

FROM VAULT TO CRYPT

PRELATES' BODIES TRANSLATED

(From our Sydney Correspondent)

The early days of Catholicity in Australia were vividly recalled during the past week in Sydney, when the mortal remains of the great leaders of the past, Cardinal Moran, Archbishop Polding, Archpriest J. J. Therry, Archdeacon John McEncroe, and Fr. Danil Power, were removed from a special vault in St. Mary's Cathedral to the new crypt which was completed in 1928.

The remains of Archbishop Polding, together with those of the three other Priests, were translated to the vault underneath the altar of the Irish Saints, on March 17, 1901.

Archbishop Polding was originally buried in Petersham Cemetery in 1877. The new crypt in St. Mary's Cathedral will be his third resting place.

The late Cardinal Moran originally was laid to rest in the vault in 1911. Since his remains were placed there 35 years ago, a mosaic floor was built over the burial place. It had not been disturbed until the removal operations were commenced a month ago.

The Cardinal's remains have been placed in a concrete-lined grave nine feet below the ground, almost under the middle of the Cathedral.

The three pioneer Priests were buried together in the new crypt. Archbishop Polding's new grave is situated on the right hand side of an altar, the Cardinal's being placed on the left.

When the remains of Archbishop Vaughan, the second Archbishop of Sydney, arrive in Sydney in a few weeks' time, they will be placed in the same grave as Archbishop Pold-

ing. The crypt of St. Mary's Cathedral will be the third resting-place of Archbishop Vaughan, whose death occurred 63 years ago in Herefordshire, England.

Six years after succeeding Archbishop Polding he left Sydney on a visit to his relatives in England. His death took place on the first night of his arrival there.

The work of removing the remains of the two Prelates and the three Priests was carried out by a well-known firm of Sydney undertakers, who removed the old coffins and replaced them with new ones. The remains were enclosed in leaden coffins with the wooden coffins on the outside.

A burial ceremony was carried out by Cardinal Gilroy on Tuesday afternoon, September 17. The Cardinal left Sydney the same evening to attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Archbishop Duhig in Brisbane.

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