believes that the Patrician Brothers will prove a great help to the Indian missions and

will do anything in his power to promote the Institute. Writer thinks that Coonoor is a most attractive place for a European boarding school but its success will depend on how pupils fare in the various public examinations. Praises the work of Brothers at St Joseph's Institute, Coonoor.

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110016413
FSP/SG/AMD/011
19 July 1893

Letter from Joseph Colgan, Archbishop of Madras, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Writes of the recent death of Fr [A]. Walsh, Principal, St Mary's Seminary. His death means that Archbishop Colgan now asks the Patrician Brothers to take over the care and management of the college and seminary. Neither Br Aloysius nor Br Malachy can be spared from their work at Adyar Orphanage and writer asks Br Alphonsus to send two Brothers as soon as possible, at least one of whom would be a university graduate.

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110016414
FSP/SG/AMD/012
7 June 1901

Letter from William Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Writer states that he will do anything in his power to 'meet with your views if we can hit upon a feasible plan.' Does not specify the issue under discussion. Archbishop Walsh intends to discuss the issue with Patrick Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

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110016415
FSP/SG/AMD/013
c 23 May 1902

Letter in Latin (23 May 1902) from Mieczyslaw Halka Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect, Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Rome, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Answers queries posed by Br Alphonsus regarding the discretion of Superiors General to act in various matters when his intention is contrary to a majority of his Consultors, or when he feels he cannot disclose a matter to them due to conscience. Accompanied by translation into English of item.

2 items

110016416
FSP/SG/AMD/014
c 10 January 1904

File relating to protest by professed Patrician Brothers in Ireland regarding the system of government used by the congregation's Regime.

2 items

110016417
FSP/SG/AMD/015
29 February 1904

Letter in Latin from Girolamo Maria Cardinal Gotti, Prefect, Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Rome to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Acknowledges letter dated 24 January last in which Br Alphonsus states that he wishes to call a General Chapter. Cardinal Gotti notes that it would not be opportune for the Superior General and his Assistants to resign office before a General Chapter as it may cause operational difficulties during the Chapter. Advises that amendments to the Constitutions should be discussed at the General Chapter and then submitted to the Sacred Congregation. Encloses rescript (23 February 1904) which states that the Indian and Australian provinces should select their delegates to the General Chapter from Brothers resident in Ireland. This is similar to rescript dated 12 October 1897, which is conceded by way of special dispensation. Accompanied by translation into English of Cardinal Gotti's letter.

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110016418
FSP/SG/AMD/016
23 April 1904

Letter from Br James Long, Holy Cross College, Ryde, Sydney, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers. Writes that he has been in Australia for nearly 20 years, and in accordance with the Acts of Chapter, requests permission for a twelve-month holiday in Ireland. Also lists further reasons and states he would go happy to go to India or elsewhere afterwards. Mentions that he is the only Brother now in Australia of the 15 who were professed in Mountrath, Queen's County (Laois), on 20 June 1884.

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110016419
FSP/SG/AMD/017
18 February 1905

Letter in Latin from Girolamo Maria Cardinal Gotti, Prefect, Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Rome, to Br Alphonsus Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers, permitting the dismissal of Br Paul Kelly.

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