



2024



Inspiring Generations for 125 Years



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For every image included here at least 20 had to be omitted but we hope this calendar gives a small flavour of the rich heritage of Mary Immaculate College, the exciting present and a nod to the future—where we imagine MIC will continue to inspire new generations for many more years.

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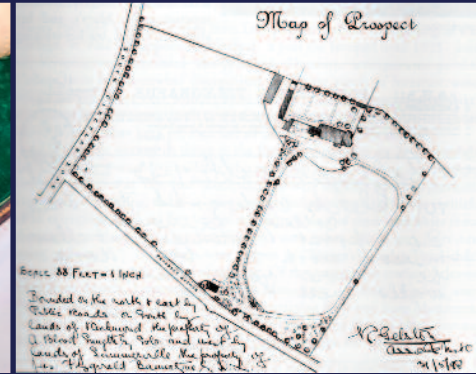
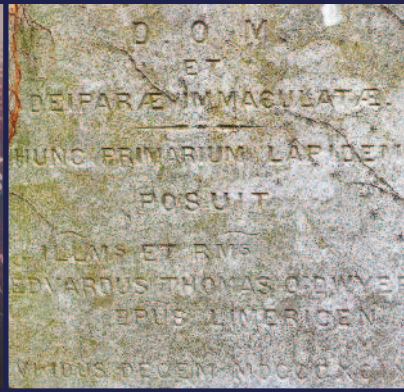
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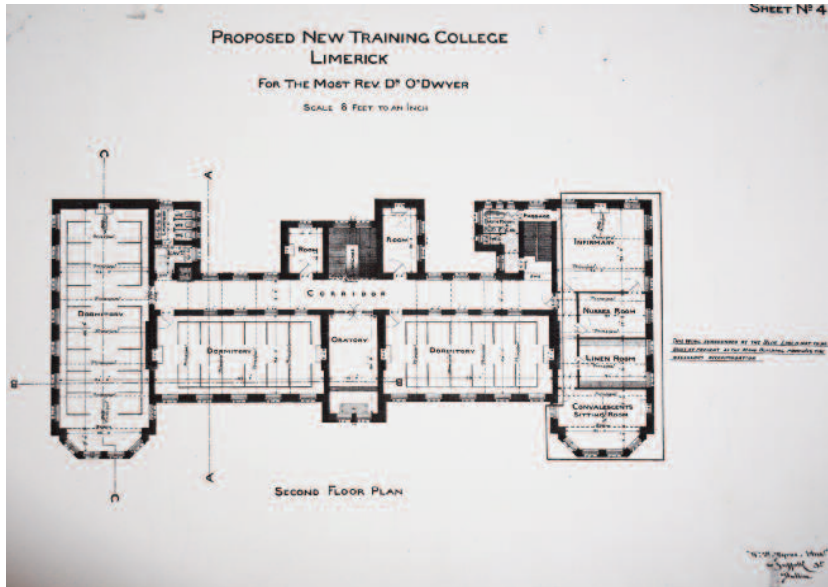


JANUARY 2024

Beginnings

After Bishop Edward T O'Dwyer implored authorities to establish a teacher-training facility in Limerick, building began on Mary Immaculate College in 1898 with the Bishop and the Sisters of Mercy as founders. The College opened its doors to the first students in 1901. New spaces were added almost immediately including the Chapel in 1906.



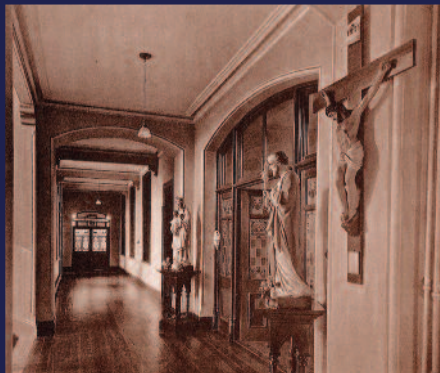


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FEBRUARY 2024

Foundation

The iconic Foundation Building was designed by Dublin architect George Byrne and Mssrs. Molloy of Limerick were the contractors. Notable additions through the decades include the recreational hall and the canteen. Spaces have been repurposed so dormitories and bedrooms have become classrooms and offices. Although altered extensively, the building retains its character inside and out.





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MARCH 2024

Quad

Another space that has undergone numerous changes over the years is the quadrangle between the Foundation Building, Chapel and Residential Block. Originally designed in 1926 to provide outdoor exercise space during intervals between classes, it is one of the main thoroughfares of the MIC Limerick campus—leading to the library, TARA, Summerville and Tailteann beyond.





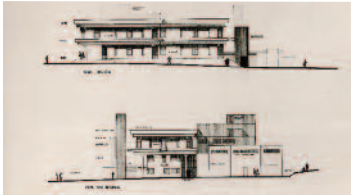
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APRIL 2024

Library

Although MIC appointed its first Librarian in 1966, a purpose-built Library to cater for MIC's 800 students, named *Áras an Phiarsaigh*, was not added until 1980. Planning permission has been granted for a new Library & Resource Centre—due to be built over the coming years. MIC Thurles has two libraries, including the historic Croke Library.





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MAY 2024

Campus Development

In 2007, the first new building in almost 30 years was added to MIC in *Tailteann*, a multi-purpose gymnasium. 2010 saw the completion of TARA, which includes the 510-seat Lime Tree Theatre. Franco-German House was opened in 2012. St Patrick's College, Thurles (now MIC Thurles) was incorporated by MIC in 2015. The former Mount St Vincent site became the John Henry Newman Campus in 2017.



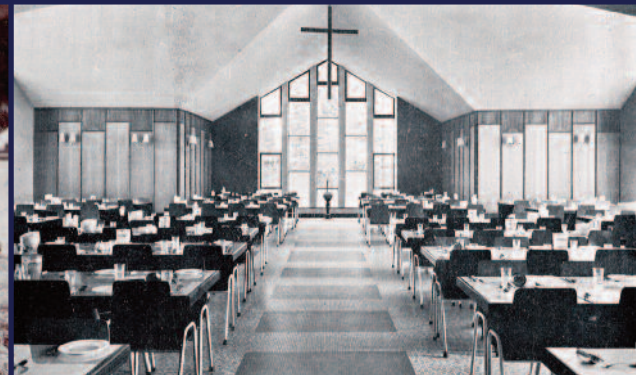


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JUNE 2024

Now & Then

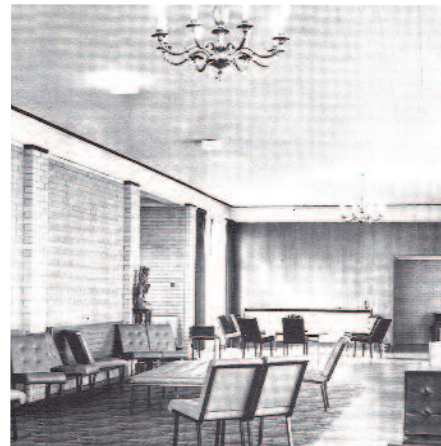
The selection here includes Summerville House—a former private residence owned by the Goodbody family until 1952; the refectory/canteen; the former Student Lounge, which is now the Staff Lounge; the MIC Limerick Reception area and rooms in the Residential Block, which are still in use but as office and flexible work/study spaces.





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JULY 2024

Graduation

MIC Graduation is a highlight of the College calendar. MIC's first graduating class in 1902 was 25. In 2023, almost 2,000 graduates were conferred with academic awards over three days across the College's 50+ undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Education and the Liberal Arts.



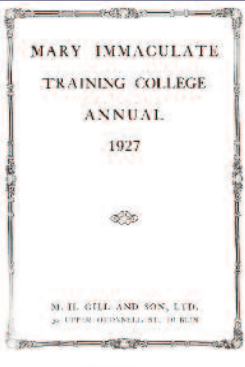
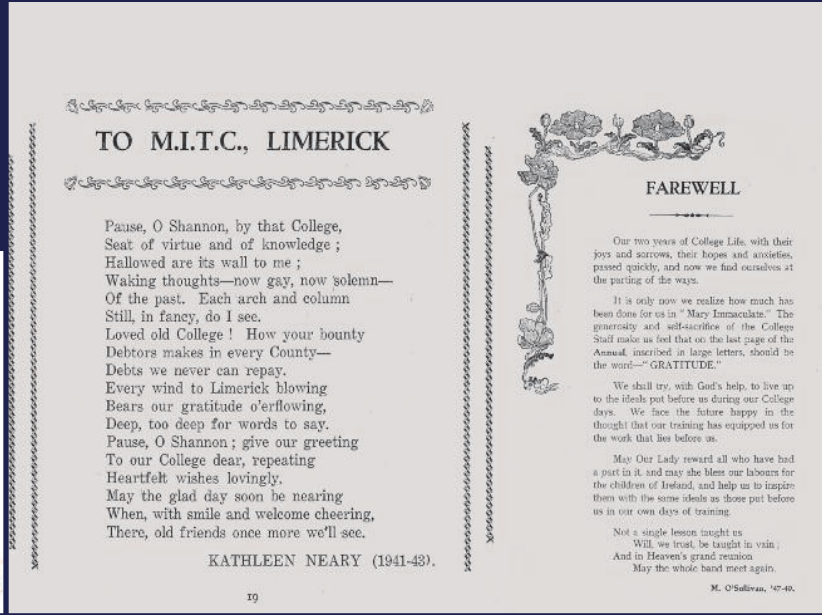
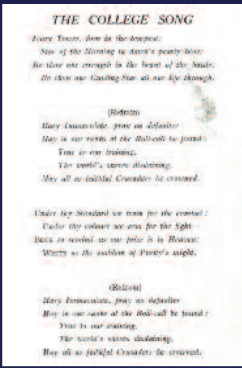
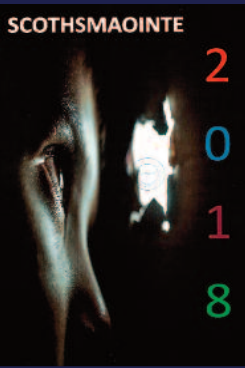


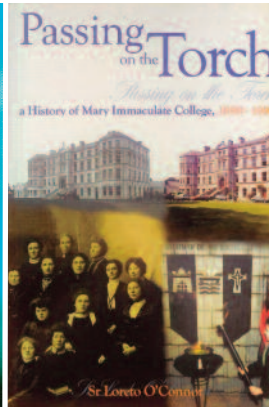
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AUGUST 2024

MIC in Print

Included are covers and extracts from student-led publications including the College Annual started in 1927 by students; *Roinn na Gaelige* initiative, *Scothsmaointe*; the Mary Immaculate Students' Union (MISU) newspaper, *The Lip*, and others including *Passing on the Torch*—a history of MIC written by former president Sr Loretto O'Connor and published for its centenary.





THE LIP

ISSUE 1

EDUCATION IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Addressing the needs of students through the medium of education was the main focus of the first issue of THE LIP. The magazine was published by the first year students of Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, in 1969. It was the first of its kind in the country and was a significant step in the development of student journalism in Ireland. The magazine was published by the first year students of Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, in 1969. It was the first of its kind in the country and was a significant step in the development of student journalism in Ireland.

MICSU A&E BALL A HUGE SUCCESS

The annual Mary Immaculate College (MIC) Sports Week was a huge success for the first year students. The event was held in the school grounds and was attended by a large number of people. The success of the event was due to the hard work and dedication of the first year students. The event was a great success and was a highlight of the year for many of the students.

DEGREE

VOL. 1 NO. 1 MARCH '84

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE STUDENT MAGAZINE

Medical Card Demonstrations
A RETHINK OF STRATEGY?

**WOMEN
RECLAIM
GREENHAM**

**CHRISTIANITY
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**STUDENTS'
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THE LIP

WELCOME TO MY CLASS...

CANTON SURVEY GOTS RESULTS

**Cutbacks + Fees =
less jobs and less
degrees**

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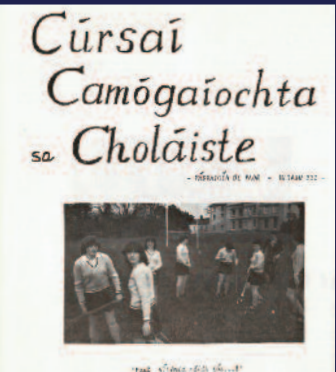
Semester 1
Issue 5
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SNACK HAPPY

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sports

Sport has been played in MIC since the very beginning. Today, students engage in a large variety of disciplines as well as coaching. MIC teams have won major intervarsity contests such as the Fitzgibbon and Giles Cups. The College is home to the MIC Munster GAA Centre of Excellence in Child Coaching & Gaelic Games Promotion. MIC also offers a number of sports scholarships schemes and bursaries.





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OCTOBER 2024

Arts & Culture

Images here include student performances, productions and exhibitions, on-campus cultural events and initiatives such as the Artist in Residence Scheme. MIC also has a large selection of artwork in its collection, most notably by the renowned artist—Imogen Stuart RHA.





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NOVEMBER 2024

Roll of Honour

Images here include the three recipients of the McAuley Medal—MIC's highest honour and bestowed on Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Imogen Stuart RHA and Fr Peter McVerry—as well as alumni who have been recognised by the College; the 2023 Outstanding Achievement Award-winner, Nasratullah Taban and former President, Sr Angela Bugler, on her 90th birthday.





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DECEMBER 2024

Staff through the Ages

What began as a very small staff of academic and support staff has now grown into many hundred team members spanning three campuses, two faculties, 19 academic departments, roughly 40 distinct College services, numerous partnerships and projects as well as Mary Immaculate Students' Union (MISU).





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