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Finding Furlong

*Insights into the
Library of a 19th
century theologian*



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Today we will explain ...

- Who Bishop Thomas Furlong was
- Why his collection came to Maynooth
- Highlights of the collection
- Future plans for this collection



Finding Furlong

- Thomas Furlong (1802-75) was born in Mayglass, Co. Wexford
- He taught at Maynooth College for over 30 years
- Ordained Bishop of Ferns in 1857
- Known as one of four ‘inopportunist’ Irish Bishops

Connection to the Congregation of the Sisters of St John of God



*Bookplate of the House of Missions
Enniscorthy*

- Furlong founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St John of God in 1871
- Established a base for the Sisters to minister to the poverty stricken people of Wexford
- Eight sisters emigrated to Australia in 1895, have been active their since.

The Furlong Collection

- Collection donated to the Russell Library following the closure of the House of Missions in 1993
- Contains approximately 1,360 antiquarian books
- Items range in date from the 16th to the 19th century
- Subjects include: ecclesiastical history, scripture, theology, philosophy, ethics and liturgy
- Features almost 100 Irish imprints

ACCORDING TO THE NAMES OF THE AUTHORS

Name of Author	Title	No. of Vols.	Edition	Year	No. of Shelves	Page No. Total	Notes
Baron	Historia Diognesica	9	Latini	1100			See Maynooth Box 50. 3
Beloni	Historia Diognesica	6	Latini	1724			
	Historia Diognesica	2	Latini	1749			
Baron	De Beata	1	Latini	1617			
	De Beata Romanis	1	Latini	1617			
	De Beata	1	Latini				
Careham	Historia	2	Latini	1699			
Pasquini	De Sacramentali Augustini	1	Latini	1662			
	De Sacramentali Francisci	1	Latini	1662			
	De Sacramentali Gregorii	1	Latini	1662			
	De Sacramentali Thomae	1	Latini	1662			
	De Sacramentali Petri	1	Latini	1662			
	De Sacramentali Pauli	1	Latini	1662			
Passaghi	De Sacramentali Thomae	2	Latini	1662			
Bodini	De Sacramentali	1	Latini	1662			
	De Sacramentali	1	Latini	1662			
Baron	De Sacramentali	2	Latini	1662			
Palmy	Historia	1	Latini	1662			
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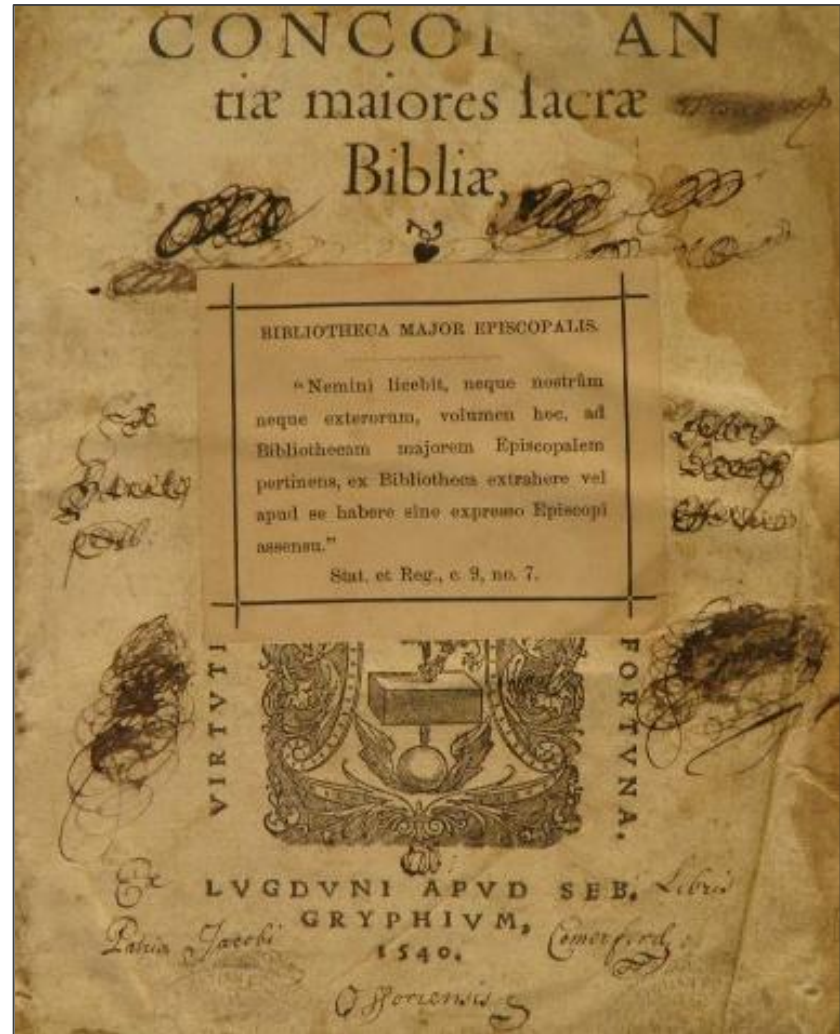
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***Concordantiae maiores
sacrae Bibliae: summis
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omnes editiones
castigatae (1540)***

Oldest book in the
Furlong Collection



Why are 'Special Collections' important?

VALUE



UNIQUENESS



ASSOCIATIONS



Visitors from St John of God Health Care, Australia at the Russell Library



Project Goals

Facilitate Research

- Enhance existing research
- Enable new discoveries to be made

Improve Access

- Create a finding aid
- Facilitate quick retrieval

Generate Awareness

- Promote the collection online
- Give talks explaining its significance

Spreadsheet of Furlong Collection

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Home Insert Page Layout Formulas Data Review View

Clipboard Font Alignment Number Styles Cells Editing

B4 Memoires pour servir a l'histoire ecclesiastique des six premiers siecles : justifiez par les citations des auteurs originaux : avec une chronologie, ou l'on fait un abregé de l'histoire

	A	B	C	D	E	
1	Author	Title	Year	Place	Vols	Publisher
2	Tillemont, M. Lenain de	Memoires pour servir a l'histoire ecclesiastique des six premiers siecles : justifiez par les citations des	1732	A Venise	1 of 16	Chez François Pitteri
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Subject

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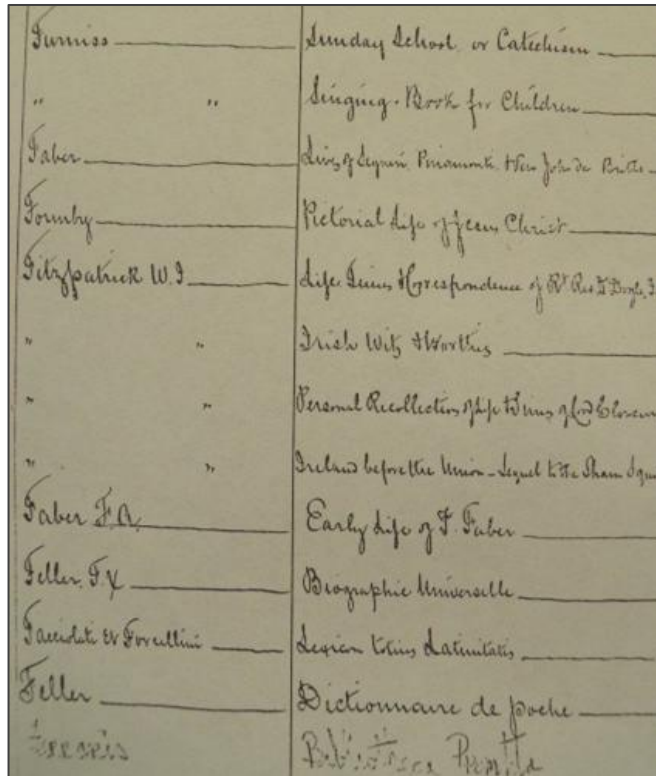
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Other
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Notes

Publisher

Challenges



Furniss	Sunday School, or Catechism
"	" Singing-Book for Children
Faber	Leis. & deigns. Pious. H. de J. de Britte
Tomby	Pictorial life of Jesus Christ
St. Patrick W. J.	Life, Leis. & Correspondence of St. Patrick
"	" Irish Wits & Worthies
"	" Personal Recollections of the Writings of St. Columba
"	" Ireland before the Union - sequel to the Shamogue
Faber J. A.	Early life of J. Faber
Feller F. X.	Biographie Universelle
Favard & Forcellini	Lexicon Vitis Latinitatis
Feller	Dictionnaire de poche
Fischer	Religiosa Praxia

- Previous handwritten catalogue not fully legible
- Previous classification system became redundant
- It is all Greek to me!

Collection Highlights: Manuscripts

- Inner spine of F138 contains thin strips of manuscript material
- Manuscript fragments often used to: reinforce spines, cover boards, endpapers



Manuscript lining inner spine of F138



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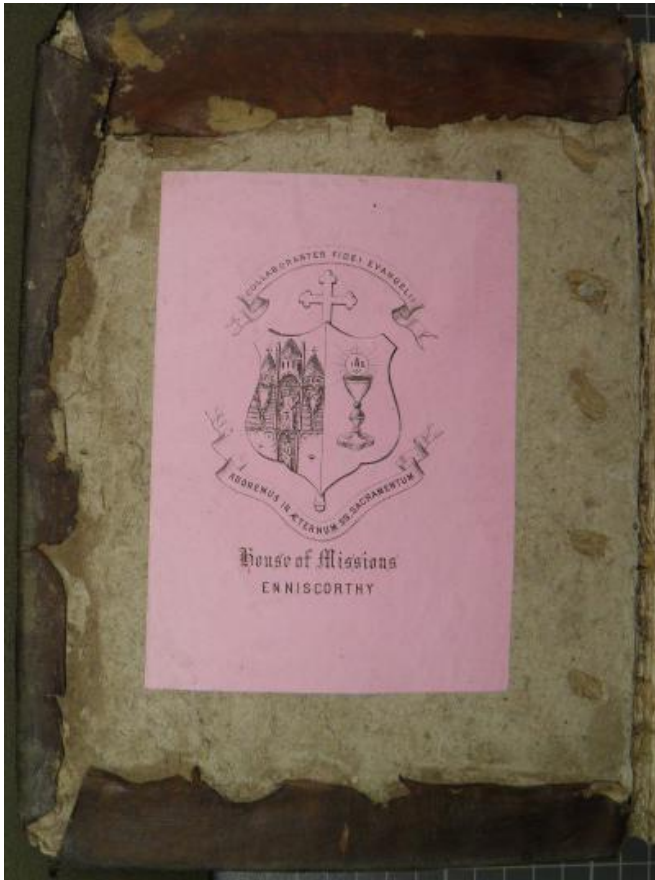


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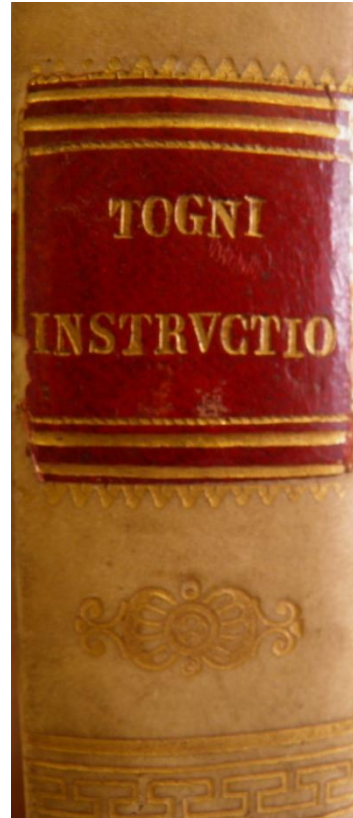


Woodcuts – printers devices and headbands

Bindings



Cheap binding (House of Missions bookplate)



Vellum binding



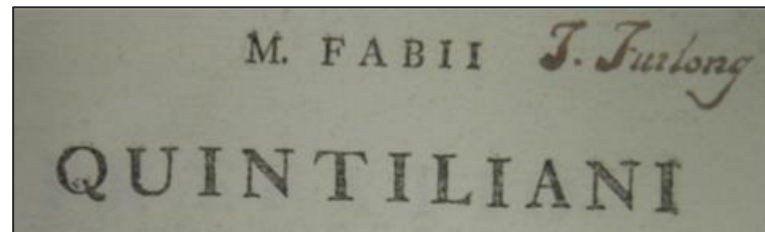
Damaged spine

Future Plans

- Create minimal level bibliographic records
- Enhance records to reflect provenance, binding and other item specific details
- Further research into the collection e.g. Manuscript fragments



Pressed flowers in
Furlong book



Signature of T. Furlong (on title page)