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### Only one candidate for the priesthood



Priest to be, Chris Ferguson

It is reported that there are 700,000 Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland but that community, which provided the world with a flood of priests, is producing only one for ordination this year.

The number of men studying at Saint Patrick's seminary at Maynooth, west of Dublin, has fallen. In the mid -80s there were more than 300 seminarians, today there are about 70.