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Irish Jesuit Mission – its Development 1926 - 2006

This work endeavours to convey something of the reality of the Irish Jesuit Mission in its achievements and short-comings, its joys and sorrows, and of the experience of individual members under the pressure of work in a difficult climate.

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## **About The Author**

Thomas J. Morrissey S.J. took a degree from the National University of Ireland in Pure History and subsequently took an M.A. in History and a Ph.D. in the History of Jesuit Education. During his career he was the founder Headmaster of Crescent College Comprehensive, a co-educational Jesuit college in Limerick and later Director of the National College of Industrial Relations in Dublin.

He has published more than eleven books, mainly biographies of men prominent in the Irish Labour movement, of Catholic bishops and of celebrated Irish Jesuits. He has spent three years researching and writing the present book, and as part of the preparation spent more than two months in Hong Kong, studying in the archives, visiting the Jesuit colleges and houses, and also places associated with the Irish Jesuits in Macau and in mainland China.

He is currently researching the career of Archbishop Edward Byrne, who was archbishop of Dublin during the critical early years of the new Irish State, 1921 – 1940.

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