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DEATH OF CARDINAL CONWAY

Expression of sympathy by the Taoiseach in Dáil Éireann on 19th April, 1977.

We have all learned, with deep regret, of the death of His Eminence William Cardinal Conway. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dlíis.

A native of Belfast, he received his education there and displayed at an early age the great potential which was to make him a distinguished scholar in subsequent years during which he held for a time the posts of Professor of Moral Theology and Professor of Canon Law at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

During his period of office as Primate of All Ireland he led his flock with courage, gentleness and patience into the new era which was heralded by the Second Vatican Council.

He devoted much of his ability and energy to initiatives in relation to the Northern Ireland situation which had been a cause of deep concern to him.

I ask you, [†]Seann Chomhairle, in the name of Dáil Éireann, to convey to the Most Reverend Dr. Lenny, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, to the clergy and people of the Archdiocese and to the mother and relatives of the late Cardinal, our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

Copies sent to P. Sec, Ceann Comhairle. P. Sec. to Pert.
See Kelly notified of Taoiseach's intention to make statement.
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