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Fermoy prays for safety of Fr. Rice

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AS Fermoy prayed last night for the safe return of Fr. Patrick Rice, a locally born priest, kidnapped by unidentified gunmen near Buenos Aires on Monday, Church dignitaries and the Irish Embassy were reported to have called on the Argentine government for a full investigation.

News of the abduction was given yesterday to Fr. Rice's parents Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Rice, at their home in Strawhall, outside Fermoy, by Gardai acting at the request of the Dept. of Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador James Lennon called on Tuesday night and again today at the Argentinians Foreign Ministry in connection with Fr. Rice's disappearance and had been assured that 'the machinery had been set in motion' to locate him.

Mr. John Rice, a brother of the

31 year old priest, said the kidnapping news' he said.

FFr. Rice, who has five brothers, Liam, John, Ned, Denis, and Tom and one sister Mrs. Kathleen Lee, was abducted while holding a prayer meeting at a shanty town on the road to Buenos Aires.

The kidnapping follows an appeal by Pope Paul for the end to what he called 'Blind violence' in Argentina where five priests

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