

Dan Tim buys former St Mary of the Angels farm in Beaufort for €1.9m

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DANNY Timmy O'Sullivan has assured the St Mary of the Angels facility in Beaufort that he looks forward to visiting his new neighbours having purchased the land adjoining the residential centre at an auction this week.

The sale of the farm by the religious order has prompted fears among the parents and relatives of those who reside in St Mary of the Angels. The 110-acre farm was put up for sale by the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood to look after their nuns.

The decision angered those who had fought for St Mary of the Angels as the land had been originally donated to the nuns by the Doyle family to support St Mary of the Angels.

Up until 2005 the farm supported the residential centre. It was handed over to St John of God's in 2005, and they now run the centre.

It had been feared that the land would be purchased for development, but on Thursday last, at a public auction by Tom Spillane Auctioneers, it was ultimately sold to Dan Tim O'Sullivan for €1.9m. His son will now run the farm. There were five bidders in line for the mid-Kerry farm, with Danny Tim finalising the deal.

The well-known businessman is originally from Foilmore and is already farming in the area. He has always been a huge support to the community in Kerry and he is a supporter of St Mary of



Danny Tim O'Sullivan, who purchased prime farmland in Beaufort last week.

the Angels, where his sister once resided.

The news that the businessman has bought the farm has been met with relief as it will allow St Mary of the Angels remain in the tranquil setting that it is so proud of. While the sale would not have affected the centre, it could have led to disruption and development on the adjoining land.

Danny Tim said that he looks forward to visiting the centre and to meeting his new neighbours.

"I am a long-term supporter of the St Mary of the Angels, and I will be calling in for a chat to meet them all," he said.