

Memories of Brother Patrick Spillane C.Ss.R

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Who died in Plymouth in 1967.

Probably Patrick is best known for the time that he said to the Provincial, oh and by the way Patrick was an Irishman who had joined the English province, and on this occasion he said to the Provincial may I have permission to cross the water and visit my sister and the Provincial said yes it's a long time since you have seen her, so go for a short holiday and that was that. But the day before Patrick was due to go the Rector queried him about dates and where he was going and the Rector rang up the Provincial and said do you realise that Brother Patrick is going to America to visit his sister and not to Ireland. The Provincial to give him his due Fr Wilf Hughes said let him go but ask him to get in touch with me on his return. So Patrick had a holiday probably the first member of our province ever to have a short holiday in the United States.