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**USPA NEWS** - On the 1st of August the Archbishop of Dublin decided to remove three of his student priests from Maynooth college, the Bishop said he had decided not to send Dublin seminarians to Maynooth any longer due to "an atmosphere of strange goings-on there".

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St Patrick's College, Maynooth (Irish: Coláiste Naíomh Phádraig, Maigh Nuad), is the "National Seminary for Ireland" (a Roman Catholic college), and a Pontifical University, located in the village of Maynooth, 24 km (15 mi) from Dublin, Ireland. In 2015-16 there were approximately 80 men studying for the priesthood at Maynooth, 60 resident seminarians and approximately 20 non residents. The college and seminary are often referred to as Maynooth College.

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The College in Maynooth, said it shared "the concern" of bishop Martin about the "poisonous atmosphere". It encouraged people "with specific concerns to report them appropriately". It follows anonymous allegations being circulated about seminarian activities in Maynooth, including that some had been using a gay dating app.

"As outlined clearly in the Seminary Rule, any student involved or promoting such behaviour would be asked to leave the seminary formation programme," it said.

Anonymous reports "did not allege misbehaviour by any staff member" at the college, but it has come to light that a former Maynooth seminarian made a complaint to the Garda in Dublin about alleged sexual harassment at the college 7 years ago.

You know in my day, you would look up to the priest as you place your eyes on the priest you seen a powerful man, a man that represented God, a man that had the power to help you no matter what. Where has all the good priests gone, where is the priest, that took the time to talk to the people, where is the priest who seen his vocation and not as a job, but as a vocation.

Respect for the very image of the priest, is gone, we only seem to focus on the wrongdoings of the few.

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