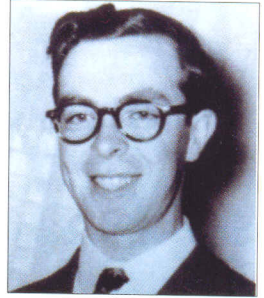




Alfie Lambe Newsletter

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The Alfie Lambe Committee under the auspices of Navan Comitium of the Legion of Mary was established in 2004. Our purpose is to promote the Cause of the Servant of God Alfie Lambe, to make him more widely known and to tell his inspiring story to as many people as possible, because we believe he is a role model for the Church in the 21st century.

We meet at Serenity House, Kinnegad, Co. Westmeath. Our main activity to date has been the organising of an annual commemorative Mass in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, on the Sunday nearest to Alfie's birthday.

Approximately three hundred attended the Mass on June 24th 2007 the third such celebration. Fr. Oliver Skelly, P.P., Coole, Co. Westmeath, and vice postulator of Alfie's cause, was chief celebrant and homilist.

We are indebted to Fr. Oliver Skelly, and to Fr. Martin Halpin P.P., Ballinabrackey, Co. Meath, for their dedication and continued interest, and to many other Legion members for their guidance and support.

In his homily at the commemorative Mass, June 2006, Fr. Gerard Rice described Alfie as having been of a pleasant and humble disposition, qualities that endeared him to so many people. He also spoke of Alfie's state of holiness which was the greatest resource on which he drew to carry out his work for the Legion of Mary. Alfie's work in South America penetrated into areas where people had not been visited before.

He set up branches of the Legion of Mary among the Indians, in Leper colonies and in prisons. He was aware

of the value of each person's soul and he saw Christ in every person. Father Rice quoted Alfie's own words in a letter he wrote home in July 1954 in which he said, "the world belongs to him who loves it most. I like the world, I love every city and pueblo I enter into, I am at home under every sky."

The extent of the work carried out by Alfie Lambe was extraordinary for a young man. His work was effective in changing the face of South America. To this day, Alfie Lambe is fondly remembered there.

Bernadette Hanley.

