

## The Ossory Project 1987

This, a new venture for the Youth Heritage sub-committee, was initiated and sponsored by Dr. Laurence Forristal, Bishop of Ossory, who attending a prize-giving ceremony in Rothe House got the idea of encouraging students to investigate the ecclesiastical history of the diocese. As 1987 was the centenary year of the deaths of THE CALLAN CURATES, Rev. Tom O'Shea and Rev. Matt Keefe, founders of The Tenant Protection Society in October 1849, Dr. Forristal offered prizes for projects on these renowned men.

There were two classes in the competition: students born in, living in or at school in Callan; those from the rest of Ossory or County Kilkenny. In all there were 38 entries, the bulk from Callan. Prize-giving in Peace In Christ started with Mass, concelebrated by Dr. Forristal and Canon John Brennan, Parish Priest, Callan. It was attended by students, parents, teachers and a group of relations of the Curates and Fr. Mullins who was Parish Priest in Callan during the time of the Tenant Protection Society. Canon Brennan who had undertaken the formidable task of judging all the projects gave a highly constructive analysis of the students' work and then announced the winners.

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*The Rest: Roisín Logan, Presentation Convent, P.P. School, Kilkenny.*

The title of the 1988 project is

MY PARISH IN AND AROUND 100 YEARS AGO.

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